Taxes!

Who pays and how much?

Patterson Energy tops the list

Patterson Energy is the top taxpayer for three taxing entities in 1999, taking the spot held in 1998 by Pennzoil Exploration and Production.

Patterson topped the billing list for Scurry County, Western Texas College and Snyder Independent School District.

Patterson was billed $134,605 from the county, up from $129,358 in 1998.

Western Texas College billed the company $77,004, down from 1998's $79,720.

The company's bill from Snyder ISD was down from the 1998 figure of $380,465 to $367,506 for 1999.

Lorber Industries of Texas was a newcomer to the school district's top ten list with a bill of $140,308, making the company the fifth highest taxpayer on the school district's billing list.

Western Texas College's top five list mirrored the county's but with the college's .3143 tax rate per $100 valuation compared to the county's .5494, the companies paid less to the college.

TXU Electric was the top taxpayer in the Ira ISD with a bill of $29,739. Teppco Crude Oil was billed $16,886; Mobil Pipeline, $15,321; Southwestern Bell, $15,173; and Diamond Koch, $12,395.

Hermleigh's top taxpayer was Burlington Northern & Santa Fe with a bill of $40,865. The rest of the "top five" included Southwestern Bell, $28,340; AT&T Communications, $22,849; Diamond Koch, $20,308; and TXU Electric $7,773.

SNYDER ISD	
Patterson Energy	$367,506
Pennz Energy Expl.	$341,307
SW Bell Telephone	$183,335
TXU Electric	$149,610
Lorber Industries	$140,308
Cynara	$93,680
Burlington Northern	$82,269
Torch Energy	$67,581
Altura Engery	$46,282
Amoco	$45,894

CITY OF SNYDER	
SW Bell Telephone	$19,276
TXU Electric	$12,750
Y-Z Industries	$10,127
Wal-Mart Stores	$8,877
Big Country GM	$6,324
West Texas State Bank	$5,670
Seidenfel Lily	$5,524
Snyder National Bank	$5,287
Saint George Partners	$4,579
Reef Chemical Co.	$4,318

SCURRY COUNTY	
Patterson Energy	$134,605
Pennz Energy Expl.	$125,521
SW Bell Telephone	$83,246
TXU Electric	$69,749
Anadarko	$67,273
Burlington Northern	$45,534
Cynara	$34,311
Torch Energy	$24,752
Amoco Pipeline	$19,248
Diamond Koch	$18,475

WESTERN TEXAS COLLEGE	
Patterson Energy	$77,004
Pennz Energy Expl.	$71,808
SW Bell Telephone	$47,623
TXU Electric	$39,901
Anadarko	$38,485
Burlington Northern	$24,333
Cynara	$19,629
Torch Energy	$14,160
Amoco Pipeline	$11,011
Diamond Koch	$10,569

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Home Of Theresa Larralde

Local music festival plans 'swingin'

The first edition of the West Texas Western Swing Music Festival hasn't even "swung" yet, but one of the performers who will be at the festival in May is associated with a Grammy nomination.

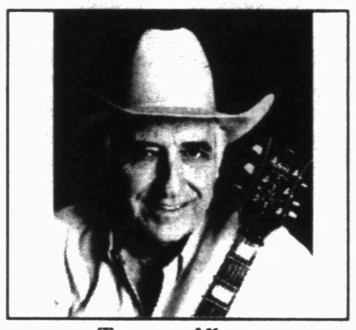
Asleep at the Wheel's tribute to Bob Wills – Ride with Bob – has been nominated for a Grammy in the best album of the year category, and Tommy Allsup plays guitar on many of the selections with the group and their featured artists.

Among the performers Allsup plays for are Vince Gill, Floyd Domino, Dwight Yoakum, the Dixie Chicks, Lee Ann Womack, Reba McIntire and Tim McGraw.

Allsup is not the only performer who plays on the album who will be at the local festival, as Dave Alexander and Jody Nix also contributed their musical talents.

A crowd favorite, Alexander and his band have performed at all four festivals here, while Nix has missed only one.

Allsup will perform here in May with Bob Wills' Texas Playboys, while Alexander will once again be here with his Legends of Western Swing, while Nix will lead the Texas Cowboys on to the stage at the coliseum.



Tommy Allsup

Allsup has also been invaluable for his work in helping book talent since another western swing festival decided to locate to Wichita Falls after four years here.

"Allsup has been unbelievable in how much he has helped us," said Snyder Chamber of Commerce executive director Donna Fowler. "Without his help, we probably would have not been able to book the quality of western swing artists that we have."

Among the bands and performers scheduled to be in Snyder on May 17-21 are the Playboys II, featuring Leon Rausch, Johnny Gimble, Bobbie Boatrite, Curling Hollingsworth and Herb Remington. The five artists all played with Bob Wills' original band in the 1940s.

Others include Fiddlin' Frenchie Burk, the Texas Playboys, Texas Sand and the National Swing Band of Texas.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Success should be judged by what you had to give up to achieve it."

She might make a good poker player. At least she'll call your bluff.

Cindy Putnam, Snyder fourth grade teacher, and Melanie Schwertner, administrative assistant at Western Texas College, are road warriors – loyally following their daughters, Hailey Putnam and Afton Schwertner to basketball games around the area.

Last week, they were in Big Spring where the Snyder High freshman girls took on the Lady Steers.

You expect the officiating to be less than superior, especially in those non-varsity games, but this particular evening, only one ref showed.

Melanie says she is normally the vocal one while Cindy is generally the quiet one. But the lopsided calls got the best of the reserved school teacher.

When Cindy hollered at the ref about a missed call and the need for a second ref, he offered to let her come down, saying he had another striped shirt.

Cindy removed her glasses and headed down the stands where the ref handed her a second ref's shirt.

"Where's my whistle?" Cindy demanded. "I've got to have a whistle," she insisted. School officials couldn't find an extra whistle, but they did locate a second ref by the start of the second half.

We were somewhat puzzled by the removal of the eyeglasses. Perhaps Cindy assumed that being blind is a requirement for a basketball official.

That same evening the Snyder High Lady Tigers got their second district win, a one-point victory that again got fans lathered up.

Sports Editor Eric Drennan reported that the new gym in Big Spring is nice, even though flawed in its design.

According to reports, when the new gym was designed, architects made room for the length of the gym floor, but did not take into account needed out-of-bounds space at each end.

As originally designed, the lines at each end of the court would have been up against the wall. To compensate, the playing surface was cut short three feet at each end.

Even though sanctioned by the UIL, the new basketball court is six feet shy of regulation.

Running for district attorney...

Hamlin attorney Isaac Castro has an office on the north side of the square in Snyder and often is a court-appointed attorney in 132nd District Court.

Castro, a former county attorney in Jones County, is a candidate for district attorney in 259th District Court, which serves Jones and Shackelford counties.

Weigh-in is set for stock show

The annual Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale gets underway at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Scurry County Coliseum ag annex with the weigh-in of lambs, goats and hogs.

The show continues through Saturday when the awards presentation and auction will be held.

Steers will begin weighing-in at 1 p.m. on Thursday.

The actual show gets starts at 5 p.m. on Thursday as Eddie Smallwood of O'Donnell will begin judging hogs.

Steers will be judged on Friday beginning at 6 p.m., followed by lambs and goats.

Jake Fite of Burkburnett will judge the steers, while Steve Sturtz of Garden City will judge both the lambs and goats.

The awards presentation will be at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, with the auction sale at 1 p.m.

Ricky Miller serves as the president of this year's show, while Kirby Sterling is the vice president.

Jennifer Voss returns as secretary and treasurer.

Other directors of the show are Johnny Joe Eicke, Jeff Gilbert, Billy Grimmett, Jim Judah and Jerry Boyd.

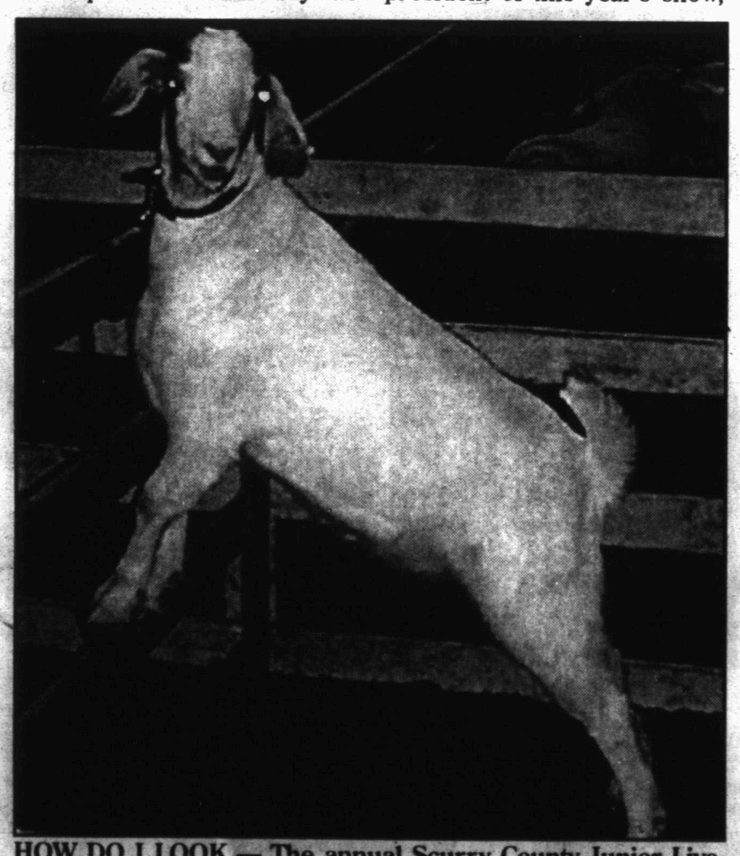
Serving as show advisors are ag teachers from Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira school districts.

Serving from the Snyder FFA will be David Frazier, while Richard Smith from the Hermleigh FFA will also be available.

Jay Waller will represent the Ira FFA, and Greg Gruben will serve as the 4-H advisor.

The youthful exhibitors have been preparing for the county show this month by holding individual chapter shows.

Some of the participants in this week's local show will be showing stock through March as they enter major shows in Fort Worth, El Paso, San Antonio, San Angelo and Houston.



HOW DO I LOOK — The annual Scurry County Junior Livestock Show and Sale begins Wednesday with the weigh-in of lambs, goats and hogs at 5 p.m. (SDN Staff Photo)

Hot checks now in prosecutor's office

The county attorney's office now processes hot checks – a change effective Jan. 1.

The move followed action by the Scurry County Commissioners Court to relocate the hot check collection from the justice of the peace office to the county attorney's office.

"Traditionally in this county hot checks have been handled in the JP office, but in most counties around the state hot checks are processed through a prosecutors office," County Attorney Michael Hartman said.

Hartman said his office has more tools available to assist merchants in recovering their money.

He explained that when worthless checks are processed through the JP office, it is only a Class C misdemeanor charge of issuance of a bad check, meaning it is only a fineable offense.

"Whereas in the county attorney's office it can be a theft charge punishable by jail time," Hartman said.

He further explained the advantages of processing through his office.

"Our theft warrants are good throughout the State of Texas, whereas some counties will not serve the issuance of bad check warrants for us," Hartman said. "Issuance of bad check warrants don't have a lot of priority for a lot of law enforcement agencies throughout the state. We should have a higher success rate of finding those folks who have left town without paying."

There are two kinds of hot checks. The first is an insufficient funds check, which means the check writer doesn't have enough money in the account to cover the checks.

The second category is when checks are written on a closed account. Both types are handled

See Hot checks, Page 13A

Services set for Lorber

Arnold Lorber, the chairman of Lorber Industries of Texas, died Thursday morning at his home in California.



Arnold Lorber

Lorber, 69, died of an apparent heart attack in his sleep.

The memorial service will be at 1 p.m. (Pacific Coast Time) Monday at the Stephen S. Wyse Temple in Los Angeles, and the burial will take place at 4 p.m. at the Mount Sinai Memorial Park.

Mr. Lorber also served as the president and chairman of Lorber Industries of California.

"The story of Arnold Lorber is a tremendous tale of a life that has spanned survival and success on three different continents," said Michael Gruener, CEO of Lorber Industries of Texas.

"He was a giant icon, and a visionary in our industry. Mr. Lorber's creative thinking, business acumen and social conscience gained him recognition not only at the White House, but also many other political power centers from Europe to Israel. A philanthropist to universities and medical causes, his generosity positively affected the lives of many.

"He was also a mentor for everyone in his organizations.

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ASK US

Q—How does Snyder ISD's dropout rate compare with the state-wide average?

A—Comparing grades seven through 12, the 1998 class had a rate of 13%, while the state's percentage was 14.7.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 60 degrees; low, 29; 7 a.m. Saturday, 46; no precipitation; total for 2000, .73 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy; low, 35-40; S-SW wind, 5-10 mph; Sunday, partly cloudy, warm. High around 75. SW wind 5-15 mph.



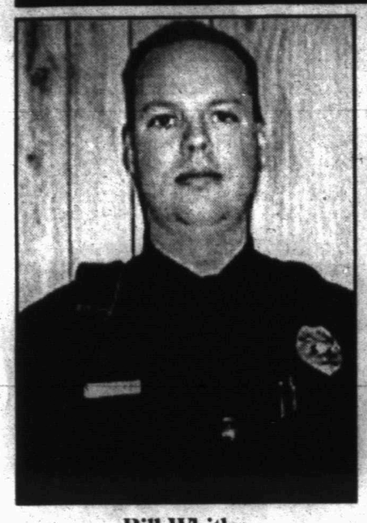
Taylor Davidson
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 6:04 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:43 a.m.
Of 14 days in 2000, the sun has shone 14 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The farther backward you look, the farther forward you are likely to see.
—Winston Churchill

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Bill Whitley

Bill Whitley joins Snyder police force

The newest member of the Snyder Police Department is William S. "Bill" Whitley Jr. He was hired Jan. 5 as a patrolman.

He moves to Snyder from Kermit, where he has been working the past two years.

Whitley also worked for Winkler County Jail for a short time in 1997.

He is a 1993 graduate of Abilene Christian University, where be earned a Masters in human resource development.

A 1987 graduate of Pflugerville High School in Austin, Whitley and his wife, Miseon, have one son, Niko.



AR TREAT — Central Elementary students who earned 25 or more points in the Accelerated Reader Program during the third six weeks were treated to a hamburger meal at Burger King last week. Seated at the table are from left, clockwise, Taylor Gibbs, Leticia Aguilar, Shelbie Talavera, Larissa Blackard, Jordan Wright and Rubi Jaimes, who was the top reader with 265 points. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Lowered production expected as oil surpasses $28 a barrel

By DAVE CARPENTER
AP Business Writer

Taking a cue from OPEC that lowered production will likely continue for several months, oil prices have shot up 5 percent to a nine-year high, making a barrel cost more than $28 for the first time since 1991 and the Gulf War.

Frigid weather in the northeastern United States also contributed to a sharp rise in crude oil on Friday, as well as gasoline, heating oil and natural gas futures.

Crude climbed as high as $28.10 a barrel, the highest price since Jan. 16, 1991, just before the Allied military strikes on Iraq.

Intermediate crude for February delivery oil settled up $1.33 at $28.02 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange — jumping 16 percent for the week.

"It's a big move, and we've seen close to four dollars' gain in the last few days," said Chris Stavros, an analyst for Paine Webber in New York. "Most of it seems to be driven by what OPEC has come out and said clearly — that they would extend the cuts beyond March."

Meeting in Vienna, the market monitoring committee of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed to strongly recommend that the 10-month-old production cutbacks be continued beyond their scheduled March 31 expiration.

The extension could be longer than expected, a factor that helped accelerate the price increase. Iranian Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zanganeh said he anticipates a six-month extension, while Kuwait and Saudi Arabia indicated Thursday it could go until the end of the year.

OPEC will vote on the length of an extension at its March 27 meeting.

Also underpinning the rally were the season's first subnormal temperatures in the northeastern United States, the major heating oil-consuming region. Parts of New England saw wind-chill factor temperatures of minus 20 to minus 30 degrees Fahrenheit — conditions certain to send demand soaring.

In London, February Brent crude rose 49 cents to $25.47 a barrel on the International Petroleum Exchange.

Meanwhile, February heating oil rose 4.53 cents to 73.81 cents a gallon; February unleaded gasoline rose 3.25 cents to 74.52 cents a gallon; February natural gas rose 7 cents to $2.322 per 1,000 cubic feet.

An ostrich at the Hanover zoo bent a quarter-inch iron bar into a right angle with a single kick.

Safety committment saves county $7,038

Scurry County was recently awarded $7,038 for the enhancement of its safety efforts.

The award comes from the Worker's Compensation self-insurance pool in which Scurry County participates. Their self-insurance fund is owned and operated by Texas Counties and County related political subdivisions.

In 1999, Scurry County officials took a pro-active stance on improving workers' safety by implementing several safety improvement measures recommended by Texas Association of Counties (TAC) who administer the self-insurance pool.

The TAC accident prevention criteria ensures that their safety program provides a comprehensive safety effort on the part of Scurry County in exchange for Workers' Compensation savings.

The resolution to participate was adopted earlier in 1999 by County Judge Ricky Fritz and County Commissioners Ralph Trevey, Roy Idom, Chloanne Lindsey and Howard Limmer. Sheriff Darren Jackson also endorsed it.

A board of county officials oversees the county's partnership with 300 other Texas counties and public entities in a non-profit Workers' Compensation self-insurance pool and made approximately $7,038 available in exchange for the enhanced safety effort.

The board has "invested" this money with the county, confident that the comprehensive safety efforts will pay off for Scurry County, its employees and other members of the self-insurance pool.

TAC, which administers the program, provided safety specialists at no charge to the county to assist in realistic, cost-effective measures for accident prevention.

TAC's Mike Strawn, who oversees the initiative said, "It's great to see county officials taking their safety efforts seriously. There are so many things that county officials can let fall through the cracks and, unfortunately, many taxpayers will never know," he said. "Safety programs usually fall into that category, so seeing this commitment is a testament to these officials working together to prevent unnecessary accidents and save on Workers' Compensation costs to taxpayers."

Strawn added, "Our board has thrown in these incentives on their Workers' Compensation bill, which should lead to some really substantial long-term savings. Sometimes, the best thing that comes out of these programs is keeping people from getting hurt on the job and seeing improvements in morale and productivity."

Air Force scrubs launch of rocket

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. (AP) — Officials scrubbed the launch of an Air Force rocket that was primed to carry nearly a dozen tiny satellites into space late Friday after low voltage was detected in on-board batteries.

Liftoff of the Orbital Suborbital Program rocket was canceled at 9:40 p.m. PST, just 14 minutes before the close of its launch window. The launch was rescheduled for Jan. 22.

Before the cancellation, takeoff had been delayed at least three times due to a glitch in the system that commands the countdown, said U.S. Air Force Lt. Colleen Lehne.

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Early surgery may be too limited

WASHINGTON (AP) — Surgeons operating on the earliest form of breast cancer may tend to remove less tissue from young women than they do from older patients, raising questions about whether cosmetic concerns pose a risk of relapse, said a study published Saturday.

At issue is "ductal carcinoma in situ," or DCIS, a tumor that forms inside milk ducts in the breast and usually is discovered by mammography. This is the earliest, highly curable form of breast cancer, and women typically receive a lumpectomy — removal of the tumor — followed by radiation.

The study, published in the Journal of Clinical Oncology, analyzed the long-term outcomes of 146 Michigan patients who had lumpectomies and radiation between 1980 and 1993. Younger patients had a significantly greater rate of cancer recurrence than older women — 26 percent in women under age 45 vs. 9 percent of older women.

Then researchers studied the cases of 95 of the patients more closely and found that younger patients frequently had less breast tissue removed during their lumpectomies than older women did.

When younger women had larger lumpectomies, however, they fared as well as the older women, said the lead researcher, Dr. Frank Vicini of the William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich.

"You have to do bigger surgeries to make sure you got all the cancer cells" because post-surgery radiation can't compensate for a too-small cut, Vicini said.

As to why some younger women get smaller lumpectomies, Vicini's theorized, "There may be simply in these younger patients more concern for cosmetic results."

Younger women are much more likely to have smaller breasts, for whom a bigger lumpectomy can be more noticeable, agreed Dr. Kimberly Van Zee of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. She said Vicini's study confirms her own research that younger DCIS patients may get smaller surgeries and thus are at greater risk of recurrence.

Doctors have long known that invasive breast cancer is more likely to be aggressive in younger women. Whether the less-threatening, noninvasive DCIS posed a similar age concern has been controversial.

Younger women have more milk ducts for DCIS to infiltrate, Vicini noted.

DCIS patients whose cancer recurred often were successfully treated — just one died during the study. But "you're talking about the potential need for a mastectomy," Vicini explained. "If we can avoid that, we'd like to."

Surgeons aim to remove enough tissue to include a centimeter-wide cancer-free ring around any breast tumor, said Dr. Charles Balch of the American Society of Clinical Oncology. Pathologists analyze the tissue after surgery to check these "margins." Typically, doctors don't do repeat surgery unless the cancer-free margin is 10 times narrower than that goal, he said.

"Some surgeons may feel they can be not as aggressive, as radical with their treatment when it's noninvasive cancer as they would be for invasive cancer," Balch said. Vicini's study "makes an even more compelling case for trying to achieve" that centimeter-wide margin, he added.

"You need a buffer zone," Van Zee agreed. "There's more and more data stacking up that a wide margin, ... getting out all the DCIS, is really important."

Ira Awards

The eighth grade has the highest numerical average at Ira Junior High for the fall semester.

The junior class has the highest numerical average at Ira High School for the fall semester.

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Fall semester
A Honor Roll

First grade: Krystin Baker, Seth Cotton, Kylor Fine, Laramie Gilbert, Isaac Martin, Paul Martinez, Baily Nickerson, Kellner Odom, Lupe Ornelas, Kellie Pilcher, Kolton Stokes, J.P.Wilson.

Second grade: Colby Barrera, Lindsey Daniel, Valeri Guzman, Jonathan Hall, Olivia Juarez, Rey Juarez, Brandon Lunsford, John Martini, Evian Olvera, Daniel Wooldridge.

Third grade: Austin Calley, Rance Dunn, Shandy McMullen, Seth Sanchez.

Fourth grade: Karen Rachel Coonrod, Laura Juarez, Tony Martini, Colby McMullen, Josi Presley, Kaci Waller.

Fifth grade: Aryn Calley, Jessica Odom.

Sixth grade: Terryn Autry.

Seventh grade: Brandon Crane.

Eighth grade: Amanda Calley, Rusty Josey, April Lollar.

Ninth grade: Michael Allen, Colter Brown, John Gainer, Michelle Nettles, Candace Sanchez, Celeigh Sterling.

Tenth Grade: Kendra Krop, Nathan Smith, Cade Tucker.

Eleventh grade: Jeremy Bowden, Morgan Clements, Mikanna Herring, Trey Shirley, Tosha Walker.

Twelfth grade: Jerek Brown.

A-B Honor Roll

First grade: Brooke Withers, Cody Chappell.

Second grade: B.J.Botts, Haley Farmer, Cheyann Taylor.

Third grade: Cheyenne Beasley, Amanda Kerr, Leeja Mauldin, Quentin McLaury, Tanner Price, Brandon Ramirez, Brittany Taylor, Ashley Trotter.

Fourth grade: Josh Hall, Kendyll Pilcher, Jordan Smith.

Fifth grade: Nickelynn Bays, Corbin Clements, Tyrelle Gilbert, Kelbi Pitner, Katie Wall, Genvieve Weaver.

Sixth grade: Brittany Dickerhoff, Travis Frey, David Kirk, Ashton Smith.

Seventh grade: Wesley Kellner.

Eighth grade: Jake Barnes, Franki Briseno, Vanessa Espinoza, Chad Everton, Phil Payne, Suzie Pendergrass, Lacie Thompson, Jess Wall, Wes White, Nathan Wilkins, Lindsey Wilson.

Ninth grade: Bea Aguinaga, Kali Clements, Eric Dickerhoff, Casey Kellner, Geoff Pinkerton, Amanda Ramirez, Amy Strong.

Tenth grade: Jerry Jamison, Lecia Knight, Chet Stuart, Dani White.

Eleventh grade: Tara Allen, Kristen Harless, Seth Sterling, Bryce Wilkins.

Twelfth grade: Korby Calley, Jenson Gainer, Jamee Goolsby, Katie Howard, Jose Juarez, Richard Wilkins.

Perfect attendance
Third Six Weeks

Kindergarten: Jacob Elam, Clay Johnson, Cristian Ornelas, Brandee Pinkerton, Conner Smith.

First grade: Krystin Baker, Jacob Cox, Amanda Elam, Isaac Martin, Kellner Odom, Jose Ornelas, Kellie Pilcher, J.P. Wilson.

Second grade: Colby Barrera, Haley Farmer, Olivia Juarez, Rey Juarez, John Martini, Daniel Wooldridge.

Third grade: Austin Calley, Rance Dunn, Amanda Kerr, Kirk Krop, Seth Sanchez, Ashley Trotter.

Fourth grade: Josh Hall, Tony Martini.

Fifth grade: Nickelynn Bays, Aryn Calley, Kate Wall.

Sixth grade: Travis Frey, Amanda Green, Kerry Jamison, Logan Lloyd, Joel Lollar, Jordan Lollar, Chad Nickerson, Whitney Payne.

Seventh grade: Brandon Crane, Kevin Graves, Shaina Kerr, Cody Lomax, Amber Sanchez, Brenda Torres.

Eighth grade: Vanessa Espinoza, Chad Everton, Brandon Graves, Rusty Josey, Phillip Payne, Jacki Thompson, Lacie Thompson, Bubba Walker, Wes White, Nathan Wilkins.

Ninth grade: Tyler Frey, Casey Kellner.

Tenth grade: Jessie Green, Kendra Krop.

Eleventh grade: Jeremy Bowden, Casey Chaney, Shade Everton, Blake White.

The elementary class with the highest class attendance is the first grade.

The junior high class with the highest class attendance is the eighth grade.

The high school class with the highest class attendance is the

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Hermleigh Awards

These students were named to the A Honor Roll for the fall semester at Hermleigh School.

Second grade: Naomi Arellano, Dustin Dacus, Melanie Kariainen, Vincent Mireles, Jose Rangel, Jacob Sanchez, Shawn Shankles, JP Smith.

Third grade: Marissa Davis, Lelan Shankles, Rustin Webb, Casey Williamson.

Fourth grade: None.

Fifth grade: Mike Barrera, Alicia Culp, K'Leigh Jackson, Brittany Kelley.

Sixth grade: Alana Culp.

Seventh grade: None.

Eighth grade: None.

Ninth Grade: Terrel Culp.

Tenth grade: None.

Eleventh Grade: Billy Lambaren.

Twelfth grade: Caleb Callaway, Randi Herrington, Jared Higgins, Janna Hinz.

Students named to the A-B Honor Roll for the fall semester:

Second grade: Anthony Jones, Gloria Ramirez.

Third grade: Josh Beasley, Chris Boone, Hannah Brooks, Jeremy Eaton, Sean McClure, Shaye Williams.

Fourth grade: Willie Berkley.

Fifth grade: Kelvin Doggett, Megan Kariainen, Brian Molina.

Sixth grade: Samantha Berry, Johnathon McClure, Danni Webb.

Seventh grade: Shae Rinehart.

Eighth grade: Dustin Williamson, Justin Williamson.

Ninth grade: Maria Rangel.

Tenth grade: Chris Bilberry, Rocky Glover, Kendra Nachlinger, Jeremy Roemisch, Mary Spruill, Cheyenne Walker.

Eleventh grade: Sheena Callaway, Janet Eckert, Lori Eckert, Amber Harbin, Toni Martinez, Samantha Smith.

Twelfth grade: Joey Garza, Tony Molina, Brandy Wood.

Pam and Vicki Black Johnson
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C.W., Jr. "Bill" and Anne Overhulser are proud to announce that on January 1, 2000, Permian Communications was sold to long time staff member Melissa Thompson. We are confident that this transition will be a winning combination for all.

Bill and Anne have been serving the communications needs of Scurry County and the surrounding area for over 20 years. Beginning in 1975 with a small one man shop, the company grew to a 12 person operation at one point. Permian Communications, although challenged, has persevered through the trials and tribulations experienced by many small businesses in West Texas. The success of the business can be attributed to the loyalty of the many customers, the dedication of its owners, and the many invaluable staff members over the past 25 years. The acquaintances, associations, and friendships established over the years will continue to be cherished deeply. Bill and Anne will be retiring in Snyder and will be pursuing some of their other interests and enjoying their children and grandchildren.

Melissa Thompson has been employed with Permian Communications since 1986, having been involved with the day to day business of the company for the past several years. She has been a director of the corporation since 1988. Melissa and her husband, Eddie, have three children and reside north of Snyder.

Melissa and her staff are dedicated to providing quality service. Pete Harbin and JoRaymond Medrano will continue to provide technical services and support for cellular, paging, two-way radio, telemetry and monitoring systems. Brandy Elam and Janie Guerrero will jointly handle customer service. The number one priority of all employees is service.

On a final personal note, we want to thank you for your business and your continued patronage of Permian Communications. You are the reason we open the doors.

Sincerely,
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Cable rates go up despite competition

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cable television providers may be facing increased competition from satellite broadcast and other services, but consumers are still feeling the pinch. Their cable rates rose faster than overall inflation last year.

A study released Friday by the Federal Communications Commission found that between June 1998 and June 1999, cable rates increased 3.8 percent. In contrast, the Consumer Price Index measured general price increases of 2 percent in that period.

The big jump in prices occurred even as direct-broadcast satellite companies and other services snagged customers away from local cable TV providers. As of last June, 82 percent of TV viewers who received multichannel video programming got it from cable companies, compared with 85 percent a year earlier.

Cable customers — almost 67 million of them — still far outnumber the 14 million households subscribing to other services.

"Competition is the best way to reduce cable rates for consumers," said FCC Chairman Bill Kennard. "Americans still need more competition and choice in multichannel video."

The difference between the rise in cable rates and inflation was smaller in the period covered by Friday's study than in years past. For example, between June 1997 and June 1998, cable prices rose a 7.3 percent, compared with a 1.7 percent increase in inflation — even though cable rates were subject to federal regulation.

Cable companies said they tried to be more moderate in raising their rates this year, even absorbing costs as they upgrade systems to support high-speed Internet and phone services.

"This reflects a sensitivity on our part to our customers' reaction to price increases," said Mike Luftman of Time Warner, which has 13 million cable TV customers.

The average price for the company's customers who get an expanded basic package is in the mid-$30 range.

But consumer advocates argue that cable companies exercised restraint during parts of the period covered by the study only to ward off the threat of being regulated again. The FCC stopped regulating most cable TV services in March, following the directive of a 1996 law.

"There was clearly a concerted effort by the industry to dampen rate increases, while Congress was focusing attention on whether to extend regulatory authority," said Gene Kimmelman, co-director of the Washington office of Consumers Union. "If history is any guide, rates will spike up again when policy makers are not watching as closely."

Some cable providers already have announced rate increases for the year. Time Warner plans a 5 percent increase. Cablevision is boosting its prices by a little more than 5 percent, and MediaOne is raising its basic cable TV rates by up to 6 percent.

Regulators and lawmakers have expressed hope that satellite television companies would become stronger rivals to cable — and thus serve as a check on cable pricing — after Congress passed a law in November allowing satellite companies to beam local channels into subscribers' homes. Satellite companies had long said their inability to offer local channels was a hurdle in attracting customers.

As soon as that barrier was removed, satellite companies started seeing the benefits. The nation's largest satellite TV provider, DirecTV, had a record month in December, acquiring 225,000 new customers.

"The full impact of local channels will be realized this year," said Bob Marsocci of DirecTV.

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Central Elementary School Awards

Third Six Weeks
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First grade: Lucero Espinoza, Adrian Benavidez, Christopher Tippens, Antonio Silva, Jose Estrada, Myrka Infante.

Third grade: Sebastian Jaquez, Josh Sorrells, Ryanna Alexander, Leslie Johnston, Joe Rivera, Gina Hermosillo, Taylor Gibbs, Maxine Jaramillo, Brittany Rivera, Daniela Allen, Cole Russell.

Unit Recognition Awards

Bailey Richardson, Kendra McGuire, Joe Lara, Cami Mitchell, Consuelo Acosta, Cody Presley, Jordan Wright, Keagan Herrley, A'Lex Koonce, Clint McFatridge, Jessica Garza.

All students who had earned 25 or more Accelerated Reader points received Principal's Awards and certificates for a child's meal from Burger King.

Fall semester awards
Perfect attendance

Pre-kindergarten: Misael Arellano, Ector Gonzales, Orlando Murillo, Mike Rodriguez.

Kindergarten: Darius Biggers, Timothy Hagins, Khari Powell, Tamron Wesley, Victor Pena, Meghan Garza.

First grade: Daniel Ramirez, Anthony Thurmond, Eddy Herrera, Michael Garza, Deirdre Foree, Lucero Espinoza, Roxanna Arellano, Mayra Benitez, Lizthe Olivarez, Anna Rivera.

Third grade: Leticia Aguilar, Jesse Conner, Richard Grice, Brett Poulson, Lolita Ramos, Heather Torres, Bryan Guerra, Kayla Liccardi, Kendra McGuire, Jarred Rascon, Anthony Shankles, Amy Fogleman, K'Ana Garcia, Joe Lara, Kailea Shaw, DaNorris Smith.

Also, Tanya Adams, Ashley Hagins, Kalyn Hildreth, Leslie Johnston, Samuel Lee, Consuelo Acosta, Bianca Alvarado, Esperanza Benitez, Daniel Chacon, Rubi Jaimes, Mauricio Martinez, Maria Teresa Murillo, Maria Ornelas, Joe Rivera, Nancy Rubio, Manuel Sandoval, Robert Albarez, Jared Cave, Gina Hermosillo, Jaime Martinez, Miguel Martinez, Tony Perales, Chassidy Sterling.

And Shelby Carter, Stephen Luna, Carson Matthies, Ava Reyes, Maxine Jaramillo, Kaylie Kahlich, Elizabeth Martinez, Heather Vasquez, Kasey Young, Yoci Arellano, A'Lex Koonce, Daniel Peterson, Brittney Rivera, Megan Villegas, Lesa Jones, Hunter Perez, Riley Raschke, Roxann Renteria, Charley Stewart.

Also, Lareshia Carey, Forest Clayton, Dayton Grice, Chris Witte, Kaycee Westlund.

AR reader certificates

Third grade: Leticia Aguilar, Larissa Blackard, Dominic Cabrera, Melanie Hernandez, Katy Spradlin, Will Stewart, Kayla Liccardi, Ryanna Alexander, Jaclyn DeLeon, Amy Fogleman, Joe Lara, Tyler Porter, DaNorris Smith, Shaquita Sneed.

Also, Ashley Hagins, Kalyn Hildreth, Leslie Johnston, Gage West, Bianca Alvarado, Veronica Alvarado, Rubi Jaimes, Teresa Murillo, Joe Rivera, Jared Cave, Riley Davis, Gina Hermosillo, Kari Lord, Jaime Martinez, Miguel Martinez, Cody Presley, Alix Rieser, Lashondrick Richardson, Brittany Scott, Chassidy Sterling, David Strayhorn, Britney Webb, Lauren Zamora.

Others are Taylor Gibbs, Carson Matthies, Shelbie Talavera, Jordan Wright, Clay Hirt, Kaylie Kahlich, Elizabeth Martinez, Wes von Roeder, Kasey Young, Yoci Arellano, A'Lex Koonce, Jessica Bilderback, Lareshia Carey, Forest Clayton, Kadrian Groage, Laura Hernandez, Cole Russell.

*Rubi Jaimes is the top accelerated reader with 265 points. She received a bronze medal. Second-pace winner Alix Rieser also received a bronze medallion.

A Honor Roll

Third grade: Larissa Blackard, Melanie Hernandez, Katy Spradlin, Will Stewart, Kira Bilano, Jessica Timora, Ryanna Alexander, Jaclyn Deleon, Amy Fogleman, Nakita Pickerel, Kailea Shaw, Ashley Hagins, Kalyn Hildreth, Leslie Johnston, Samuel Lee, Rubi Jaimes, Maria Teresa Murillo, Jared Cave, Gina Hermosillo, Kari Lord, Alix Rieser, Brittany Scott, David Strayhorn, Britney Webb.

Also, Zane Berryhill, Douglas Brunson, Taylor Gibbs, Heather Steelman, Shelbie Talavera, Jordan Wright, Zoe Briseno, Clay Hirt, Kaylie Kahlich, Wes von Roeder, Kasey Young, Yoci Arellano, Sierra Foreman, Lesa Jones, Clint McFatridge, Roxann Renteria, Jessica Bilderback, Dayton Grice, Kaycee Westlund.

AB Honor Roll

Third grade: Dominic Cabrera, Jesse Conner, Richard Grice, Kendra Iglehart, Sebastian Jaquez, Heather Torres, Mary Jane Alaniz, Jessie Deavers, Bryan Guerra, Kayla Liccardi, Kendra McGuire, Erma Rodriguez, Josh Sorrells, Zachery Warren, Brian Allred, Taylor Davidson, K'Ana Garcia, Fabian Gutierrez, Jessica Hinson, Joe Lara, Alex Martinez, Tyler Porter, DaNorris Smith, Shaquita Sneed.

Others are Tanya Adams, Nicole Mireles, Amanda Smith, Gage West, Consuelo Acosta, Joe Rivera, Riley Davis, Jaime Martinez, Tony Perales, Lashondrick Richardson, Chassidy Sterling, Lauren Zamora, Tilatha Akins, Stephen Luna, Tabatha Martinez, Carson Matthies, Ava Reyes, Matthew Sosa, David Zalman, Adrian Alvarez, Abraham Arizmendi, Chase Guynes, Brittney Hendricks, Keagan Herrley, Maxine Jaramillo, Brittany Mitchell.

Also, Teryn Sullenger, Bryan Thompson, Heather Vasquez, Erica Maldonado, Brittney Rivera, Megan Villegas, Lindsey Cox, Riley Raschke, Charley Stewart, Chelsea Young, Lareshia Carey, Forest Clayton, Brenna Fletcher, Jessica Garza, Kadrian Groage, Jon Ryan Hernandez, Laura Hernandez, Rebecca Morin, Zach Rivera, Cole Russell, Charles Velasco, Chris Witte.

TXU files papers which detail reorganization

TXU, continuing its commitment to bringing customer choice for electric service to Texas, took a significant step forward when it outlined how the company would be separated into regulated and unregulated organizations.

The corporate separation filing with the Public Utility Commission of Texas outlines how the company will reorganize in order to effectively compete for electric customers beginning Jan. 1, 2002.

In a competitive marketplace, customers have the opportunity to choose their electric provider, which will lead to better prices and service options.

The filing will not affect the rates customers pay for electricity. The Electric Utility Restructuring Act froze customers' rates for two years and then guarantees a six percent reduction in rates on Jan. 1, 2002.

TXU, based in Dallas, is one of the largest investor-owned energy service companies in the world with assets of more than $40 billion.

The company is a multinational leader in electric and natural gas services, merchant trading, energy marketing, telecommunications and other energy-related services.

TXU delivers energy to more than nine million customers primarily in Texas, the United Kingdom and continental Europe and Australia.

Senior Center Menu

Monday

Closed for Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday

Spaghetti w/meat sauce, whole kernel corn, spinach, tomato wedges, apricot cobbler, garlic toast

Wednesday

Chicken spoon bread, w/giblet gravy, green beans, whipped potatoes, cucumber/onion salad, pecan pie

Thursday

Chicken filet w/cream gravy, chopped broccoli, scalloped potatoes, tossed salad, coconut pudding

Friday

Fried fish, hominy w/cheese sauce, savory peas, creamy slaw, white cake w/cream cheese frosting

Financial Focus

Nearly everyone has heard about small, growing companies with skyrocketing stock prices. Many investors are drawn to these success stories and have put a large percentage of their investment dollars into small-company stocks. Is this a wise investment strategy?

Before loading up on small-company stocks, you should have a clear idea of how they differ from those of larger companies.

For investment purposes, a company's size is defined by its market capitalization — its current stock price multiplied by the number of shares outstanding. Small-capitalization ("small-cap") stocks typically have market capitalizations of less than $1 billion. That might seem like a lot of money to be considered "small," but large-capitalization ("large-cap") companies such as Microsoft, Coca-Cola and General Electric have market capitalizations of more than $100 billion.

Investors are attracted to smaller companies because they often increase earnings more rapidly than larger companies, whose sheer size prevents them from growing as fast. And there have been periods in which small-caps significantly outperformed larger companies.

In recent years, though, it's been the large-caps that have been the stars. The current, record-setting bull market has been driven mostly by big, blue chip companies, while small-caps have lagged. This doesn't mean that small-caps won't again have their day in the sun. But if you're considering investing in smaller stocks, you need to keep in mind that they also carry greater investment risks than larger companies.

Why? For one thing, small-cap stocks are more difficult to evaluate than larger ones. Even financial professionals may have a hard time discerning the prospects for small companies, especially those that are relatively new. Without this knowledge, you have less solid ground on which to base your investment decisions. Furthermore, when the stock market goes into a slump, small-cap stocks tend to fall harder.

Do these risk factors mean that you should avoid small-cap stocks entirely? No. One of the most basic rules of investing states that the greater the risk, the greater the potential reward. In other words, your small-caps could provide you with some valuable growth. Also, small-cap stocks often move in a different direction from large-caps. Therefore, by including both types of stocks in your portfolio, you can protect yourself from market declines affecting just one category.

You can further boost your diversification by purchasing mutual funds that own many different small-cap stocks.

Ideally, a well-balanced portfolio should contain a wide variety of investments: large-cap stocks, small-cap stocks, international stocks, bonds and money market instruments. The exact mix depends on your individual goals, your tolerance for risk and your time horizon.

So, before you jump on — or off — the small-cap bandwagon, take a long look at the big picture. You may want to consult with a financial professional who can help evaluate your situation and determine the most appropriate strategy for achieving your long-term goals.

Another bomb scare at Blanco High School

BLANCO (AP) — Students were evacuated from Blanco High School for the third time in 10 days after a parent discovered a bomb threat note in a girl's bathroom, the school board president said.

Officers from the Blanco County Sheriff's Office, the state Department of Public Safety and the federal Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms searched the building after the scare on Friday, but found nothing.

Students did not return to classes after officials cleared the school about 10 a.m., said Jim Pepper, president of the Blanco school district board.

The sheriff's department has charged four local teens in connection with a pipe bomb found in the school on Monday. The bomb exploded outside the school as authorities tried to disarm it.

Parents lined the halls and watched the bathroom doors after the explosion. Pepper said he hoped they would reassure the students the school was safe.

A week before, on Jan. 4, the school was first evacuated when officials discovered a written bomb threat in the girl's bathroom.

Pepper said after three bomb threats in 10 days, everyone from the janitors to the principal were tired. "We are all kind of exhausted," he said. "It has been a hell of a week."

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Senior Center News

Seniors who enjoy swimnastics at Western Texas College are reminded that the schedule for the spring semester will be set after registration.

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Seniors needing transportation are encouraged to phone the center a day in advance. Transportation is available in the morning, so seniors are asked to please make therapy or doctor's appointments between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Call 573-4035 for more information.

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We would like to remind everyone that memorial gifts may be made to the center's memorial fund as a tribute to a friend or loved one.

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A special way to remember a senior citizen on Valentine's Day, birthdays, mother's/father's day or Christmas is to purchase lunch certificates for their use in the center dining room.

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The Senior Center cookbook can be purchased at the Snyder Daily News, the WR Whistle Stop, and the center. The 900 hundred recipes are bound in a three-ring metal binder and sell for $17.50.

Monday

The Senior Center will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day. AARP, the American Association of Retired People, will not meet. The AARP will meet at the center on Feb. 28.

Tuesday

"88" play begins at 10 a.m., the Hoss Clayton Band will be entertaining at 11 a.m., the Golden K Kiwanis meet at noon. Daily activities include pool, dominoes, quilting and exercise.

The "88" and bridge rooms are available to seniors every morning. We have ping-pong table, exercise bike, and a treadmill. The Travis Gym is also available for seniors who enjoy walking.

Wednesday

Seniors may play bingo from 10-11:45 a.m. with a break for exercise at 11. Line dancers will be entertaining at Snyder Oaks at 1:15 p.m. and the cloggers will practice in the center's dining room at 2 p.m.

Thursday

The fabric painting class led by Lonice Hall begins at 9 a.m. Newcomers are welcome. Supplies are furnished since most of the work done by the class is for the center's fund-raiser in May. The Sunshine Choir will be practicing in the dining room at 10 a.m.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and the bridge tournament begin at 9:30 a.m. and "88" play begins at 10 a.m. and the sing-a-long at 11:30 a.m. The Kitchen Band will be entertaining at the Golden Corral at 6:30 p.m.

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West Awards

West students received the following awards for the third six weeks.

Citizenship

Self-contained: Rebekah Brown.

Early childhood: Sarahlynn Wright, Devonta Smith.

Kindergarten: Alberto Resendiz, Kayla Scott, Slade Birkenfeld, Caleb Wilson.

First grade: Sarah Cearley, Anna Fortney, Kelsi Williams.

Sixth grade: Laura Boyd, Traci Gutierrez, Garrett Pinson, Joel Tarin, Merissa Dekeyser, Krysta Burleson, Curtis Mason, Jessica Calvert, Veronica Castillo, Daniela Garcia, Andria Nussey, Calvin Nobles, Celeste Morin, Jamie Putnam, Elizabeth Dominguez, Sirena Medrano, Tyler Hogan, Ashton Wall.

Most Improved

Self-contained: Jimmy Wells, Bobby Wood.

Early childhood: Jason Alvarez, Chevy Wagner.

Kindergarten: Bianca Silva, Miranda Benitez, Steven Seale, Brandon McCann.

First grade: Colton Clark, Brandon Elam, Makenna Scott.

Sixth grade: Tatum Gruben, Leticia Marquez, Michelle Williams, Renee Hernandez, Mayra Farfan, Micah Coffee, Layla Constancio, Camry Hill, Richard Maestas, Kelli Rushing, Hector Campos, Tyler Eveland.

Outstanding

Early childhood: Leann Hall, Deanna Stanley.

Kindergarten: Jazmyn Moore, Kaitlin Stewart, Courtney Henson, Samantha Aviles.

First grade: Alexis Morgan, Kailey Glenn, D.J. Clayton.

Sixth grade: Temi Thompson, Andrew Chavez, Shaela Thompson, Ashley Hyer, Noe Ruiz, Kimberly Bell, Yulianna Arellano, Chase Ashworth, Traci Gutierrez, Dustyn Williams, Whitney Parks, Barrett Bowlin.

Highest AR Points: Daniela Garcia, Dondi Brock.

Computer awards: Andria Nussey, Laura Zamora, Zach Arizmendi, Chase Ashworth, Dulce Silva, Rocky Treat, Brianna Talavera, Asutin Lyle, Megan Crisp, Glyn Wright.

Music awards: Kiki Wofford, Cody Alaniz, Chase Ashworth, Stephanie Grant, Blake Scott, Teddi Crenwelge.

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Perfect attendance

West students receiving perfect attendance awards for the fall semester are:

Early childhood: Cameron Archuleta.

Kindergarten: Juan Benitez, Miranda Benitez, D.J. Casas, Dominique Diaz, Carlos Landa, Jazmyn Moore, Brandie Ornelas, Larry Settles, Dashay Smith, Blake Soukup, Briana Stanford, Malak Wills.

First grade: Sarah Cearley, Erica Chaidez, D.J. Clayton, Anna Fortney, Kelton Garcia, Justin Gonzales, Troy Henry, Alex Jaramillo, Baylee Lewis, Karissa Medina, Nicole Molter, Samantha Rogers, Logan Tabor, Alex Torrez, Kimberlin Willson.

Sixth grade: Omar Alcala, Manny Aparicio, Yuliana Arellano, Chase Ashworth, Morgan Bilderback, Barrett Bowlin, Jason Cave, Kirsten Courtney, Megan Crisp, Rosa Cruz, Katie Curry, Gena Dooley, Tyler Ezzell, Mayra Farfan, Stanley Forbes, Derek Garcia, Kimberly Grove, Paige Gunset, Joshua Gutierrez, Kimberly Henkell, Santino Hermosillo, Kenetra James, Tara Kubena, Ciara Latta, Wanda Martinez, Curtis Mason, Andria Nussey, Amanda Orosco, Garrett Pinson, Jonathon Proctor, Wendy Reed, Noe Ruiz, Blake Scott, Tina Speedon, Joel Tarin, Temi Thompson, Jonathan Vasquez, Chris Vera, Glyn Wright, Steven Wright, Laura Zamora.

A Honor Roll

Yuliana Arellano, Morgan Bilderback, Barrett Bowlin, Dondi Brock, Bryan Clifton, Seth Cooper, Katie Curry, William Floyd, Tyler Hogan, Ashley Hyer, Emily Jones, Christopher Lopez, Amber Luecke, Austin Lyle, Megan McCormick, Ashly Pavlovsky, Jeremy Reed, Cade Simpson, Jessica Taylor, Shaela Thompson, Dustyn Williams, Glyn Wright.

A-B Honor Roll

Chase Ashworth, Ashley Bailey, William Banks, Ashley Barrera, Kimberly Bell, Laura Boyd, Jessica Calvert, Jason Cave, Teddi Crenwelge, Megan Crisp, T'Shambra Day, Merissa Dekeyser, Elizabeth Dominguez, Gena Dooley, Tyler Ezzell, Stanley Forbes, Daniela Garcia, Keenon Garcia, Stephanie Grant, Trevor Groat, Tatum Gruben, Kayla Hartzog, Kimberly Henkell, Santino Hermosillo, Aubrey Jones, Tara Kubena, Cale Lancaster, Ciara Latta, Jana Lewis, Erica Little, Justin Martinez, Curtis Mason, Sirena Medrano.

Also, Celeste Morin, Amanda Murray, Calvin Nobles, Andria Nussey, Amanda Orosco, Danny Ortegon, Whitney Parks, Aeryal Peoples, Garrett Pinson, Tressa Pollard, Jamie Putnam, Samuel Ramirez, Wendy Reed, Matt Reigh, Jessica Robbins, Noe Ruiz, Blake Scott, Blake Seale, Tye Stone, Breanna Talavera, Temi Thompson, Caliber Vigneau, Ashton Wall, Christi Williams, Takiyah Wofford, Tyler Zalman, Alex Zamarripa.

Wholesale prices increased

NEW YORK (AP) — The nation's two biggest tobacco companies are boosting cigarette prices in a move that analysts say could add as much as 18 cents per pack at the store.

Philip Morris, owner of the best-selling Marlboro brand, and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., which makes the Winston, Salem and Camel brands, announced the price rise Friday.

The Philip Morris increase of 13 cents a pack wholesale goes into effect with shipments Monday, spokesman Michael Pfeil said. Reynolds' 13 cents-per-pack increase is effective with Tuesday shipments, spokeswoman Jan Smith said.

Other tobacco companies are expected to match the increases.

Neither company comments on its pricing strategy for competitive reasons.

Universe's new views captured

ATLANTA (AP) — Images of elements streaming out into space from an ancient exploded star have been captured by a new orbiting telescope, astronomers report.

The $1.5 billion Chandra X-ray Telescope, launched last July, detected X-rays flashing from a 1,000-year-old supernova, or exploding star, and found streams of oxygen and other elements moving outward at more than two million miles an hour.

"These might be called the fountains of life because it was the explosion of such supernova that provided the oxygen on Earth," said Claude Canizares, a Massachusetts Institute of Technology astronomer and a member of the Chandra science team.

Reports on studies by the Chandra were delivered Friday at the national meeting of the American Astronomical Society.

Canizares said the Chandra shows that ring-like structures loaded with chemical elements were hurled out of the supernova. The image captures the star about 1,000 years after the explosion.

The star is about 200,000 light years from Earth. Before it exploded, it was about 10 times more massive than the sun. A light year, the distance light travels in a year in a vacuum, is about 6 trillion miles.

Such stars burn hydrogen and helium during their lifetimes. In massive stars, the process creates heavier elements, such as iron and oxygen. When the fuel is exhausted, the stars collapse and explode, releasing energy equal to the energy produced by the sun over its entire lifetime.

Shock waves from the explosion heat gas to about 10 million degrees, creating X-rays which can be viewed by Chandra. The X-rays can be separated by wave length, in a similar way that a prism will split sunlight into rainbow colors. Each element has a distinct "color" in the X-ray spectrum.

"This gives you a fingerprint, or a bar code, of the elements," said Canizares.

His data showed clear signals for iron, neon, magnesium and silicon, along with oxygen in vast amounts.

"There are roughly 10 solar masses (mass equal to 10 suns) of oxygen," said Canizares. "That would be enough oxygen for about 10 solar systems."

Astronomers believe that chemical elements expelled into the universe from supernovae join clouds of gas and dust that eventually create new stars and planets. Such a process is thought to have given the Earth and its sister planets their chemical elements.

X-rays also are emitted from black holes and astronomers turned the Chandra to examine the black hole at the center of the Milky Way, our home galaxy, and found a surprise.

"The two million solar mass black hole is very quiet," said Gordon Garmire, a Pennsylvania State University astronomer. "The X-rays are puny, really nothing remarkable. That is a real puzzle."

Stanfield Elementary Awards

Third six weeks

Outstanding students

Jake Freeman, Mario Hernandez, Darren Escobedo, Ashten Wilkinson, Andrew Velasquez, Rebecca Alarcon, Jasmine Jackson, Bobby Luna, Keenon Ward, Thayer Groat, Hunter Cox, Kelsey Davis, Emma Nunley, Christopher Johnston, Dillon West, Eboni Jackson, Audriana Rascon, Xalee Northcutt, Tanner Robertson, Amanda Midwell, Meagan Downing, Shane Hicks, Jose Ferrusca, Bianca Cabrera, Jonathan Verduzca, Kyra Lyra, Remington Bloom, Megan Thompson, Josephine Ornelas, Michael Perez, Devyn DeLoera, Victor Chhuor, Kaden Seale, Amber Gutierrez, Shelby Garza, Jacob Kemp, Allen Mehafshan, Lindsey Urias, Brance Scott, Kylie Moreland.

Perfect Attendance

Chris Brasher, Kiersten Price, Catherine Witte, Mario Hernandez, Andrew Velasquez, Breanna Benitez, Devin Collier, Darren Escobedo, Justice Terrazas, Ashten Wilkinson, Justin Haggard, Nikki Hicks, Staci Kenner, Robby Luna, Audrey Miller, Mario Ortega, Kenner Escobedo, Thayer Groat, Megan Murdock, Chase Price, Keenon Ward, Brady Williams, Ramsey Alarcon, Hunter Cox, Kelsey Davis, Jentri Drigger, Mekayla Duzan, Nolan Duzan, Terrance Green, Timothy Iglehart, Daniel Shezinger, Cody Duncan, Michelle Flores, Jordan Irwin, Shelby Ezell.

Also, Christopher Johnston, Kaylee Lord, Kaden McCarter, Emma Nunley, Brianne Perry, Nelson Sears, Celeste Archuleta, Brennen Baze, Freddy Lopez, Jacob Mitchell, Skylar Morris, Meagan Robbins, Briana Rose, Dillon West, Michael Brasher, Alex Hook, Ashley Kenner, Xalee Northcutt, Audriana Rascon, Daniel McVey, Kelissa Craig, J.C. Arellano, Cassie Benitez, Andrew Collier, Daniel Escobedo, Juan Estrada, Ricky Garcia, Bryan Hamlin, Roberto Lopez, Elizabeth McDaniel, Bailey Minor, Joe Morin, Laura Ortega, Tanner Robertson, Eduardo Arellano, Amanda Browning, Megan Downing.

Others are Shane Hicks, Toby Lopez, Mitchell Marcon, Clint Wall, Andrew Zapata, Antonio Estrada, Jose Ferrusca, Michael Guardado, Humberto Juarez, Alexandra Rios, Fransisco Fonseca, L.A. Jaramillo, Jessie Kenley, Deanna Mills, Andrea Perez, Anthony Segura, Shawn Selders, Taylor Tyrrell, Jonathan Verduzco, Remington Bloom, Alicia Chaidez, Cassie Cochran, Tom Davis, Garrett Hale, Jessie Hibbitt, Raven Luna, Kelly Martinez, Megan Thompson, Benjamin Alfaro, Kayelyn Benitez, Danny Clawson, Meghan Cooley, Cassendra Garcia, Loretta Jaramillo, Josephine Ornelas, Michael Perez, Joshua Pesina.

Also, Michael Redman, Jake Riley, Alex Alcala, Jose Aguirre, Roberto Aguirre, Victor Chhuor, Nan'kta Davis, Kristi Aguirre, Chloe Reecer, Tiffany Roemer, David Sosa, Jake Strickland, Ashley Browning, Jessica Floyd, Kelsi Fulford, Krystal Guerrero, Cassie Gunset, Amber Gutierrez, Alex Hernandez, Michael Realsola, Kaden Seale, Marcus Aguilar, Eleanor Ashley, Brodie Calley, Dylan Early, Angie Hernandez, Jacob Kemp, Aryn May, Jose Rodarte, Paige Tovar, T.J.Wright, Nick Zajicek, Cassandra Benitez, Colton Curry, Shehala Essery, Kenyon Gafford, Gus Gonzales.

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Perfect Attendance

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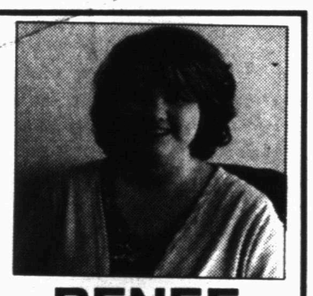
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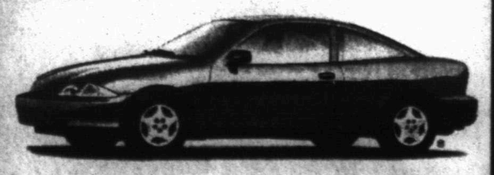
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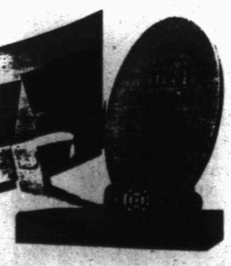

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SPORTS

In typical District 5-4A showdown...

Tigers hold off Fort Stockton, 45-44

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

A year had passed since Snyder and Fort Stockton last battled each other on the hardwood in a pair of heated district contests.

But even with the 12-month gap, the Tigers and Panthers picked up right where they left off.

Snyder saw a 15-point fourth quarter lead evaporate Friday night, before pulling out a 45-44 district opening victory over Fort Stockton at the SHS gym.

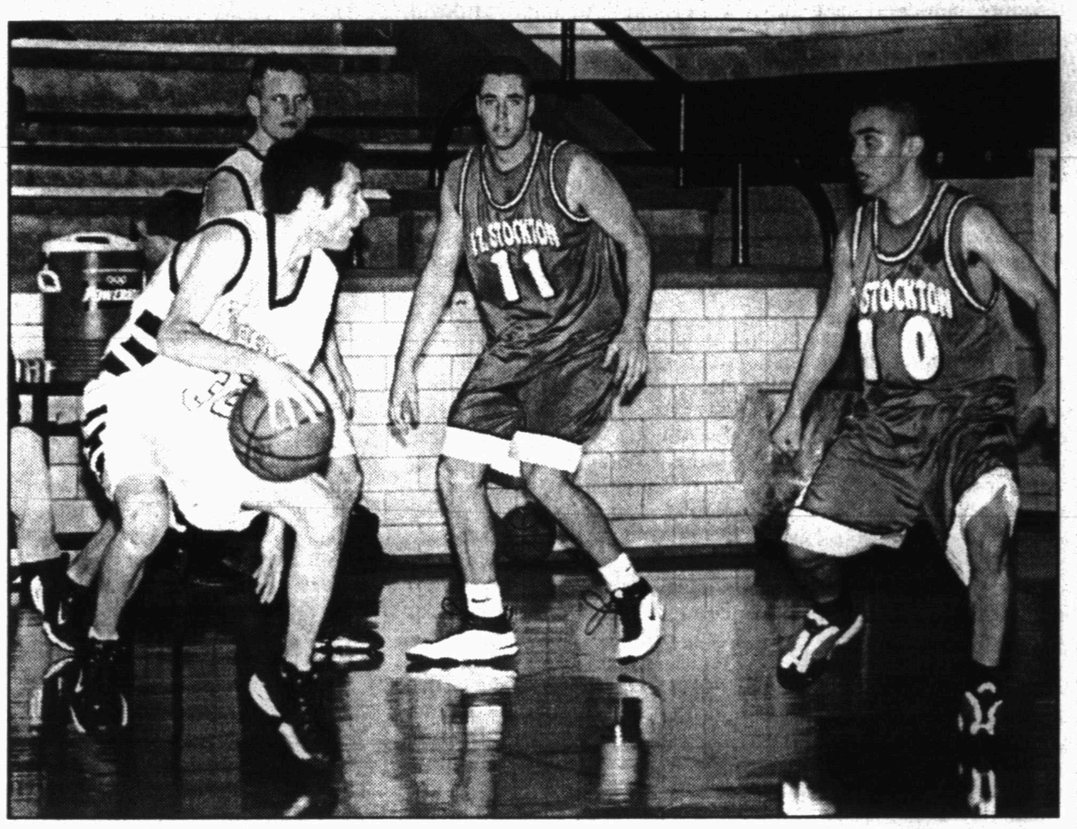
In a contest between the district's top two teams, both coaches admitted that the rough and tumble action was exactly what they expected.

"We know that when you play Snyder it's going to be a very physical game," said Fort Stockton coach Doug Davalos. "On the way down here, I showed our kids the movie *Saving Private Ryan*, because it is the nastiest, most graphic movie you can watch. And that's exactly what it's like to come in here and play. Snyder is always well prepared, and you just have to find a foxhole, curl up and pray you survive."

Snyder coach Bud Birks echoed Davalos' sentiments.

"We knew Fort Stockton would be extremely tough," Birks said. "We've been trying to explain to our younger players that it's a totally different atmosphere once district play starts. The intensity level goes through the roof, and I think our underclassmen found that out, tonight."

After the Panthers erased Snyder's 15-point lead in the fourth quarter with a 19-4 run that spanned six minutes, both teams gave away chances to take the lead in the final minute.



HERE I GO — Snyder point guard Jared Hester prepares to dribble past a Fort Stockton defender Friday night during the District 5-4A opener at the SHS gym. Hester's free throw with six seconds left in the game gave the Tigers a 45-44 victory over the Panthers. (SDN Staff Photo)

After Fort Stockton's Harold Russell nailed a three-pointer to knot the tally at 44-44 with 1:08 remaining, the Tigers turned the ball over on their next trip down the floor.

But the Panthers returned the favor on their next possession when SHS junior Jamaal Wofford forced a Fort Stockton turnover with 39 seconds left in the game.

Wanting to make sure the Panthers didn't get another chance, Snyder ran off 30 seconds, before point guard Jared Hester was fouled on his way to the basket with six ticks left on the clock.

The Tiger senior made the second of two free throws and the Panthers couldn't convert on a 14-foot jump shot as the buzzer sounded, sealing the victory for Snyder.

"We had the big lead, but our kids wouldn't slow down," Birks stated. "Instead of being patient on the offensive end in the fourth quarter, we took some bad shots and had some turnovers that allowed Stockton back in the game. But some of the kids that were on the floor have never been in this type of situation before. But now they know what to expect."

Snyder dominated the first 24 minutes of action, executing almost flawlessly on the offensive end, while suffocating the Panthers with its defense.

Junior Jared Thornhill turned in the best performance of his high school career, pouring in 14 points and grabbing three offensive rebounds. Thornhill's effort in the first half sparked the Tigers who owned a 22-17 lead at the break.

"Jared is outstanding around the basket," said Birks. "He's the best low post scorer that we have. He's extremely aggressive, and isn't afraid of anybody. He takes it up strong, no matter who is standing in there."

The Tigers best eight-minute span came in the third quarter. Snyder reeled off a 14-5 run in the first five minutes to completely seize the momentum.

But after Greg McAnaw's bucket to start the final frame gave the Tigers a 40-25 lead, the Panthers jump-started their run with a four-point possession.

Chris Holguin drained a short jumper, and Snyder was whistled for a foul underneath, giving the Panthers two points and two free throws. Fort Stockton's 6-4 post Luke Groth made both free shots to trim the margin to 40-29.

The Panthers were able to continue their run over the next six minutes when Snyder's offense became non-existent.

The Tigers' next nine possessions consisted of five turnovers and a 2-of-6 effort from the line.

Fort Stockton continued to feed the ball to Groth who posted seven of his 19 points in the fourth quarter, leading to Russell's long-range basket that tied the game, and Hester's winning free throw.

Snyder, looking to defend its district title from a year ago, improves to 14-9 overall and 1-0 in district play. The Tigers host Sweetwater at 7:30 Tuesday in round two of the league race.

In Friday's other 5-4A action, Sweetwater knocked off Lake View, 64-54, and Andrews overpowered Big Spring, 79-55.

Ft Stockton	**06**	**11**	**08**	**19**	**— 44**
Snyder	**12**	**10**	**16**	**07**	**— 45**

Fort Stockton
Groth 8 2-4 19, Sawyer 3 4-4 11, Tipton 3 0-0 7, Russell 1 0-0 3, Holguin 0-0 2, Yanez 1 0-0 2. **Totals 17 6-8 44.**
Snyder
McAnaw 4 2-2 12, Cumbie 4 0-2 8, Hester 3 1-2 7, Wofford 0 2-3 2, Pinkerton 1 0-0 2, Thornhill 6 2-5 14. **Totals 18 7-14 45.**
Three-point goals: Fort Stockton 4 (Tipton, Groth, Russell, Sawyer), Snyder 2 (McAnaw 2). Rebounds: Fort Stockton 25 (Groth 9), Snyder 34 (Cumbie 7, Hester 7). Total fouls: Fort Stockton 15, Snyder 17. Fouled out — None.

District 5-4A Standings

BOYS

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	1	0	14	9
Andrews	1	0	9	13
Sweetwater	1	0	7	13
Fort Stockton	0	1	10	12
Big Spring	0	1	13	11
Lake View	0	1	8	12

Friday's results: Snyder 45, Fort Stockton 44; Sweetwater 64, Lake View 54; Andrews 79, Big Spring 55.
Tuesday's games: Sweetwater at Snyder; Andrews at Fort Stockton; Big Spring at Lake View.

GIRLS

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	3	0	8	12
Sweetwater	3	0	21	2
Lake View	2	1	9	13
Big Spring	1	2	11	10
Andrews	0	3	6	13
Fort Stockton	0	3	6	21

Friday's results: Snyder 44, Fort Stockton 27; Sweetwater 53, Lake View 33; Big Spring 64, Andrews 46.
Tuesday's games: Sweetwater at Snyder; Big Spring at Lake View; Andrews at Fort Stockton.

Baker, Sonics run past Spurs

SEATTLE (AP) — If the Seattle SuperSonics are going to have a chance against the NBA's elite teams, Vin Baker is going to have to perform like a player with an $87 million contract.

Baker did just that on Friday night as the Sonics won their fourth straight game by beating the defending NBA champion San Antonio Spurs 91-85.

Criticized for being soft and disappearing in big games, the 6-foot-11 Baker had 23 points and nine rebounds in Seattle's second victory over the Spurs in less than two weeks.

"When you play hard and you work hard, good things can happen," said Baker, who received his big contract from the Sonics this summer. "It boosts your confidence when you beat the world champions twice in 10 days."

Gary Payton led the Sonics with 25 points on 9-of-26 shooting, while the Spurs' twin towers, Tim Duncan and David Robinson, combined for 52 points and 23 rebounds. Duncan had 32 points and 16 rebounds, while Robinson scored 20 points.

"We're winning because we're playing the way we're supposed to play, like a team," Payton said.

The Spurs lost for the second time in two nights. They were beaten 107-103 on Thursday night in Sacramento.

San Antonio saw its road record slip below .500 (10-11).

The Sonics never trailed after grabbing an 18-2 lead in the first 5:20, but the Spurs got to within one point at 60-59 in the third quarter.

"They bombarded us in the first quarter and it took so much to claw back that we didn't have anything left," Duncan said.

Robinson added, "If we play the whole ballgame, we win. Instead, we play 30 good minutes and think that's enough to beat a good team."

The Sonics finished the game without their best big man, Baker, who fouled out with 2:34 to go with his team ahead 87-81.

Ruben Patterson had 15 points and Brent Barry 12 for Seattle. Horace Grant of the Sonics had nine rebounds.

Robinson cut Seattle's lead to 83-79 with a 17-footer, but Baker answered with two free throws after being fouled by Samaki Walker.

After the Spurs' Antonio Daniels threw the ball out of bounds, Barry scored on a fast-break dunk after a steal by Terry Porter.

Avery Johnson made another critical San Antonio turnover when he dribbled the ball out of bounds with 2:34 left and the Sonics ahead 87-81.

The Spurs committed 19 turnovers, four by Duncan against Seattle's swarming inside defense. In 45 minutes, Payton did not have a turnover.

Duncan scored 14 points in the third quarter when the Spurs crept to 60-59 with 6:04 gone in the period. The Sonics came back to take a 73-63 lead on a free throw by Baker before San Antonio got the last six points of the quarter, four on a pair of baskets by Duncan.

The Sonics led 49-42 at halftime after going ahead by 21 in the opening quarter when they scored 18 unanswered points after Robinson opened the game with a 15-footer.

Cards outlast Hornets for 72-67 overtime win

HIGHLAND — The Hermleigh Cardinals pushed their district record to 2-1 on Friday night. They just had to put in some extra work to do it.

Hermleigh scored 14 points in overtime Friday to rescue a 72-67 overtime victory over Highland in District 19-A boys' action.

Hermleigh, now 11-10 on the season, controlled the game early on. The Cardinals dropped in 18 points in the first period, then used a 19-point spurt in the second to open up a 37-23 halftime lead.

But the Hornets came roaring back in the second half. Highland went on a 17-6 run in the third quarter to close the gap to two points, before knotting the tally in the final frame.

The Cardinals returned to their first-half form in the overtime session, posting 14 points while surrendering only nine.

Four Hermleigh players finished in double figures, led by Andy Luna who poured in 26 points.

Caleb Callaway and Billy Lambaren tallied 15 points apiece, while Joey Garza drained 13. Jared Higgins chipped in four points.

The Cardinals continue their district run Tuesday when they host Trent at 8 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Dissension in Steelers' front office

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Steelers director of football operations Tom Donahoe resigned under pressure, after the Steelers were forced to choose between keeping him or coach Bill Cowher.

Donahoe, general manager except in name for the last 10 years, has had growing differences with Cowher over the years. He quit only two days after the Steelers announced Cowher was staying.

Memorial service held for Phills

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Bobby Phills' two children were among several hundred mourners who gathered at a memorial service for the Charlotte Hornets player.

The 30-year-old guard was killed just after practice Wednesday in what police suspect was a drag-racing accident with teammate David Wesley near the team's arena.

Perot, Cuban sign deal for Mavs sale

DALLAS (AP) — Ross Perot Jr. and Mark Cuban signed an agreement on the proposed sale of the Dallas Mavericks.

The sale will be complete upon formal approval by the NBA.

Perot's Hillwood Development will become a minority owner in the team and Perot will continue to lead development and construction of the new American Airlines Center near downtown Dallas.

Hollywood Henderson to enter political arena

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys linebacker Thomas "Hollywood" Henderson says he will run for a seat on the City Council here.

Henderson, a high-profile community leader in recent years, said he wants to ensure that predominately black East Austin shares in the city's economic growth.

"I am sick of sitting on the sidelines and watching while Austin is in an economic boom and East Austin is deteriorating," Henderson, 46, told the Austin American-Statesman.

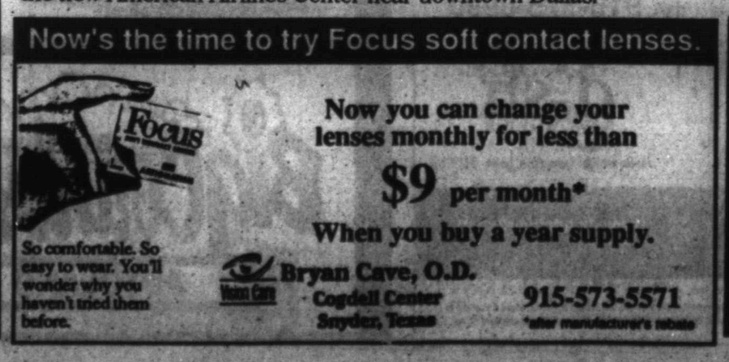
Henderson, who lives on the East Side, said he also wants to reduce homelessness and make housing more affordable in his part of town, but did not say how.

Incumbent Willie Lewis defended his three years on the council, saying he has helped secure Austin's water supply for 50 years, backed downtown revitalization and set up a $1 million trust fund to make housing more affordable on the East Side.

Richard Kraemer, a political science professor at the University of Texas, said Henderson has a "damn good chance" of winning because Texans tend to support celebrity politicians.

"Roger Staubach could have been governor of Texas at any time in the past 20 years," Kraemer said of the legendary Cowboys' quarterback.







SPORTS

Lady Tigers up district mark to 3-0

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

It wasn't pretty, but it was effective. And in the middle of the district race, that's all that counts.

The Snyder Lady Tigers used its stingy defense to overcome 29 turnovers and a 15-of-31 effort from the free-throw line Friday night, to put its third district win in the books, 44-27 over Fort Stockton.

Snyder improves to 3-0 in the 5-4A standings and remains in a first-place tie with Sweetwater, the Lady Tigers' opponent on Tuesday.

While Friday's performance wasn't sparkling, it was sufficient, and gave the Lady Tigers a chance to catch their breath after tight battles in the first two league games.

"Our kids have to realize that you have to play at the same high level, no matter who you are facing," said Snyder coach Sam Tipton. "You must have the same intensity every time you step on the floor. That's the marking of a championship team."

Both teams struggled offensively for most of the night, combining to connect on only two of 24 shot attempts in the first quarter.

Snyder settled down somewhat in the second quarter to lead 16-5 at the break.

But after the sluggish start, the Lady Tigers came out of the locker room with more focus to start the third period.

Snyder opened the second half with an 11-0 run, taking advantage of their chances at the free-throw line, and scoring on the inside.

Fort Stockton didn't break into double digits on the scoreboard until the 5:32 mark of the fourth quarter. But the Lady Prowlers managed to score 18 points in the final five minutes of the game, thanks to 11 Snyder turnovers.

"We committed some turnovers that never should have happened, but we were getting a lot of girls some experience on the floor, and those things will happen with young ball players," Tipton said. "Overall, we accomplished what we wanted. We wanted to be 3-0, and the girls played well enough to make sure that happened."

Kameron Kallemeyn shouldered much of the load for the Lady Tigers, pouring in 13 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

Fort Stockton struggled to find room offensively against Snyder's zone defense. Junior Ashley Delce blocked seven shots on the night, contributing to the Prowlers' 12-percent shooting performance.

The victory sets up a showdown for first place Tuesday when the Lady Tigers host Sweetwater at 6 p.m.

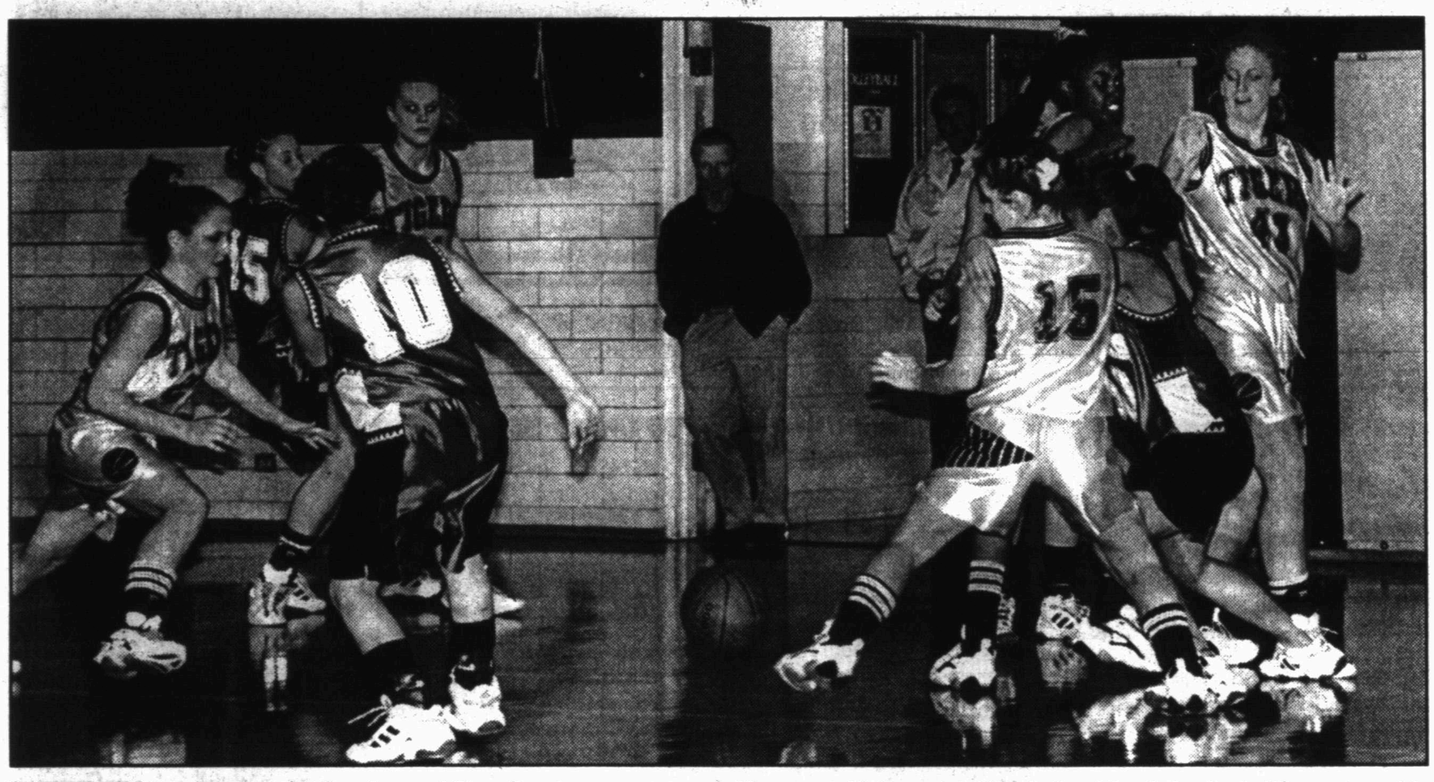
In Friday's other district action, Sweetwater knocked off Lake View, 53-33, and Big Spring toppled Andrews, 64-46.

Ft. Stockton	01	04	04	18	— 27
Snyder	06	10	13	18	— 44

Fort Stockton
Primera 2 5-6 10, Gonzalez 1 1-5 3, Munoz 0 2-2 2, Valeriano 2 1-4 6, Gonzales 2 0-0 4, Quintela 0 1-2 1, Cavness 0 1-2 1. **Totals 7 11-21 27.**

Snyder
Kallemeyn 2 9-14 13, Voss 5 0-2 10, Eicke 2 0-0 6, Murray 1 0-1 3, Delce 1 5-8 7, Daniell 1 0-0 2, Schwertner 1 0-1 2, Robinson 0 1-2 1, Bane 0 0-3 0. **Totals 13 15-31 44.**

Three-point goals: Fort Stockton 2 (Primera, Valeriano), Snyder 3 (Eicke 2, Murray). Rebounds: Fort Stockton 41 (Munoz 6), Snyder 42 (Kallemeyn 10). Total fouls: Fort Stockton 23, Snyder 18. Fouled out — Quintela.



THERE IT IS — Players for Snyder and Fort Stockton try to get to a loose ball during their match-up Friday night at the SHS gym. Snyder's T'Leah Eicke (left), Cameron Mackey (15) and Kameron Kallemeyn (43) helped lead the Lady Tigers to a 44-27 victory over the Prowlers. The win improves Snyder to 3-0 in district play. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ira cagers split with Sands in 18-A action

ACKERLY — In the third quarter of their game Friday night, the Sands Mustangs made a small run at the Ira Bulldogs.

Then in the fourth quarter, the Bulldogs made them pay.

The Bulldogs poured in 33 points in the final period Friday to post an 81-55 victory over Sands, while the Ira girls suffered a 56-38 setback to the Lady Mustangs.

The Ira boys improve to 20-2 on the season and 3-0 in district play, heading into Tuesday night's showdown with Borden County at Bulldog gym.

"We haven't beat Borden County in a while, in any sport," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "So our guys are looking forward to this opportunity. Borden's a good team, but our guys believe they can beat anybody. We're playing with a lot of confidence."

In Friday's contest, Ira opened up a 40-22 halftime lead, before Sands trimmed the deficit to only 10 points in the third period.

But after scoring only eight points in the third, the Bulldogs registered 33 in the final frame to pull away. Jerek Brown and Logan Daves led the fourth-quarter charge. Brown dropped in 13 points in the eight-minute span, with Daves adding 11.

Daves and Brown finished the night with 24 points apiece, while Richard Wilkins drained 10. Nathan Smith notched nine points, with Drew Wall and Jase Olvera putting four each. Jenson Gainer, Bryce Wilkins and Terry Jamison tallied two points apiece.

In the girls' match-up, Ira got off to a slow start, but rebounded in the second period.

After trailing, 17-7, in the first quarter, the Lady Bulldogs rallied over the next eight minutes to trail, 27-24, at halftime.

But Sands made another run in the third period, outscoring Ira, 21-10, for a 48-34 tally heading into the fourth.

Korby Calley paced the Lady Bulldogs with nine points, while Morgan Clements and Jamie Goolsby added seven apiece. Celeigh Sterling dropped in six points, with Tara Allen accounting for five. Michelle Nettles tallied two points, and Kristen Harless and Mikanna Herring chipped in one apiece.

Both Ira squads will be back on the floor Tuesday when they host Borden County. The Lady Bulldogs tip off at 6:30, with the boys' game starting at 8 o'clock.

Young squads set for AFC tilt

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indianapolis tight end Ken Dilger, at 27 years old, will be the oldest starter on offense when the Colts play host to the Tennessee Titans on Sunday at the RCA Dome.

No, there's not a lot of experience in this matchup of two teams with six losses between them.

The Colts have 13 wins and the Titans 14, the extra win being the "Music City Miracle," that 22-16 wild-card victory over Buffalo decided by Kevin Dyson's kickoff return after taking a lateral from Frank Wycheck.

"This is a time when our veterans have to step up," said Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, one of many stars on both sides in their first playoff season.

"It will be a learning experience for us and the only way to learn is to go out there and play and experience it."

The problem for the Colts is that those veterans are primarily on defense. Not only that, but Cornelius Bennett, who's played in five Super Bowls with the Bills and Falcons, will miss this game with a knee injury.

The Titans are a little more experienced.

They have eight players back from the Houston Oilers team of 1993, the last time the itinerant franchise made the playoffs. And they have nine more who had postseason experience with other teams.

And, of course, they all played last week.

The most experienced Titans player is one of the most experienced in NFL history — 38-year-old guard Bruce Matthews, who this season set an NFL career record for games by an offensive lineman with 264. He has 11 playoff starts, including last week, more than any player on either team but Bennett, who has played in 20 postseason games.

But a lot of players on both teams don't think that matters much given their big-game college experience.

The Titans start two rookies on the defensive line — Jevon Kearse, the former Florida star who was defensive rookie of the year and an All-Pro and John Thornton, their second-round draft choice.

"Jevon played for a national championship every year," said Thornton, who played at West Virginia. "We have a whole lot of guys that come from winning programs in college."

The Colts, meanwhile, have a small group of veterans left from the 1995 and '96 playoff teams, including Dilger, defensive linemen Bernard Whittington and Ellis Johnson, and safety Jason Belser. The other starters in the secondary also have playoff experience — Jeff Burris with Buffalo and Tyrone Poole and Chad Cota with Carolina.

That seems to make Sunday's game a wash in terms of experience, or lack of it. That doesn't make it very different from the rest of this weekend's four games in the Super Bowl countdown.

"I read in the paper where there's not much fan interest because the Denvers and the Dallases and the 49ers and teams like that are not playing now, but I'm not sure that's right," Indianapolis coach Jim Mora said. "We have fans. Tennessee has fans. The Rams have fans. People want these teams to win, too. So I think it's good. I think it's great.

Mora himself has some playoff experience, all of it bad — he was 0-4 in 10 seasons in New Orleans.

"That makes no difference," Mora says. "I'd feel the same way about this game if I was 4-0. This is one you want to win for the team."

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Central Division				
Indiana	24	11	.686	—
Detroit	20	15	.571	4
Toronto	20	16	.556	4½
Milwaukee	20	17	.541	5
Charlotte	18	16	.529	5½
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Atlanta	13	21	.382	10½
Chicago	5	28	.152	18
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Midwest Division				
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San Antonio	24	14	.632	1
Minnesota	18	15	.545	4½
Denver	17	18	.486	6½
Dallas	11	24	.314	12½
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L.A. Lakers	31	6	.838	—
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Indiana 111, L.A. Lakers 102
Detroit 105, Washington 98
Atlanta 89, Chicago 83
Miami 92, Denver 87
Cleveland 82, Vancouver 80
Seattle 91, San Antonio 85
Portland 105, Phoenix 83

Saturday's Games
Detroit at Washington, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at New York, 8 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Utah, 9 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Miami at Vancouver, 3 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

National Hockey League

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlantic Division							
New Jersey	26	13	5	3	60	137	111
Philadelphia	25	12	6	1	57	134	97
Pittsburgh	18	21	3	5	44	185	125
N.Y. Rangers	14	20	7	3	38	103	117
N.Y. Islanders	10	26	6	0	26	91	137
Northeast Division							
Toronto	26	15	4	3	59	135	109
Ottawa	23	14	6	2	54	120	106
Buffalo	17	21	6	1	41	114	122
Boston	14	19	11	2	41	111	124
Montreal	14	24	5	1	34	94	112
Southeast Division							
Florida	25	14	3	3	56	135	102
Washington	17	17	7	1	42	106	109
Carolina	17	19	8	0	42	111	120
Tampa Bay	11	24	6	4	32	115	147
Atlanta	11	27	4	3	29	93	151
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
St. Louis	27	12	6	0	60	137	96
Detroit	27	13	4	1	59	155	112
Chicago	15	23	6	2	38	127	137
Nashville	15	24	5	3	38	115	133
Northwest Division							
Colorado	22	17	5	1	50	127	115
Edmonton	14	19	11	6	45	112	118
Calgary	19	19	5	1	44	98	121
Vancouver	14	20	8	4	40	109	126
Pacific Division							
Phoenix	23	15	5	0	51	134	116
Dallas	22	17	5	2	51	105	100
San Jose	20	21	5	3	48	126	118
Los Angeles	18	17	7	2	45	128	122
Anaheim	19	20	5	1	44	107	111

Overtime losses count as a loss and a tie.

Thursday's Games
Buffalo 0, Boston 0, tie
Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Islanders 2
Chicago 5, Detroit 3
Vancouver 4, Nashville 3, OT
Colorado 4, Pittsburgh 3
St. Louis 3, Los Angeles 2

Friday's Games
Montreal 2, Buffalo 1
Washington 3, New Jersey 2, OT
Atlanta 1, Philadelphia 0
Florida 5, Carolina 1
Toronto 3, Edmonton 2, OT
Anaheim 3, St. Louis 1

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
Boston at Montreal, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Calgary, 7 p.m.
Florida at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Colorado, 8:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Ottawa at Washington, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at N.Y. Rangers, 1:30 p.m.
Detroit at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

NFL Playoffs

All Times EST

Divisional Games
Saturday, Jan. 15
Miami at Jacksonville, 12:35 p.m. (CBS)
Washington at Tampa Bay, 4:15 p.m. (FOX)

Sunday, Jan. 16
Minnesota at St. Louis, 12:35 p.m. (FOX)
Tennessee at Indianapolis, 4:05 p.m. (CBS)

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 23
AFC championship, TBA (CBS)
NFC championship, TBA (FOX)

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 30
at Atlanta, 6:18 p.m. (ABC)

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 6
at Honolulu (ABC)

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Accounting II Intro ACNT 1304
Introduction to Accounting II

The class is scheduled for MWF 11:00-11:50 a.m.

This class is a continuation of ACNT 1303 Introduction to Accounting I. The accounting concepts learned in the first semester course are applied to accounting for receivables and payables, accruals and deferrals, merchandise inventory, and plant assets. Basic accounting procedures and principles for partnerships and corporations are introduced. Student must have had some accounting or accounting experience before taking this class since this is an advanced class. If the scheduled time is a problem, contact instructor for a possible solution. For more information, contact

Joann Snider, 573-8511, ext.217.

ACNT 1313 Computer
Accounting Applications

Scheduled time is: MWF 9:00-9:50 a.m.

This is a splendid class for students who want to learn to do accounting on the computer. All accounting procedures will be performed on the computer. Some areas covered include journalizing and posting, financial statements, payroll, and inventory control. Students will also learn how to convert a manual accounting system to a computerized system.

The CA-Simply Accounting for Windows program will be used in this class. Techniques learned, however, can be used in any accounting program. Some accounting knowledge is required before taking this class. If the scheduled time is a problem, contact instructor for a possible solution. If student has access to a computer, many assignments may be completed outside the classroom. For more information, contact Joann Snider, 573-8511, ext. 217

BUSI 1309 Business Machines

Scheduled time is: TTH 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

Students will learn to operate the ten-key adding machine by touch. Speed drills and business applications will be mastered using both the ten-key calculator and the computer. For more information, contact Tammy Wesson, 573-8511, ext. 241.

OFAD 1311 Keyboarding/Typing I

Scheduled time is: TTH 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. M 3:30-6:20 p.m.

This course will be for beginning typists or those that cannot key 35 words per minute with five or fewer errors. This class is very useful for any student that will be using the computer as the class will be taught on computers using Microsoft Word 2000. Students do not need previous computer experience to take this class. For more information, contact Joann Snider, 573-8511, ext. 217.

OFAD 1312 Keyboarding/Typing II

Scheduled time is: MWF 10:00-10:50 a.m.

This course is designed for those who want to further their keyboarding skills, document development, and speed. Computers using Microsoft Word 2000 will be used to complete assignments. OFAD 1311, Keyboarding I, or the equivalent is a prerequisite for this course. For more information, contact Tammy Wesson, 573-8511, ext. 241.

OFAD 2301 Electronic Keyboarding

Scheduled time is: TTH 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Students who have completed OFAD 1311, OFAD 1312, POFI 1301, and POFI 2301 can advance their skills in desktop publishing, presentations, graphics, spreadsheets, converting file formats, databases, merging, embedding and linking, and increasing speed in this course. Microsoft Office 2000 will be used. Students should contact Tammy Wesson, 573-8511, ext. 241, for more information.

OFAD 2312 Office Procedures

Scheduled time is: TTH 1:00-2:15 p.m.

This course emphasizes all aspects of running an office. Topics covered are: telephone etiquette, filing rules, grammar and punctuation rules, computer maintenance, public relations, document creation and distribution, creating presentations using computerized equipment, research and organization of reports, travel and conference planning, financial and legal procedures, and employment and career advancement. Keyboarding and computer skills are necessary. For more information, contact Tammy Wesson, 573-8511, ext. 241.

POFI 1301 Computer Applications I

Scheduled times are: W - 6:30-9:20 p.m. OR MWF - 11:00-11:50 a.m.

This course is designed for those who need beginning skills and basic knowledge of computers. Hands-on applications in Windows '98, Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint (Version 2000), and Internet Basics will be included. For more information, contact Tammy Wesson, 573-8511, ext. 241.

POFI 1341 Web Page
Class (Computer Applications II)

The class will meet W - 3:30-6:20 p.m. Lab TBA This class will include a study of current computer terminology and technology. Advanced skill development in computer hardware, software applications, and procedures will be presented. Web page design using Front Page software will be emphasized along with incorporating scanner and digital camera technologies. For more information, contact Tammy Wesson, 573-8511, ext. 241.

POFI 2301 Word Processing

The class will meet: MWF 12:00-12:50 p.m. and M 6:30-9:20 p.m. Labs TBA.

Hands-on experience on microcomputers using Microsoft Word 2000 for Windows software. Designed to teach all types of business word processing applications as well as word processing functions and procedures from simple to complex. Student must be able to key and should have some computer knowledge. This is an excellent class for those that wish to brush up on office skills and get more computer skills. If you already know some about Word, this is a wonderful class that will present many advanced functions and many shortcuts. All new equipment in classroom are OFAD 1312 and POFI 1301 or the equivalent. For more information, contact Joann Snider, 573-8511, ext. 217.

POFI 2331 PowerPoint
and Desktop Publishing

The class is scheduled for: MW 2:20 p.m.-3:35 p.m. This is a hands-on application computer class with emphasis on presentations using Microsoft Power Point 2000 from simple to complex in PowerPoint and advanced desktop publishing applications using Microsoft Word 2000 for Windows. Students must have had OFAD 1312, POFI 1301, and POFI 2301 or the equivalent of these classes before taking this class. If you are interested only in taking Power Point 2000, simple to complex (this is not just an introduction to Power Point), this is possible by contacting the instructor, Joann Snider, 5738511, ext. 217.

Fired pilot gets $10 million jury award

DALLAS (AP) — An American Airlines pilot who was fired after refusing to fly during a 1996 ice storm has been awarded $10 million by a jury.

Michael LaGrotte, a pilot for 10 years at American Eagle, was awarded the money Wednesday in a lawsuit contending he was fired for turning around his turboprop plane in a storm.

LaGrotte's attorney, Mike Cook, said the pilot made an attempt to fly from Dallas to Houston but returned to the airport because he thought conditions were unsafe. He was asked to try again and refused.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Doctors must take symptoms seriously

DEAR DR. GOTT: In response to your column in which you deride a doctor for prescribing a tranquilizer to a patient whose "pain was all in her head," I offer this personal anecdote:

My mother went to a doctor, at age 43, because of memory loss and headache. He examined her, failed to test her, and prescribed a tranquilizer because her symptoms were "all in her head." Two months later, my mother died of a malignant brain tumor.

DEAR READER: This sad experience proves my point. Pain should not be attributed to emotional causes until a reasonable search for a physical basis has been undertaken. In such instances, a second opinion — rather than a brush-off — is the appropriate policy. No doctor is perfect; we all make mistakes. But, it seems to me, we must always take our patients' symptoms seriously and investigate them thoroughly. Or, if we are unsure, obtain the services of a specialist. In your mother's case, a neurological evaluation and a CT scan would have made a world of difference. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Headaches." 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: Is it customary for hospice nurses to give morphine regularly to a comatose patient, without checking with the attending doctor? My mother died at home from ovarian cancer. The caretaker stopped the supplemental oxygen and gave morphine every 30 minutes, unbeknownst to my mother's doctor. We are grieving and angry. Any red flags here?

DEAR READER: This is, at best, a difficult situation. Apparently, your mother was in the last stages of a frightful disease. The hospice nurse felt an obligation to relieve her suffering. Is this appropriate? Yes. Should the nurse have cleared this with the attending physician? Absolutely. Is she to be criticized for not doing so? Without a doubt.

Having said this, I encourage you to look at the total picture. Since your mother was in a coma, she probably didn't need either the oxygen or the morphine. However, I wasn't at the bedside, so I cannot second-guess the nurse. Perhaps your mother was restless and in discomfort — and needed the medication. More likely, the nurse made the decision to hasten an inevitable death. I can't fault her for this; clearly, your mother's health had severely deteriorated. But, as I said above, I believe that the attending physician should have been informed about your mother's condition and have been given the opportunity to increase the morphine. In the long run, your mother was probably treated appropriately but I would have preferred that the doctor be involved in the vital, end-of-life decisions.

If, after reading this, you remain dissatisfied, discuss your concerns with your mother's doctor. Perhaps he WAS, in fact, involved. If not, there may have been good reason.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I am an intelligent, scientifically oriented, self-taught layman who is well-versed in interpreting medical studies and knowledgeable in scientific matters. Why, then, am I prohibited from ordering blood tests on myself? I want to monitor my PSA for prostate cancer, check myself for sexually transmitted diseases and establish whether I might have a high cholesterol level. I'm willing to pay for these tests.

DEAR READER: Good question.

Up until recently, blood tests had to be ordered by a physician. The reason? Doctors wanted to be in control. There has never been a convincing argument against patients ordering their own tests if they were willing to pay for them. In many ways, this situation is analogous to the previous restrictions about going to court (needed a lawyer), buying stock (needed a broker) or building a house (get an architect).

Now you can, in most circumstances, order your own tests, appear in court, buy stocks and design a house — without involving a professional. Such independence may, of course, be silly, but you have a right to be silly. Unfortunately, some labs and hospitals still insist that all tests be ordered by physicians. I think this approach is kind of dumb. So here is what I do.

When one of my patients expresses an interest in testing that I haven't thought of or believe is irrelevant, I approve it. No big deal. For example, last year a wealthy patient told me that he wanted to have a full body scan for cancer. I tried to convince him that such an approach was truly unnecessary; after all, he was a perfectly normal, 67-year-old male, without significant health issues. However, he persisted and, finally, I caved in. The tests were normal, but he now trusts my judgment and continues to see me.

If you want to have a series of blood tests (and pay for them yourself), so what? I'd order whatever you want. Life is too short to make an issue out of this. In some labs, you could order your own testing without a physician's approval. But I'd feel obligated to cooperate if the hospital or lab accepts only doctors' authorizations. While I realize that such an open system could lead to misuse, I am convinced that each adult has the right to order whatever tests he or she wishes. Color me wimpy, but I choose to absent myself from the many ineffectual power struggles that seem to contaminate today's medical profession.

Now, in defending myself against the avalanche of letters I'll probably receive from outraged physicians, let me conclude by saying this: We doctors are trained and obligated to provide the best care we can to those patients who seek our services. We did not complete our residency training in Power Struggles or How To be Vitally Important. We are not the last word in the lives of our patients, despite the fact that we would like to be. Let's become more flexible as we enter the new century. If patients want an unnecessary lab test, why get all heated up about it? Let's go with the flow and save our carping for the really important issues, such as why the HMOs are trying to emasculate us and whether we are really being paid a suitable wage for helping those truly in need of our services.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A friend of mine (age 70) recently fell and broke her wrist. I think she should be taking calcium supplements; however, another person advised her against this. Who is correct?

DEAR READER: I side with you. Elderly men and women often suffer from osteoporosis. This situation can be aided by taking 1,000-1,500 milligrams of calcium in the diet. Such supplements are enhanced by consuming 500-750 milligrams of vitamin D as well. Although your friend should check first with her physician, I believe that calcium/vitamin D supplements are entirely appropriate. In fact, if your friend already has weak bones, he or she should consider one of the many drugs that are designed to alleviate this condition, such as Miacalcin or Fosamax. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Osteoporosis." 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.

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Products recalled

RACINE, Wis. (AP) — Two new dust-mite control products are being recalled because of reports that the fragrance caused physical reactions in some people.

SC Johnson of Racine said Thursday it was advising retail stores across the country to remove AllerCare Dust Mite Carpet Powder and AllerCare Dust Mite Allergen Spray from store shelves.

Company spokeswoman Cynthia Georgeson said less than 0.5 percent of people who used the products reported problems.

Processors: USDA going too far publicizing meat recalls

WASHINGTON (AP) — Meat processors are criticizing the government for deciding to notify the public of every product recall they do, including those that involve no health risks. But consumer advocates say the publicity could force plants to reduce contamination.

The Agriculture Department now issues news releases only for recalls of meat that may be contaminated and that goes to stores in its original packaging. The packages carry numbers that can be easily checked by consumers.

The agency hasn't been publicizing recalls where there is no health risk — such as when a product has excessive water — or when possibly tainted meat is sold to restaurants or is repackaged by stores. But that will change under a new policy announced Friday.

Processors said the additional publicity is unnecessary and may lead to public apathy about recalls.

"What we're fearful of is that when you really want to send a strong message ... then it isn't heard as well," said Dane Bernard, vice president of the National Food Processors Association.

Last year, USDA issued press releases on 41 of the 62 recalls that took place.

"We've decided that erring on the side of getting more information to consumers is the approach to take," said Margaret Glavin, associate administrator of the department's Food Safety and Inspection Service.

But it will be difficult, if not impossible, for consumers to know whether the recalls that will now be publicized affect them; USDA releases the geographic region affected by the recall, but not the names of stores or restaurants that receive the meat. That's up to the processors to divulge because government regulations consider it proprietary information.

Nevertheless, the new policy "will prevent many of the adulterations that happen now. Everyone is getting more careful," said Carol Tucker Foreman, director of the Consumer Federation of America's Food Policy Institute.

But Bernard said there's no point in publicizing recalls when consumers have no way of telling whether they've bought the meat. Processors don't like to release the names of the stores and restaurants where their products go for competitive reasons, he said.

"You don't always want your competitors to know who your customers are. If you're having trouble, it's a tendency of the sharks in the business world to go to your customers and say we're not having a problem," Bernard said.

Lawyers: Retarded man arrested in anthrax scares

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A man suspected of sending more than a dozen letters to clinics with a gritty substance purporting it to be anthrax is retarded and "extremely simple," his lawyer says.

Micky A. Sauer, 23, of Kenosha was arrested after a letter carrier discovered another suspicious envelope in a street corner mailbox in Kenosha on Thursday.

On Friday morning, FBI agents said they saw Sauer mail a letter in the same box. According to a federal affidavit, the handwriting on the only envelope in the box was similar to that on all the threatening letters, which read: "This is anthrax and you will die."

The envelope was addressed to the Kenosha high school Sauer had attended.

Authorities said none of the 14 envelopes received at various locations in eastern Wisconsin this week contained the deadly livestock disease, which can be transmitted to humans. But in each case, people who came in contact with the envelope were put through decontamination.

Sauer was charged Friday in U.S. District Court with mailing a threatening communication, which carries a penalty of up to 5 years in prison.

Northeast Awards

Fall semester
A Honor Roll

Gabriel Aguilar, Marleah Akins, Cinthia Arellano, Matthew Beal, Monica Benavidez, Briana Bernal, Hollie Berryhill, Taylor Courtney, Sarah Covington, Laura Culwell,

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Stetson Kincheloe, Kade Kruger, Chris Kuliga, Amanda Lawrence, Candace Lee, Staci Lee, Jordan Lester, Casey Long, Keith Manlief, Christina Martinez, Teisha McGlouthin, Chase Medina, Cassie Mhoon, Jeremy Mills, Kazual Moore, Claire Morris,

Adrian Padron, Louisa Pena, Wesley Price, Cody Reed, Judith Rodarte, Nicholas Salazar, Erissa Sanchez, Matthew Schoolcraft, Lindsey Small, Corbin Smith, Adrian Sosa, Tana Sullenger, Ryne Trout, Colton West,

Bryce Westmoreland, John Whitworth, Jessica Yanez, Ricky Sanchez.

East Awards

Fall semester
A Honor Roll

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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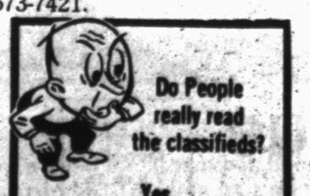
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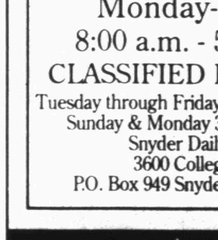
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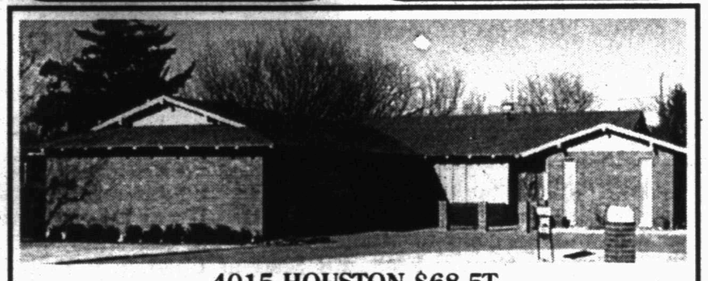
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AND	&	
SUSAN BLOXI CAGLE,	&	SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS
Respondent	&	

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Clerk of the District Court of Scurry County, Texas

By Jessa Tolley, Deputy."

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Learning how to say 'No' turns victims into victors

DEAR ABBY: You receive many letters from people telling you they are taken advantage of — by friends, relatives, neighbors, etc. Why don't these "victims" assert themselves and refuse to do that which makes them uncomfortable?

The people who drop in unannounced, or the out-of-towners who freeload, are not friends. They have their own agendas and don't stop for one second to consider the other person's feelings.

I used to have a close friend until she asked me if she could borrow $50,000. Her request occurred less than three months after my husband was downsized from a corporation after 19 years. The friendship was never the same after I had to refuse.

My formula is simple: Choose people who treat you the way you treat them — with consideration and respect. Perhaps some people say yes too often because they want the whole world to love them, and that's why they end up frustrated and resentful. People need to be stronger and simply speak up and just say no. — **BARBARA IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

DEAR BARBARA: I agree that if people were more assertive, fewer would be taken advantage of. It's impossible for anyone to be loved by everyone — and giving beyond one's means does not guarantee that the giver will receive respect and affection in return.

Classes in assertiveness training are offered by community colleges, community centers and some seniors centers. Books on assertiveness are also available at public libraries and bookstores.

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DEAR ABBY: Because of your well-known compassion for animals, I thought you might be interested in knowing what my twin daughters, Lindy and Barbara Wallace of Moscow, Idaho, did for their 50th birthday last year. They decided to make it a special occasion.

They held their party at a local church and had it catered. A small jazz group provided music.

At their age, they decided they didn't need any more "stuff," so the invitations requested donations to the local Humane Society instead of gifts. Friends brought a mountain of dog food, cat food, pet toys, collars, leashes, pet carriers, etc. And many contributed money for the Humane Society wish list.

The Humane Society, which has a no-kill policy, was delighted — and everyone had a wonderful time. — **BILLYE WALLACE, BUTTE, MONT.**

DEAR BILLYE: Although I have heard from readers describing how they turned their special occasions into benefits for food banks and homeless shelters, yours is the first I have received about a benefit for an animal shelter. It's a clever idea for a worthwhile cause. There's no telling how many imitators you have unleashed.

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DEAR READERS: Today is the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., whose words of wisdom ring as true today as when he uttered them during his acceptance speech for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964:

"Nonviolence is the answer to the crucial political and moral questions of our time: the need for man to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to oppression and violence.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a veteran of World War II. I have a bumper sticker on my vehicle announcing a past reunion of my Army unit. Recently, while shopping, I was approached by an employee of the firm I was in who asked me, "Did you serve, sir?" I replied that I had, indeed, served in WWII. The young man then said, "I would like to thank you, sir, for what you did for our country."

I was stunned. In 55 years, this is the first time I have ever been thanked by a fellow American.

I lost three friends at Normandy, one of whom died at my side. When I look back at the fulfilling life that I have enjoyed in this country that I love, I regard with lasting sorrow the memory of those friends who were denied that opportunity.

The considerate words uttered by that young man meant more to me than I could ever convey to him. In some manner, the pain of remembrance has been made less painful by his kindness.

I returned to visit that young man and gave him my combat medic's badge as a token of my gratitude. — **OSCAR ORTIZ, SAN FRANCISCO**

DEAR OSCAR: Because you chose to write this letter, countless veterans will be able to read that young man's words. Memories fade, but the printed word often outlives the writer. Thank you for sharing that rewarding encounter.

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DEAR ABBY: Please publish the following plea. It may well save lives. As a deputy sheriff in a small county, I am called to the home of a citizen in a remote area at least once each duty day. Very often, I have a difficult time finding the right house because there is no address on the mailbox, or if there is an address, it's only on the side from which the mail delivery comes.

Emergency vehicles will come in from the closest direction. If there is an address, and it's on the side opposite our approach, we can't see it until we pass it — and then we must take our eyes off the road to read it. If it's the one we're looking for, we must then find a safe place to turn around, causing further delay in our arrival.

On behalf of all peace officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel across the nation, I make the following suggestions:

1. Place your address in large numbers in a contrasting color on BOTH sides of your mailbox.

2. Place your address on the house in such a manner as to be easily readable in all light and weather conditions. This is even more important when there are several homes close together.

3. If at all possible, please have someone at the door or in the yard to guide us in.

4. Give the 911 operator a brief description of the house.

Remember, we're trained, equipped and eager to offer the best emergency service, but we can't do a blessed thing until we find you. — **PETER N. SPAGNOLO, DEPUTY SHERIFF, PAYETTE COUNTY, IDAHO**

DEAR DEPUTY SPAGNOLO: Those are excellent suggestions, and I hope they'll be taken to heart. They may prevent a tragedy. Your plea is one I hear at least once a year from emergency personnel.

Readers, please take a moment to see whether your address can be easily read from the street. And if it can't — make it a priority to remedy the problem.

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Thank You

We take this means to express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends for all their kindness in our hour of need. We deeply appreciate the flowers, food prepared, and the kind words. Our special thanks to Rev. Glenda Johnson and Bro. Rex Reynolds for all their support. God bless you all.

THE FAMILY OF FRANK NACHLINGER
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Words can never express our love and appreciation to everyone during the loss of our loved one David Lunsford. Even though we knew the way the had touched our lives, it was evident to us at his service just how many lives he did touch.

The flowers, food, cards, visits, phone calls, all the many expressions of love just overwhelmed us.

A special thank you to Dr. Marty Akins, Charlie Reynolds and everyone that had a part in David's service.

He was a wonderful husband, dad, son, brother and friend. May God bless each of you, and hold you in His care.

THE FAMILY OF DAVID LUNSFORD

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THANK YOU

We wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one for the beautiful floral offerings, the abundance of food, every kindness and helpfulness during the illness and bereavement of the loss of our loved one. May God's richest blessings be yours.

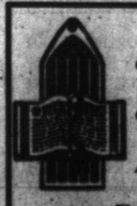
The Family of Wayne Buchanan

We want to thank everyone who shared their love during the loss of our loved one. Special thanks to Dr. Cooper who was so good to Mother for several years. Many thanks to the Snyder EMS, ER Staff at Cogdell & Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home. Thank you Brother Howard Jernigan and Chuck Sammons for sharing in that love. She was our "Best Friend", Mother, Grandmother and Great - Grandmother.

Sincere Thanks from The Family of Lura Chambers
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All the Grand & Great-Grandchildren

The Family of Billy Pylant

Wishes to express its sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to our many friends, neighbors and family for your kindness, thoughtfulness and most of all your prayers during this time of our great loss of our beloved Billy. We deeply appreciate the kind words and beautiful flowers that were sent and the food that was prepared. We want to especially express our thanks to Perry Westmoreland and the Snyder EMS, Dr. Odal and the Cogdell ER staff, Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home and Mark Cypert, Bro. Tommy Culwell, Bro. Miller Robinson, Friendly Flowers, Colonial Hfill Baptist Church and the Fluvanna Community. Thank you and May God Bless each of you.



We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the cards, flowers, food and loving kindness shown by our many friends during the illness and death of our loved one. We want to thank the Doctors and Cogdell Nursing staff, as well as the Ladies Auxiliary for their care and devotion shown during both our illnesses. Our appreciation goes out to Bro. Miller Robinson for the beautiful service and to Bell-Cypert-Seale for being so helpful. May God bless all of you.

The Family of Raymond Kellner

Letterman expected to make full recovery from surgery

NEW YORK (AP) — David Letterman has a "very good" chance to return to full health following his emergency quintuple bypass, but will likely need six to eight weeks of recuperating at home, doctors say.

Letterman, 52, underwent surgery on Friday after a test found one of his arteries was seriously blocked.

Dr. O. Wayne Isom, who performed the procedure at New York Presbyterian Hospital, said it went smoothly and predicted a rapid recovery.

He called Letterman's outlook "very good" and said the "Late Show" host "has the heart muscle of a 20-year-old."

Letterman had submitted to an angiogram because of what he said was high cholesterol and a history of heart disease in his family. The test, during which a flexible tube is inserted into an artery and dye is injected, revealed the problem.

Letterman's personal physician, Dr. Louis J. Aronne, and his cardiologist, Dr. Martin Post, said it was too early to determine how long recovery would take.

Dr. Amarkanth Saxena, a cardiothoracic surgeon at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Paterson, N.J., said if there are no complicating factors, Letterman should be hospitalized for three or four days before a home recuperation of six to eight weeks.

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Abortion, gay scouts on court's agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court is adding two explosive cases to an already high-profile term, agreeing to decide whether states can ban a procedure opponents call "partial birth abortion" and whether the Boy Scouts can exclude homosexuals.

The justices announced Friday they will hear arguments in the two cases this spring; decisions are expected by July.

The abortion case could yield the court's most important ruling on the issue since it reaffirmed women's constitutional right to abortion in 1992.

The justices will review a Nebraska law that made it a crime for doctors to perform the controversial procedure. A federal appeals court struck down the law as unconstitutional.

"A constitutional crisis is calling out for a remedy," said abortion-rights advocate Janet Benshoof of the Center for Reproductive Law & Policy. "What's at issue is whether a woman's interest in her health can be trumped by a state legislature's moral and political statement about a fetus."

But Nebraska Gov. Mike Johanns said, "I feel strongly that states should have the right to legislate in the area of partial-birth abortion. It's a barbaric procedure that I hope is brought to an end."

Although the current controversy involves a specific procedure, abortion-rights activists contend far more may be at stake. They say the court's decision could broadly safeguard — or dramatically erode — abortion rights, depending on what state legislatures are allowed to consider when passing laws to regulate abortions.

The procedure involves partially extracting a fetus, legs first, through the birth canal, cutting the skull and draining its contents.

Grandmother willing to come to Miami to retrieve grandson

HAVANA (AP) — The grandmother of Elian Gonzalez said she is willing to go to Miami to bring the six-year-old boy home to Cuba, while Fidel Castro's point man on U.S. relations expressed impatience at Washington's failure to enforce a repatriation order.

In a massive demonstration demanding Elian's return, tens of thousands of Cuban women — hundreds visibly pregnant and others carrying small children — marched along Havana's seaside boulevard on Friday to the U.S. mission, waving Cuban flags and chanting "Bring back our son!"

Elian's young stepmother, Nelsy, flanked by his two grandmothers, was at the head of the "March of the Combatant Mothers," pushing his half-brother in a stroller. Cuban authorities estimated that 100,000 women participated in the march.

The protest marked a return to the larger demonstrations of early December, when hundreds of thousands of people rallied in some of Cuba's biggest gatherings since the triumph of the revolution that brought President Castro to power 41 years ago.

Elian, the boy at the center of the international dispute, was found clinging to an inner tube Nov. 25 off the coast of Florida after his mother, stepfather and others died in a failed attempt to reach U.S. shores. He has been staying with relatives in Miami who do not want to send him back to Cuba.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service had ruled that Elian must be returned to his father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, and set Friday as the deadline for his repatriation to Cuba.

But this week, Attorney General Janet Reno lifted the deadline to give Elian's relatives in Miami a chance to fight in federal court to keep the boy with them.

Ricardo Alarcon, president of the National Assembly and Castro's point man on U.S.-Cuban relations, told The Associated Press that Cuban authorities are frustrated by Reno's failure to set a new deadline and the INS's failure to enforce its decision.

"No enforcement action was ever announced by the INS."

Lorber services set Monday

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He had a brilliance of intellect and charming personality, uniquely coupled to an iron will that drove projects and enterprises to success.

"Most important of all was the family man aspect of his life which can best be attested to by his loving family, who, like all of us, will miss him dearly," said Gruener.

Born in Kosice, Czechoslovakia, Lorber faced adversity at an early age as his father was forced into a German labor camp, never to be seen again by the 11-year-old Arnold.

Only a youngster, he secretly provided food and supplies to the Jewish community of Bratslava, staying just a few steps ahead of the German troops.

Mr. Lorber and his family eventually moved to Venezuela and founded a textile business.

After selling that company, he moved to California and entered the construction and real estate business. He later re-entered the textile business.

He had been recognized many times over the years by his peers in the business.

He has received many honors over the years, including being honored for his work on the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum.

At a press conference in Snyder on Sept. 22, 1995, Mr. Lorber said it had always been his life-long dream to have a spinning mill.

Currently, the Lorber plan employs some 75 people in Snyder's industrial park.

Mr. Lorber is survived by his wife, Anita, and sons, Tom and Greg, and daughter, Andrea.

Memorials may be made to the Arnold Lorber Memorial Scholarship Fund at Western Texas College.

FBC sets Liberated Wailing Wall

The "Liberated Wailing Wall" will be presented in concert at 7 p.m. Thursday at the First Baptist Church. This traveling group of musicians is a branch of Jews for Jesus and uses a variety of instruments to achieve its characteristic sound, including piano, guitar, violin, and dunbek (Middle Eastern drum).

There will be no admission charge: a free offering will be taken for those who wish to contribute to the ministry of Jews for Jesus

The "Liberated Wailing Wall" has recorded a total of 10 albums. This program will consist of music, drama, testimony, and ethnic costuming.

'Odd Couple' auditions set next week at Western Texas College

Western Texas College's drama department will present *The Odd Couple*, a comedy by Neil Simon, in February and March.

Auditions for the eight roles, two women and six men, are planned Tuesday and Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre.

Everyone will read from the script.

Evening rehearsals will begin Thursday. Not all actors will need to attend every rehearsal, so Helen Cogan, director, will be able to work around other commitments until the technical and dress rehearsals.

Anyone who cannot make the audition dates in acting or helping with this production or the spring production, call her at 573-8511, ext. 395; or Julie Sentell at 573-8511, ext. 234.

Performance dates for Odd Couple will be Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25-26, and Friday and Saturday, March 3-4.

Five jailed Friday, early Saturday

Five subjects were taken into custody Friday and early Saturday, including two on felony warrants.

Officers arrested Jamie Martinez, 17, of 2011 Avenue N at 9:31 a.m. Friday at the Adult Probation Office on a warrant for felony motion to revoke probation.

At 10:33 a.m. Friday, officers took a 19-year-old male into custody in the 2800 block of Avenue J on Municipal Court warrants for public intoxication and failure to appear.

Deputies took 44-year-old male Felipe Reyes Gutierrez of 2010 Mill Street in Snyder into custody at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the district court. He was picked up on warrant for felony possession of a controlled substance.

A 27-year-old male was arrested at 7:59 p.m. in the 300 block of 25th Street on warrants for public intoxication and failure to appear.

Department of Public Safety troopers took a 36-year-old male into custody for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated at 12:53 a.m. Saturday. He was arrested at 37th Street and Avenue O.

In other activity Friday, Linda Treadway, 426 Alamo Drive, notified deputies at 8:42 a.m. of the theft of a toolbox. An offense report for Class B theft was filed.

At 9 a.m. Friday, an offense report for Class A theft was submitted at Western Rent to Own in reference to the theft of furniture.

At 11:03 p.m. Friday, Billy Duck requested a deputy at 8113 CR 4114 Hermleigh in reference to a subject in a pickup pulling up into his yard and destroying the mailbox with a baseball bat.

Obituaries

William McCright

1913-2000

ABILENE – William Aubrey McCright, the uncle of Fran Arbuckle of Snyder, died Thursday, Jan. 13, in Mesa Springs Nursing Center.

Funeral service for Mr. McCright, 86, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Woodlawn Church of Christ where he served as an elder for 34 years. Burial will follow in the Elmwood Memorial Park with arrangements under the direction of Elliot-Hamil Funeral Home.

Born May 24, 1913 in Wise County, he attended the Royston schools in Fisher County. He married Terresa Mae Neeley on Feb. 2, 1933 in Roby. She preceded him in death.

Mr. McCright was a retired mechanic and moved to Abilene from Sweetwater in 1958.

He also was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Iva McCright; a son, Archie McCright; and a grandson, Carroll Maurice McCright; one brother; and two sisters.

Survivors include a son, Wendell McCright of Houston; two brothers, Charlie McCright of Clyde and Jim McCright of Rotan; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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Edna Mae Addison

Funeral service is pending at Bell-Cypert Seale Funeral Home for Edna Mae Addison.

She died Saturday, Jan. 15, at University Medical Center.

She is survived by her husband, C.W. Addision of Snyder.

Hospital

AMISSIONS: Jan. 14-Christina Arnold, Lee Gill, Louisa Martinez, Michael Upton, Michael Alaniz, Manuel Garcia and Rick Reyes.

DISMISSALS: Forrest Beavers, Dona Womble, Anna Davis, Leticia Gallegos, Gina Henderson, Joe League and George Schoolcraft.

CENSUS: 49 (Med./Surg.-24, Long-term Care-23, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

Births

T.J. and Carla Whetsel of Amarillo, formerly of Snyder and Ira, announce the birth of their daughter, Lesli Nicole, at 2:19 a.m. on Jan. 9 in Northwest Medical Center in Amarillo.

Her maternal grandparents are Carl and Debbie Smith of Ira and an uncle, Nathan; and paternal grandparents are Troy Whetsel of Bell Buckle, Tenn., and Elbert and Duchess Klein of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Clements of Ira and Jackie Smith of Santa Anna.

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Todd and RexAnne Clark of Hermleigh announce the birth of their second daughter, Katherine Gale Clark. Katherine, sister of Jessica Clark, was born at 9:40 a.m. on Jan. 5 in Abilene Regional Medical Center. She weighed seven pounds and one-fourth ounce.

Paternal grandparents are Chester and Brenda Clark of Snyder and maternal grandparents are Rev. Rex and Kathy Reynolds of Hermleigh.

Hot checks

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initially the same way.

"We send out a letter giving the check writer 10 days to come in and pay restitution and applicable fees," Hartman said. "If they don't do that within 10 days, I will make a determination whether or not to issue a warrant for their arrest."

Hartman's office offers the free collection service to local merchants. "If they are interested in taking advantage, they can come in to the office and pick up an information packet."

Sara Cole has been hired as a clerk to work in Hartman's office to help offset the workload.

"It is my intent to be an effective tool for local businesses in processing worthless checks," Hartman said.

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ONGOINGS

Evening of praise

East Side Church of Christ, 201 31st Street, will present an Evening of Praise with Ken Young and Hallal Music at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Assembly of God revival

First Assembly of God Church, 1809 College Avenue, will host a revival starting Sunday. The Rev. Jerry Wilkerson is the evangelist. Sunday services are at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Weekday services through Thursday are at 7 p.m. For more information call 573-3316.

Jeremiah People

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will present Jeremiah People, America's premier Christian musical theatre group, at 7 p.m. Monday. The public is invited.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The Second Coming," followed by "Getting to Know God's People and Praise."

AARP meeting cancelled

Monday's AARP meeting has been cancelled due to the closing of the Senior Center for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Parkinson's Disease support group

The regular monthly meeting of the Parkinson's Disease community support group will be held from 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Amateur radio operators

Snyder area radio operators will conduct its weekly check in/ragchew net at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. This net will operate on frequency 146.920 with PL tone 67. All licensed amateurs are welcome to check in. For more information call Mike @ KM5TC (573-2222), or David @ KC5GFM (573-8182).

Diabetes support group

The Diabetes support group will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Cogdell Hospital cafeteria.

Historical Commission to meet

The Scurry County Historical Commission will meet at noon Thursday for a dutch treat lunch at The Shack.

Liberated Wailing Wall

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Relay for life rally

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WTC dance

The Western Texas College Intramural Department will host a fundraiser dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, in the National Guard Armory. The dance will feature DJ Danny Gonzales of Post. Admission is $8 a couple and $5 for singles. WTC students with a valid college ID will be admitted free.

Ira yearbooks

Ira 2000 Bulldog annuals are on sale through Wednesday, Jan. 26. Cost is $26 with name on cover or $22 without name.

Ira school pictures

Spring portraits and friendship pictures will be taken at Ira on Wednesday, Jan. 26. Each student will be photographed. Class group pictures also will be taken for grades K-12.

Calvary Baptist 50th anniversary

Calvary Baptist Church will observe its 50th anniversary on Sunday, Jan. 30. Former pastors and staff will speak at the 9:45 a.m. service. Former pastor Glenn Border will speak at 10:50 a.m. A reunion from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. will be held in the fellowship hall.

Windbreak trees

Windbreak trees are available from the Soil and Water Conservation District, 5308 Big Spring Hwy. Deadline for orders is Jan. 31.

WTC driver education

Registration for driver education at Western Texas College continues for the Jan. 24 class. The class will end on Feb. 22 and the cost is $300. Call 573-8511, ext. 229 to reserve a spot in the class.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m., and from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D. and E.S.L. refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ASC Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Texas million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
36-79-80-92
(thirty-six, seventy-nine, eighty, ninety-two)

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-9-0
(nine, nine, zero)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
12-20-22-29-39

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Jan. 16, 2000
In the year ahead, try to run your affairs strictly on your own. By depending on others, success could elude you. Conversely, self-sufficiency in your lifestyle will yield accomplishments.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Provided what you do today is done with regard for others with whom you're associated, being your own person and doing things your way is not without merit. Selfishness breeds contempt. Capricorn, 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.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Being magnanimous is very generous. When its offered to someone who lacks appreciation, however, it could be anything but a pleasant experience for you today.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You'll end up disliking yourself for being naive, if you allow someone who you realize knows how to manipulate you pull off something shrewd on you once again today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't do or say anything today that could tarnish the reputation of another. Although you might at first believe it would be an accomplishment, it'll turn against you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There is no other reason why your day should end on a sour note today, except for being your own fault of listening to negative types whose thinking caps aren't on straight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) No matter how hard you try today, if you run into a self-seeking individual who is impossible to please, nothing you do will turn him or her around. Don't frustrate yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It would be a huge mistake today to rely upon the performance of another to help accomplish your aims. The chances of anyone coming through for you are slim or none.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) All your efforts could be for naught today concerning a group activity you volunteered to plan. Perhaps it would be better not to offer your time to do so in the first place.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't allow yourself to be goaded into discussing someone else's problems at a social function today. If you make it public, your public could label you disloyal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Try to limit any disappointments to a quiet grumble today. Open hostility, even when you were betrayed or let down, could ruin everyone's day and you'll be held accountable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Plans to go out on the town could be usurped by responsibilities that pop up from out of the blue today. Chalk it up to one of those days and do what you have to do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Hanging around with those who can spend as freely as they like might cause you to blame your less affluent position on everybody but yourself. Why cause yourself such unpleasantness?

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Monday, Jan. 17, 2000
Although it might not be accomplished immediately, the possibilities for strengthening your material position looks quite encouraging in the year ahead. Keep plugging.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Nothing will be handed to you on a silver platter, so don't start assuming so today. Your earning potential is good, but you must be fully prepared to work for things. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn 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.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Normally you enjoy being around large groups of people, but today if one contains some persons who make you feel uncomfortable, you could feel ill at ease with all.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There's a possibility today that you could go to a lot of trouble to achieve something, only to discover after you get it, it really wasn't worth it. Define your objectives well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't let anybody who has a surly disposition push you around at this time or spoil your day. Hang onto your upbeat attitude all day long.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Even if your financial picture looks a little bleak for getting through this week, don't make it a fait accompli. Spend time today analyzing your affairs to see where you can cut corners.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In order to work well with others, you must first be both philosophical and cooperative. Guard against any inclinations you might get at the onset of the day to satisfy self-interests.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Should you have to suffer some inconveniences imposed upon you by companions today, you won't be unduly frustrated if you let your compassionate instincts prevail in your outlook.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You can achieve things in dealings with others today by employing tact and diplomacy instead of flexing your muscles or raising your voice. Nice guys will finish at the top.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't attempt to meet devious tactics practiced by some in the same manner today. If you operate within the high standards you establish for yourself, only then will success be likely.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There's a strong chance your deception will be quickly recognized if you pretend today to be knowledgeable about something you're not. Associates will think more of you if you're honest.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) It will be wise today to wait until you're able to gratify a desire for something you want if you truly can afford to spend the funds to purchase it now. Be patient.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Normally you can shoot from the hip with no ill effects. Today, however, others could find you a bit too domineering and assertive without meaning to do so. Be conscious of your actions.

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The basic monetary unit of Saudi Arabia is the riyal, and the chief fractional unit is halala.

Trump promises 'serious bid'

PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Tycoon Donald Trump is telling Reform Party leaders he would become a "very serious candidate" for the presidency if they would nominate him for president.

Under the elegant roof of his $100,000-per-member resort here, two-thirds of the 170 party members present raised their hands Friday night when Trump asked who among them would support his White House bid.

"We've come really from being a very successful businessman to being a very serious candidate," Trump told the crowd.

He told reporters earlier he would make an announcement in mid-February, and that the event would likely take place in New York City's Trump Tower.

From a podium in the pillared Gold and White Ballroom, Trump reached out to supporters of party founder Ross Perot, who were left out of his event last week with the leader of an opposing faction, Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura.

"I'm very proud to be in the party of Ross Perot and Jesse Ventura," Trump said. The crowd applauded and cheered.

Perot's right-hand man, former national chairman Russell Verney, said he welcomed Trump into the race.

"This is him reaching out to all parts of the Reform Party, and that's good," Verney said. He acknowledged it's in the party's interest to encourage a race between two marquee names — Trump's and conservative columnist Pat Buchanan's — because it would build the Reform Party's base and keep it in the headlines.

Even a rich candidate "can reach out to the disaffected voter unaffiliated with any party and inspire them to get back involved in politics," Verney said.

But some in the crowd greeted Trump with skeptical questions rather than open arms, probing whether his interest in the race is an interest in the Reform Party, or in his own future.

One woman pressed him on whether he would attend the Florida Reform Party's convention next weekend in Tampa. Trump said he's "looking at that very seriously."

Another asked whether, if the presidential nomination went to someone else, he would still contribute money to the Reform Party to help build it. He hedged, saying he could not support it if it nominates Buchanan, for example.

"If I agreed with an opponent and the views of an opponent who got the nomination, I would absolutely support" the party, Trump said.

"I am focused on making a good decision regarding whether or not I should seek the Reform Party presidential nomination," Trump said in a statement Thursday, a day before he flew some of the party's leaders to Florida aboard his plush Boeing 727.

For their part, Reform Party members said they were eager to meet with the wealthy developer.

"At first I couldn't imagine him being our president," said Miriam Lancaster, 84, of Orlando. "But if he can run our country the way he's run his business, we'll be out of debt in no time."

Koch president says layoffs necessary

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — One of the country's largest oil pipeline operators plans layoffs this year to stay competitive in the wake of mega-mergers in the oil industry, the company's president told workers in a memo released Friday.

The memo was dated Jan. 7, days before the company agreed to pay $35 million in penalties for leaking 3 million gallons of oil into lakes and streams in six states. Thursday's settlement was the biggest civil fine levied under the Clean Water Act.

News of layoffs also comes as Koch celebrates its 60th anniversary this week.

The environmental penalties were the latest in a series of problems for Koch.

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Relay For Life...

Torch Energy first corporate sponsor

Torch Energy Marketing, Inc. is the first Scurry County business to become a corporate sponsor of the local Year 2000 Relay For Life slated in April.

The donation will help the Scurry County Unit of the American Cancer Society to plan the event.

A rally to organize the 2000 Relay For Life will be held in the Snyder High School Student Center at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. Businesses or individuals wishing to become corporate sponsors, register a team for Relay For Life, participate as a cancer survivor or recognize someone during the evening luminaria ceremony, are encouraged to attend the rally.

Scurry County runners and walkers will go around the clock in the battle against cancer during the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, Friday and Saturday, April 28-29.

Teams of walking and running enthusiasts from all walks of life will gather at the high school track to show their support in the fight against cancer. Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's community-oriented event where participants walk or run around the track relay style for 24 hours. When they aren't taking their turn on the track, team members camp out around the track and take part in a variety of fun activities.



Teams from companies, organizations and families collect contributions.

"Relay For Life is as much an awareness raiser about progress against cancer as it is a fund raiser," said Bonnie Hodge, Relay For Life publicity committee member. "Many of the participants will be recovering cancer patients themselves. Their involvement is proof of the progress that has been made not only in cancer cure rates, but in the quality of life following cancer treatment.

"The funds raised will enable us to continue our services to cancer patients and their families, to offer more educational or risk reduction programs, and to expand cancer research programs. In Scurry County last year, 47 cancer patients received services or help through the American Cancer Society," Hodge said.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by presenting cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

Last year, Scurry County participants raised $19,300. By getting an early start and with complete community support the unit plans to surpass that amount this year.

The Relay For Life is a community event and all ages are welcome and encouraged to participate. Youth teams are especially encouraged to participate, helping to make this a family-oriented event as well as fun helping those who cannot help themselves.

Anyone wishing to participate who has not been contacted or will be unable to attend the Rally on Thursday may contact Bonnie Hodge at 573-8285. Leave a message and she or another committee member will contact the caller.



ACS DONATION — Torch Energy Marketing Inc. supervisor Mike Post presented Bonnie Hodge, left, with a donation to the American Cancer Society. Other Torch employees include Tommy Wright, Pam Collom, Alton Patterson and Barbara Ashby. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Five from Snyder get ASU degrees

SAN ANGELO — Five Snyder students at Angelo State University were among 298 students to receive degrees during the fall semester.

Christopher B. Garcia received a bachelor of business administration, with a major in management. Jason Paul Greene received a bachelor of science, with a major in kinesiology.

Sandra J. Hall received a master of arts, with a major in English and Bradley D. Hart received a bachelor of science, with a major in kinesiology.

Jennifer Trevey Stewart received a bachelor of science, with a major in early childhood.

Commander jokes

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The commander of the next space shuttle mission jokingly told a German astronaut "Rommel would have been proud of you" after he drove an armored personnel carrier during training.

Kevin Kregel made the remark about the Nazi general Wednesday on a vacant launch pad at Kennedy Space Center where crew members were practicing shuttle escape maneuvers. Part of their training includes driving a M-113 armored personnel carrier away from the launch pad.

Black holes, big and small, are common

ATLANTA (AP) — Black holes are more common than once believed, say astronomers who have found them drifting through space or at the core of previously unseen distant galaxies.

An X-ray telescope launched in June has answered a decades-old question about the source of X-rays that bathe the entire universe, while at the same time discovering galaxies that are thought to harbor massive black holes.

Two possible black holes wandering alone were found by another group of researchers. These black holes were detected because their immense gravity bent light from distant stars, causing an apparent brightening.

Researchers gave reports on the findings Thursday at the national meeting of the American Astronomical Society.

Richard Mushotzky of the Goddard Spaceflight Center said the Chandra X-ray Observatory found galaxies that are unseen in visible light but very bright in X-rays.

Mushotzky and his team said a survey of a small slice of the sky suggests that there could be 100 million galaxies shining in X-rays that could be the source of a universal X-ray glow that was discovered in 1962 and has puzzled astronomers since.

"We now know what is making that X-ray background," said Amy Barger, a University of Hawaii astronomer and a member of the Chandra team.

About a third of the X-ray sources are galaxies that do not shine in visible light, but the bright X-ray emissions suggest that they harbor massive black holes at their center.

Another group of X-ray sources are "ultra-faint galaxies" that may be over 14 billion light-years away. These may be the most distant objects ever detected. Dust and distance block visible light from these galaxies, the astronomers said.

Black holes are objects so massive that their gravitational force prevents the escape of anything, even light. Since they emit no light, they are black and invisible.

However, gas and dust are heated to high temperatures as they spiral at high speeds into the center of black holes. This, in turn, triggers powerful emissions of X-rays and light. These emissions can be detected, although the black hole itself is unseen.

"The most luminous black holes are ones that consume about one solar mass (mass equal to one sun) a year," said Mushotzky.

Super massive black holes at the center of galaxies may have the mass of hundreds of suns.

Another type of black hole is created when large stars collapse in on themselves. These are called stellar black holes and have only several times the mass of the sun.

Two possible stellar black holes have been discovered by a group of astronomers searching for stars that brighten suddenly due to what is called a lensing event.

A lensing event occurs when a massive object passes between observers on Earth and a distant star. Light from the star is bent and magnified as it passes by the object. As a result, the distant star appears to brighten.

David Bennett of the University of Notre Dame said a team searching for lensing events has found more than 300 and at least two of them may have been caused by drifting, unseen black holes.

The fact that two out 300 lensing events can be linked to black holes suggests, he said, that stellar black holes are not rare.

"These results suggest that black holes are common and that many massive, but normal, stars may end their lives as black holes," said Bennett.

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DELTA KAPPA GAMMA MEETS — Members of Delta Kappa Gamma heard a program on Walk Across Texas and the wellness program in Snyder ISD at their Monday meeting at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Pictured from left are Patsy Williams, Jamie Hall, both hostesses, and Angel Duncan, school nurse. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Angel Duncan speaks to DKG on school's wellness program

Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met for its regular monthly meeting Jan. 10 at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Helen Mock presided with 25 members present.

Jamie Hall, program chairman, introduced Angel Duncan, school nurse for the Snyder ISD. Duncan talked about Walk Across Texas, a major feature of the district's wellness program that encourages wellness by providing a structured program of walking with incentives for meeting goals. An imaginary 1,000-mile route across Texas is mapped out and posted on each campus.

District employees who wish to participate join a team of three to five people with a chairman of each team to collect and report the number of miles the team walks.

Rewards such as T-shirts, coupons and drink koozies are presented as milestones are reached. In addition to Walk Across Texas, other features of the district's wellness program were discussed including newsletters, flu shots, health screening and gym membership subsidies.

Ralphene Cannon opened the meeting with a meditation, a story about a man who planted acorns as an investment in the future.

President Mock presented to the membership two recommendations from the executive committee. 1.) In order to facilitate carrying out the chapter's business, that dates of meetings be changed from the second Monday to the fourth Monday. Also, adding an August meeting and meeting once rather than twice during the November-December and April-May time periods. This would result in eight meetings per year rather than nine. 2.) to suspend the rules this year to allow the chapter to hear recommendations for new members and vote on them in the same meeting rather than in succeeding meetings. The membership accepted both recommendations.

The meeting was closed by singing "Create Tomorrow," by Maribeth Vestal.

Hostesses were Patsy Williams, Carolyn Limmer, Carolyn Derouen, Jamie Hall and Dixie Haggard.

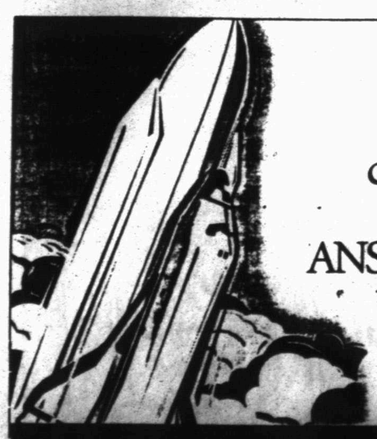
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♥ A K
♦ J 9
♣ J 7 6

West
♠ A 8
♥ Q J 9 6 3
♦ 7 3
♣ 9 8 4 2

East
♠ Q 10 3
♥ 8 7
♦ A 8 6 5 2
♣ Q 5 3

South
♠ 9 2
♥ 10 5 4 2
♦ K Q 10 4
♣ A K 10

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
1 NT	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
3 NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 6

The biggest masterpoint holder

The last player in my personal selection of experts is Paul Soloway. Living near Seattle, he helps his longtime girlfriend, Pamela, to raise and show Bouvier des Flandres dogs. However, he also plays a lot of bridge and has been so successful that he has more masterpoints than anyone in the known universe.

Soloway learned to play while at college, having been encouraged by his parents. After graduating, he worked for six months, but in 1966, became a bridge pro. His first big break came in 1971, when he joined The Aces, partnering Bob Hamman. Yet Soloway stayed with the team fewer than two years.

Soloway has an unusual record in that he has won the Bermuda Bowl three times with three different partners: in '76 with Ira Rubin, in '77 with John Swanson, and in '79 with Bobby Goldman. This third partnership lasted almost 20 years, but now Soloway has come full circle, playing with Hamman on the team including Jeff Meckstroth-Eric Rodwell and Nick Nickell-Dick Freeman.

Soloway is a sound rather than spectacular player. This deal is from the final of the '77 Bermuda Bowl. Down at one point by 81, his team rallied to win by 30.

At both tables, South opened one heart using four-card majors, and ended in three no-trump. Both Wests led a low heart. Hamman sneaked a diamond past East, then played a spade to dummy's king. He drove out the diamond ace, later took the club finesse, and had nine tricks.

Against Soloway, South called for dummy's diamond jack at trick two. Making no mistake, Soloway won immediately with the ace and returned his remaining heart: one down.

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Bridge Scores

Jane Hinton directed Duplicate Bridge Club at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday

Jan. 7

1. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Maribeth Vestal.
3. Tizzy Hall, Jane Hinton.
4. Mippie Brownlee, Margaret Presswood.

Tuesday

Jan. 11

1. Dorothy Rosson, Louise Thompson.
2. Jane Hinton, Nina Nesbit
3. Mippy Brownlee, Shirley Stewart.

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An ostrich at the Hanover Zoo bent a quarter-inch iron bar into a right angle with a single kick.

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Lyons, Lomax married

Tiffany Nicole Lyons of Snyder and Wayland Kyle Lomax of Ira exchanged wedding vows in a 10:30 a.m., Oct. 16, ceremony in the gazebo at the home of Loraine Dennis.

Tony Wofford, pastor of Word Is Life Deliverance Church, officiated the double-ring vows.

The bride's parents are Roger Lyons and Rickey and Tori Thompson, all of Snyder.

The groom's parents are Gene and Nancy Lomax, of Ira.

The redwood gazebo was draped with white tulle and accented with large white tulle and satin bows. The aisle to the gazebo was lined with white wooden hearts draped with white tulle and accented with pink mums. White mums were also used to accent the gazebo, and the surrounding areas were decorated with a mixture of pink and white mums.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father to the traditional wedding march. Nicole selected a gown by Alyce featuring a wide scoop neckline and spaghetti straps. A layer of white silk chiffon covered the entire gown and was accented with a garden array of daisies.

Each petite flower was dotted with a tiny seed pearl and a crystal sequin.Trails of cascading crystal bugle beads connected each flower. The back of her romantic gown featured a V-back and criss-crossing satin cording to create a stunning effect.

Satin slippers accented with lace and pearls covered her feet and a white new veil streamed down her back attached to a pearl covered comb worn in her

Parishioners hear some strage sounds

MILWAUKEE (AP) — It's not the voice parishioners want to hear.

Services at St. Hyacinth's Catholic Church have been interrupted during the past two months by static and conversation — some of it profane — that they suspect comes from a citizens band radio picked up by the church sound system.

At times, "it has gotten so bad that Father has to turn off the loudspeaker system and shout," said organist Carol Herbert.

Some worshippers who stayed for silent prayer at the end of Mass on Dec. 26 reported hearing a male voice over the sound system.

"I can't tell you those words," Herbert said. "Conversation like that should not be said in any kind of context."

During a service that same Sunday, the interference was of another type.

"Right after the homily there was this horrendous noise. Father said, 'I hope that wasn't a commentary on my sermon.'" said parishioner Donna Szczerbiak.

Herbert has tried to track down the source of the noises, but it's unclear whether the problem has been solved. Rep. Gerald Kleczka, D-Wis. said a Federal Communications Commission investigation is pending.

"With a situation where there is profane language coming into a church during worship, there is reason to be concerned," he said.



Mrs. Wayland Kyle Lomax
(Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Al-Anon, Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

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

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

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

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 5 p.m.

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

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

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

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

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m. p.m.

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HERNANDEZ-MARTIN MARRY — Eddie Hernandez and Marcia Martin were married at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, at the courthouse gazebo. Leandro Gonzales of Big Spring officiated. Marcia's parents are Steve and Sherry Long of Wichita Falls and Eddie's parents are Philip and Lena Hernandez of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings



Odd-sized ironing board covers

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: My mom has an old ironing board that flips up to form a square or down to form a triangle at one end, and she can't find covers for it any more. Do you know where we could find a cover for this ironing board? — **BRENDA ALLEN, Tabernacle, N.J.**

DEAR BRENDA: We have a source for all ironing board covers. There's a company called Material Things in Manchester Center, Vt. It's a cottage industry that has been in business for 16 years. They use designer quilted Waverly fabric to make the covers, which are washable, Scotchguarded and have nylon drawstrings.

Here's the scoop on custom-made covers: Tape two or three pieces of newspaper together and then trace around the outside of the board onto the newspaper. Send the pattern (don't add anything for the seam). Be sure to say if you want floral, striped or plaid fabric and what color(s) you prefer. Anne Pivirotto, the proprietress of the business, says the cost is $18-$20 and postage is about $3.20.

For those of you with a standard-size ironing board (54 inches), a cover is $18; a table-top model size fits four-legged boards that sit on tables or counter tops and is $8; the wall size (44 inches) fits wall models or the boards that convert to stools now popular at Country folk shows. The wall model is $12. For more information, write to: Material Things, 541 New Ireland Rd., Manchester Ctr., VT 05255-9420.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I am writing to see if you know where I can purchase real dotted Swiss curtains or material. Years ago in the 50's I had beautiful dotted Swiss curtains (criss cross) in my dining room with wide ruffles. They were beautiful and I would like to have some for my bedroom now. Can you help? — **MABLE MARKLAND, Galesburg, Ill.**

DEAR MABLE: The only source we know of for dotted Swiss fabric is Frank's Bargain Center in Claremont, N.H. They don't always have dotted Swiss in stock, but if you call or write to them they can unearth it. It's all-cotton, 60 inches wide and sells for $5.00 a yard. It may take up to a month to find it, but Frank always comes through. To order, call Frank's Bargain Center at (603) 542-2218 or write to them at P.O. Box 514, Claremont, NH 03743.

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"Friendship With God: An Uncommon Dialogue," by Neale Walsch.

"Islands of Hope: Lessons from North America's Great Wildlife Sanctuaries," by Phillip Manning.

"I Closed My Eyes: Revelations of a Battered Woman," by Michele Weldon.

"The Sword and the Shield: The Mitrokhin Archive and the Secret History of the KGB," by Christopher Andrew.

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"The Night Visitor: A Shaman Mystery," by James Doss.

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School Menus

Ira Menu

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Monday
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Pinto Beans
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Tuesday
Sloppy Joes
Chips
Pork & Beans
Peaches

Wednesday
Beef Patties w/Brown Gravy
Creamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Bread
Cake

Thursday
Pattie Melts
Carrots
Corn
Cookies

Snyder Menu

All meals are served with choice of milk and the breakfast menu offers a choice of assorted dry cereal, toast w/jelly and juice.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Holiday

Tuesday
Biscuit w/Jelly

Wednesday
Waffles w/Syrup

Thursday
Scrambled Eggs

Friday
Oatmeal w/Brown Sugar

LUNCH

Tuesday
Hot Dog on a Bun or
Oven Fried Chicken w/Roll
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Apple Crisp

Wednesday
Pizza or
Chef Salad
Spinach
Potato Puffs
Cookie

Thursday
Burrito or
Frito Pie w/Corn Bread
Seasoned Corn
Tossed Salad
Peach Cobbler

Friday
Corn Dog or
Toasted Cheese Sandwich
w/Vegetable Beef Soup
Ranch Beans
Oven Fries
Gingerbread

Hermleigh Menu

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Juice
French Toast Sticks

Tuesday
Fruit
Cheese Toast

Wednesday
Juice
Buttered Grits
Toast

Thursday
Fruit
Buttered Rice
Toast

Friday
Student Holiday

LUNCH

Monday
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
English Peas
Hot Biscuits
Cardinal Cake

Tuesday
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Tossed Salad
Soft Bread Sticks
Apricot Cobbler

Wednesday
Smothered Steak
Parsley Potatoes
Hot Rolls
Chilled Peaches

Thursday
Sausage Pizza
Buttered Corn
Shredded Lettuce
Fruit Jell-O

Fund-raiser set for MAWC

A fish fry at the Martha Ann Woman's Club will held at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 11.

Tickets are $8 per plate, $4 for child under six years old, and may be purchased by calling the woman's club at 573-3427, Jan Harrell at 573-6443 or Francene Noah at 573-6717. Tickets will be delivered.

Sandra Brace, caterer, will fry the fish. The menu will also include potato salad, cole slaw, red beans, hush puppies, relish tray, cobbler, tea and coffee.

MAWC Cookbooks are being sold for $15.

The fourth Wednesday game day and luncheon will be held Jan. 26 and reservations are due on Jan. 25.

Christmas trees put to good use

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — It's Christmas all over again for some fortunate fish.

Conservation officials are ringing Canyon Ferry Lake with used Christmas trees to benefit perch. The unwanted trees help the fish by offering needed vegetation to spawn and also provide hiding places, said Dave Yerk, a state fisheries technician.

"We suspect that with this reservoir being 50 years old, most of the original vegetation is probably gone," Yerk said.

Officials plan to haul 20 tons of trees to the lake, east of Helena. In all, that should amount to about 10,000 trees lining the banks.



Vonnie and Jean Black
(Digital Photography by Tom Gonzales)

Vonnie and Jean Black will celebrate 50th anniversary with come and go reception

Vonnie and Jean Black were married on Jan. 14, 1950. Their daughters have planned a come and go reception in their honor Saturday, Jan. 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Ave. D. Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 324 30th Street.

Vicki Black Johnson of Big Spring and Pam Black Johnson of Howe will host the event. Mr. and Mrs. Black's sons-in-law are Will Johnson of Big Spring and Jim Johnson of Howe.

Their grandchildren are, Tracy Thurman of Lawton, Okla., Brady and Charmaine Johnson of Harrisburg, Pa., Hilary and Glenn Griffin of New Braunfels, Tasha Johnson of San Marcos and Ryan Johnson of Howe.

Their great-grandchildren are Tanner, Brianna and Chloe Thurman of Lawton and Kailey Johnson of Harrisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Black met in 1948 at Haney Drug Store in Roscoe.

Thinking he was "thuggy" with his hair bleached blonde, Jean didn't want anything to do with "this macho football player from Sweetwater," according to family members.

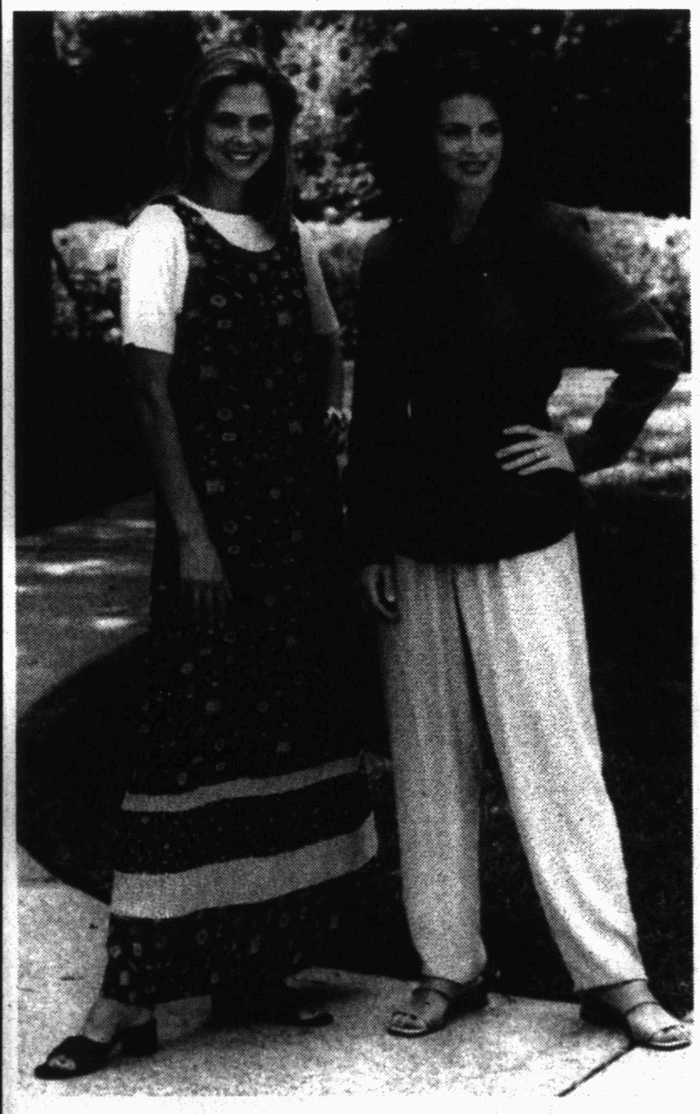
But, Vonnie would not take "no" for an answer. It didn't take him long to prove how suave and gallant he could be. He took Jean for his bride on Jan. 14, 1950.

Living in Snyder since 1960, Vonnie retired in July of 1996, after 44 years in the oil field, and Jean owned and operated the Snootie Fox for 20 years before retiring in October, 1995.

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Charles and Darla Carter, 1999 Chevrolet van from Big Country Autoland.

Clint and Sharon Harmon, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Gary Strum, 1999 GMC Yukon from Big Country Autoland.

Harold Hester, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Oscar and Julie Gereda, 2000 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Casey Shaun Prather and Melanie Dawn Prichard, both of Snyder.

Eddie Guzman Hernandez and Marcia Ann Martin, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

BankAmerica Housing Services, a division of Bank of America, vs. Martin and Lora Garcia, suit on contract.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Bobby Jean Hataway Jr. and Debbie Ruth Hataway, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Alison Elaine McCarter and Shane Alan McCarter, divorce granted.

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Wallace H. and Barbara E. Jones to Sandra Barboza, Lot 8 in Block C of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Ector Barboza to Sandra Barboza, Lot 8, Block C of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Billy Jean Boren, independent executrix of the estate of Hugh Boren Jr., to Hugh Boren III, Lea Ann Boren, Hilty and Lia Dean Boren Ethridge, tract one being all the southwest one-quarter and all the west one-half of the southeast one-quarter of Section 5, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being the east 48 feet of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 11 of the Original Town of Snyder; tract three being Lots 1-10 in Block 1 of the Hatcher's Subdivision of Block 8 of the Cody Addition; tract four being the east 100 feet of Lot 1 in Block 11 of the Original Town of Snyder; tract five being the north 115 feet of Lot 21 in Bock 52 of the Blankenship Addition; tract six being the middle of Lot 1 in Block 3 of the Blankenship Addition; tract seven being an 0.885-acre tract out of the middle of the northwest one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract eight being the middle out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Lana G. Peterson to Brian S. Peterson, Lot 7 in Block D of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Weldon L. and Bennie Mae Halford to Ricky D. Williams, dba Williams Wood Shop, Lot 1-7 and 17-20 in Block 17 and Lots 6-20 in Block 16 of the Bootheland West Addition.

Ralph E. Evans to Mary Evans Nobles, the west 100 feet of Lot 2 in Block 6 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Michael L. Seal to Robbie Lee Nolan and Lisa A. Johnson, the east one-half of Lot 3 in Block 24 of the Blankenship Addition.

Jimmy Don Lloyd to Loyd Nichols, Lots 5 and 6 in Block 15 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Loyd Nichols to Jimmy Don Lloyd, Lots 12 and 13 in Blocks 39 and 40 of the Cody Heights Addition.

J.D. and Clara Schulze Coleman to Douglas G. and Belinda Foster, tract one being 2.0 acres out of Section 41, Block Y, T&P survey; tract two being 10 acres in Section 41, Block Y, T&P survey.

Nancy Anderson, independent executrix of the estate of S.W. Suther, to Barbara McGee, Lot 16 in Block 2 of the Davis Subdivision of Block 71, Grayum and Nelson Second Addition.

Lucy Fletcher Woolsey to Felix R. and Ninfa Martinez, the west one-half of Lot 4 in Block 29 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

Jonelle Kight and Morris Light, Successor Trustees of the Trust of Jonelle Kight and Morris Light, to Jonelle Kight and Morris Light, tract one being 333.26 acres out of Surveys 2 and 3, Block O, J.B. Scarborough survey; tract two being 224.5 acres out of the south part of the W.H. Cowan Survey No. 2, Block C, Abstract 517; tract three being 320 acres in the south one-half of Section 243, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract four being 255.5 acres in the northeast part of Section 242, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract five being 1.784-acre tract in Section 242, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Jonell Kight and Morris Light to Morris Light, tract one being 333.26 acres out of Surveys 2 and 3, Block O, J.B. Scarborough survey; tract two being 224.5 acres out of the south part of the W.H. Cowan Survey No. 2, Block C, Abstract 517; tract three being a 10-acre out of the northeast part of Section 242, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Jonell Kight and Morris Light to Jonell Kight, tract one being 320 acres in the south one-half of Section 243, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract two being 243 acres in the northeast part of Section 242, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract three being 1.784-acre tract in Section 242, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Swartz and Brough inc. to Roy Torres and Rachel Luna Rivera, Lots 5-8 in Block 24 of the Replat of the Belmont Park Heights Addition.

Opal Alene McMahan Davidson to Stephen C. McMahan and David Robert McMahan, Lot 10, Block 4 of the Parkway Addition.

Travis E. Brackeen to Alton L. Barfoot, tract one being the southwest one-quarter of Section 149, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract two being all of Block 121, Original Town of Hermleigh.

Roy Lee and Sandra Louise Beasley to Angel Gomez, a tract out of the southwest one-quarter of Section 180, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Jeffrey Martin to Ty and Mindy Wills, tract one being the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being a tract out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Fernando and Mary F. Romero to Danny Simpson and Kevin Simpson, 110.116 acres out of the southwest one-quarter of Section 196, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Permian Communications Inc. and C.W. Overhulser and Anne Overhulser to Permian Comm Inc., tract one being 1.0 acre out of the northeast one-quarter of Section 209, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being 35.63 acres out of Section 119, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Joe R. and Nicole Fox Beaver to Rinehart Farms Partnership, 306.60 acres in Section 215, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Robert W. Prozeller to Travis E. and Patsy G. Brackeen, Lots 1-7, 16, 18, 21 and 23-24, all in Block 36 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

Laurie H. Grinslade to Dewey Grinslade, Lot 23 in Block F of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Laurie H. Grinslade to Dewey Keith Grinslade, Lot 2 in Block E of the Towle Place Addition.

Laurie H. Grinslade to Dewey Keith Grinslade, the south 75 feet of Lot 3 and the north one-half of Lot 4, both in Block 8 of the Blankenship Addition.

Dewey Grinslade to Laurie H. Grinslade, a tract in Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Dewey Grinslade to Laurie H. Grinslade, Lot 7 in Block 1 of the North Towle Addition.

Dewey Grinslade to Laurie H. Grinslade, the north 50 feet of Lot 4 and the south 10 feet of the west one-half of Lot 3, Block 10 Blankenship Addition.

Dewey Grinslade to Laurie H. Grinslade, Lot 25 in Block 3 of the Parkway Addition.

Dewey Grinslade to Laurie H. Grinslade, Lot 12 in Block 3 of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Roberta Taylor to Danny Fenton, tract one being the west one-half of the northwest one-quarter of Section 154, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being the east one-half of the northwest one-quarter of Section 154, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being the west 100 acres of the east 200 acres of the south one-half of Section 154, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Alton L. Barfoot to K.W. Brackeen, tract one being the northwest one-quarter of Section 149, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract two being all of Block 121 of the Original Town of Hermleigh.

Hoyt and Marie Dillard to Jesse P. and Caron S. Perkins, Lot 5 in Block B of the Highland Park Addition.

L. and Stella Valadez to Juan Silvas, Lot 10 in Block 1 of the Parkway Addition, Section 1.

Archer Daniels Midland Company to Jean Sharp, Lot 3 in Block 43 of the Town of Hermleigh.

Jean Sharp to Andrew P. and Carmen D. Cameron, Lots 1-5 and the east 5 feet of Lot 6, all in Block 43 of the Town of Hermleigh.

Donnie H. Dunn and Dirk R. Dunn to Robert and Pam Holden, 2.5 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 119, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Alison Elaine McCarter to Shane Alan McCarter, Lot 1 in Block 3 of the North Towle Addition.

Joshelyn Helm on Cisco Dean's List

Joshelyn A. Helm of Hermleigh, a student at Cisco Junior College, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of 1999.

The Dean's List includes students earning a 3.5 or better grade point average on a 4.0 system.

ASU announces fall Dean's List

SAN ANGELO — Area students attending Angelo State University are listed on the Dean's List for the fall semester.

Those listed include Emily A. Hardy, journalism major from Ira.

Those from Snyder include Cela Ashby, a business-international option major; Robbie D'Ann Braziel, a math and science major; Laura N. Collins, math and science major; Andrea C. Corkran, psychology major; Laura Gonzales, business major; E'Lissa Goolsby, mathematics major; Jason Paul Greene, kinesiology major.

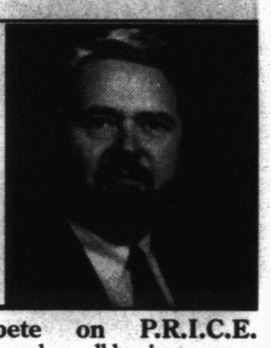
Also Scott A. Hall, business-management information systems option major; Ana M. Hernandez, marketing major; Keri D. Kemp, early childhood major; Lila Beth King, business major; Nicol Mazarova, accounting major; Joseph D. Medley, computer science major; Lacey Elaine Parker, early childhood major; Stacey Marie Parker, early childhood major; and Jennifer Trevey Stewart, early childhood major.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full-time student and must have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

The basic unit of the monetary unit of European Union is the euro, and its chief fractional unit is in the cent.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



New Business Strategy: Compete on P.R.I.C.E.

I've changed my mind. For years I've warned small-business owners against trying to compete on price. I now believe that competing on P.R.I.C.E. is a great way to stay ahead of your competitors.

Yes, I know it's confusing. However, let me explain my new understanding of P.R.I.C.E. First of all, it doesn't stand for the monetary value you place on the products and services you sell. The new P.R.I.C.E. that I want you to compete on is an acronym. It stands for Product quality, Rapid response, Integrity, Customer service, and Extra value.

Now competing on P.R.I.C.E. takes on a whole new meaning. We're talking about a balance, five-faceted approach to achieving business success. Let's take a longer look at these competitive strategies.

P.R.I.C.E. Strategies

Product quality. It doesn't matter if you're selling apples or advertising services, zebras or zygomatic research the product or service must be good.

Quality is the measure of excellence attributed to any goods or services. The higher the quality the more flexibility you have in your price.

It is true that not everyone wants the highest quality all the time. Nor are customers always willing to pay the highest price. However, if you work hard to deliver high quality at a reasonable price you will improve your odds of success.

Rapid response. Never in history has any nation become addicted to "quick" as much as we in America have. We want it now, and we want it right.

Customers all seem to have this in common: They are time challenged and patience impaired. I suffer from this, too.

Recently we purchased a new faster, smarter, tougher computer. We were excited when the Holstein colored boxes arrived. But alas, the new computer was not the one we ordered. "No problem," we say to ourselves. This is the company with a reputation for "rapid response." After several phone calls and more than an hour on hold, we were told they'd get back to us with instructions on how to return the "wrong" computer and when the "right" one would ship.

It took 38 days to receive the right computer (we still don't have the correct software). We may keep the wrong computer and just not return it for a couple of years. After all we never promised a rapid response.

Integrity. Honesty, truth, ethics and kept promises are all signs of integrity. The result of integrity is trust. People do business with those they trust.

Trust is difficult to build, but easy to destroy. A lifetime of honesty can be destroyed by a single act.

Build your reputation painstakingly. Guard it carefully. When this life is over you'll have no regrets.

Customer service. One of Sam Walton's 10 rules for building a business was: "Exceed your customer's expectations."

Carl Sewell, a highly successful, Dallas-based automobile dealer, believes in providing service. He estimates that his average customer is worth lifetime sales of more than $330,000.

While your customers may not generate that level of sales in their lifetimes, they are still the only reason your business exists. Customers are still good for business.

Extra value. One of my favorite places to eat is a hamburger place where the owner knows my name. He also knows my family and my wife's personal weakness for blackberry cobbler with ice cream.

Once in awhile, a piping hot dish of "cobbler and cream" finds its way to our table unexpectedly. Just a way the owner has of adding a little extra value.

Loyalty is built with quality, rapid and friendly service, integrity and extra value. It brings a whole new meaning to competing on price doesn't it?

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.



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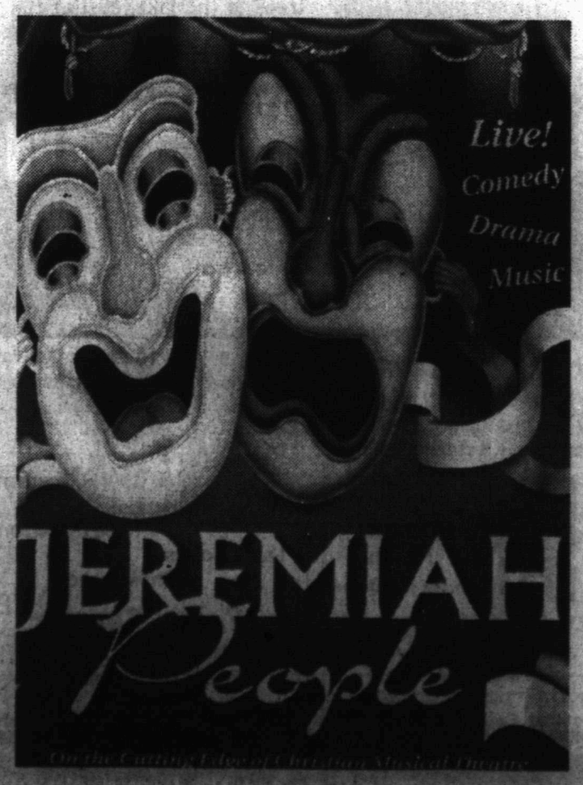
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Satellite business sale marks end of Hughes' eccentric era

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Howard Hughes' behemoth Spruce Goose was long ago taken apart and hauled away and his private airstrip is being turned into a planned community.

Now the last of the eccentric billionaire's legacy of flight will be absorbed by an aerospace giant: Hughes Electronics Corp. announced a $3.75 billion deal Thursday to sell its satellite manufacturing business and related operations to the Boeing Co.

Hughes will be free to focus on potentially more lucrative ventures in satellite-to-home TV, wireless Internet and other commercial ventures — none of which are directly involved in the making of flying machines once the obsession of the lanky Texas oil-industry heir.

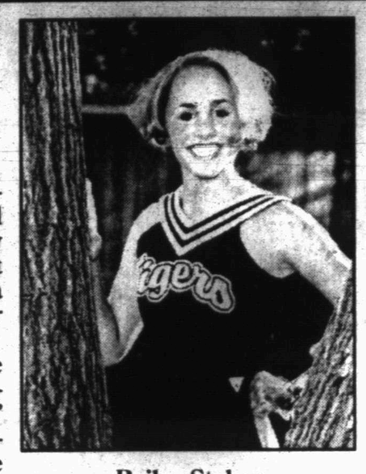
"This is the last vestige of aerospace within the company," said Michael T. Smith, chairman and CEO of Hughes Electronics. "But I think if you go back and look at Howard Hughes' original roots, he was in the entertainment business."

The sale further blurs the aerospace lineage of Southern California, where names like Douglas, Lockheed, Martin, McDonnell, Northrop, Ryan and Hughes were once identified with dynamic individuals but now are fading into a fog of corporate hyphenations.

It also makes Boeing a dominant player in the commercial satellite industry, now led by Hughes with about 40 percent of the market. Hughes has a backlog of 36 satellites on order worth an estimated $4 billion.

In addition to Hughes' space and communications unit, Boeing is also acquiring Hughes' Electron Dynamics and Spectrolab, which make satellite components. The three businesses have a combined work force of about 9,000 employees, primarily in Southern California.

Jim Albaugh, president of Boeing's space and communications unit, said only small number of jobs may be eliminated.



Bailey Stoker

Bailey Stoker in 'Who's Who'

Bailey Stoker has been selected for "Who's Who Among American High School Students" and appears in the 1998-1999 edition.

Only five percent of all high school students receive this award, which is based on scholarship, extracurricular activities, and community service.

Bailey, a Snyder High School sophomore, is the daughter of Don and Roxanne Stoker. Her grandparents are Richard and Rhylene Stoker of Snyder, Doug and Mickey Bachus of Rockport, and the late Lovie Bachus.

Local named to A&M-Commerce fall Deans' List

COMMERCE — Texas A&M University-Commerce has announced its President's Honor Roll and Deans' List for the 1999 fall semester.

Mendy Michelle Winter of Snyder has been named to the Deans' List.

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In a nine-inning game against the Chicago White Sox in 1949, the St. Louis Browns used nine different pitchers.

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The basic monetary unit of El Salvador is the colon, and its chief fraction unit is the centavo.

Q & A

Codeine cough syrup use rising

(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.)

Codeine cough syrup abuse rising

Doctors and pharmacists should be aware of scams to obtain codeine cough syrup to get high, say officials at the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

"This is a drug of abuse," says Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Dr. Jane Maxwell, a leading researcher of drug trends. "Hospitals, doctors and pharmacies need to realize that some drug users have figured out ways to manipulate the system to get codeine syrup."

The Commission has released a study that examines the illegal use of codeine cough syrup and the ways users obtain the drug. Users with insurance or Medicaid have learned which symptoms to describe to get a prescription for cough syrup, the study says.

The study was conducted by Dr. William N. Elwood, at the University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston.

"Sometimes they won't give me the codeine syrup," said one user interviewed for the study. "When that happens, I'll go back to the doctor and say it hasn't worked and I need something stronger. And then I get it. If that doesn't work, though, I'll just go to the emergency room around shift change."

Other users buy cough syrup that has been stolen or smuggled in from Mexico. The price of an eight-ounce bottle of codeine syrup averages $200 on the streets in Houston, says Jerry

Ellis, the diversion program manager in the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's Houston office. "It's certainly still running rampant in the Houston area," "Ellis says of the illegal use of codeine cough syrup. "We also have received anecdotal information that it's spreading to San Antonio and Austin."

Some users buy unfilled prescriptions obtained by people with insurance. "They're coming up with more scams all the time to get this," Ellis says.

While the abuse of over-the-counter cough syrups is widespread in the United States, the abuse of prescription cough syrup appears to be limited to Texas, Dr. Elwood said. "This is a problem that really seems to have originated in Houston and is spreading to other cities in Texas," he said.

There were 14 deaths in Texas in 1998 that involved the main ingredients in cough syrups, including codeine. "Codeine cough syrup, and even over-the-counter cough syrups, can be dangerous, especially when mixed with other drugs," Dr. Maxwell says.

"This is a serious problem, and we want the public - particularly medical professionals - to be aware of this growing problem."

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.

Scurry County Service Men & Women

(Editor's Note: Citizens are invited to write their servicemen and servicewomen stationed stateside and overseas. Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to the Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, TX, 79550, or bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave. Sorry, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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Letters to the editor

Thank You All

Dear Editor:

The Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Board of Directors and staff would like to publicly thank the Scurry County United Way, along with the citizens and businesses of Scurry County.

We are extremely grateful for all of your combined efforts. You have no idea how many lives you touch by your contribution. In these tough economical times, it means even more to us that you contributed to the causes that United Way helps. God Bless each and every one of you!

Snyder Area Council Board and Staff

Disappointed

Dear Editor:

I am truly disappointed in Judge Fritz and the commissioners. After the citizens of Snyder told them, by vote, that they did not want to lease our hospital to some out-of-state business, one would think they could agree to work with the hospital board and medical staff to keep the hospital intact.

But no, they gave the hospital only a portion of the tobacco settlement that was earmarked for hospital care, and put the remainder in their general fund. They are not keeping an open mind as to what is best for Snyder.

Just where would our friends and family be during this near-epidemic flu season if we would not have had our local hospital and hospital staff?

I do agree with Mr. McQueen when he stated "It's a two-way street." I hope and pray the involved parties can learn to work together for the betterment of Snyder citizens.

Shirley Stewart

Need Room For All

Dear Editor:

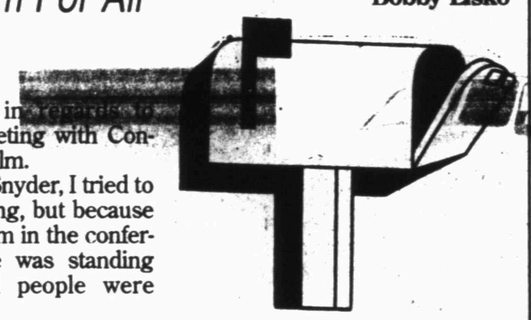
I am writing in response to Wednesday's meeting with Congressman Stenholm.

As a citizen of Snyder, I tried to attend this meeting, but because of the lack of room in the conference area, there was standing room only, and people were blocking the doors to get in.

Also, I am a disabled veteran, I couldn't even find a decent parking place. So I had to park quite a distance away. .

I would like to suggest that the next time there is a meeting like this that there is proper room and accommodations for all citizens of Snyder.

Thank you,
Bobby Lisko





Country Life

by Deanie Francis Mills

Motive? You want motive?

The vacuous newscaster barely moved her head as she reported for the camera that a man had been apprehended at last by law enforcement who was suspected of stealing several little girls off the streets or out of their own beds, savagely murdering them, and dumping their bodies to rot in the Texas heat.

She ended the report by saying, "Law enforcement officials have still not determined a motive for these crimes."

And I found myself screaming at the television: "Motive? You want motive? How about monstrous evil for a motive, lady?"

My frustration with the news media's ceaseless search for some kind of answer to or motive for horrendous crimes has its roots in my own career, and the work to which I've dedicated my life for the past dozen years.

One of the reasons I went into the field of crime writing was to explore, through the medium of fiction, the darker depths of the soul of man, and see if, through the process of that examination, I could in some way find some sort of answer to the universal cry rendered by the victims of violent crime the world over: Why?

So I set out to see if I could find an answer to that soul-wrenching question. Through the years I spent many hours in the company of law enforcement officers and judicial experts at the local, regional, state, and federal levels, discussing their work, their frustrations, their hopes and fears, and witnessing first-hand the reality of the seamy underside of the world they inhabit during work hours.

I went on the job with them for days at a time. I attended professional workshops with them that are normally closed to "civilians," but they had learned to trust me and so they let me in.

Those officers made available to me confidential documents of all kinds, from case files to prison interviews to inter-office memos that discussed the whole range of the exasperating and sometimes exhilarating world of criminal justice.

I read through hundreds of case files and books on every manner of crime—more than I could possibly count. In the process I amassed so many boxes of research materials that they fill an outdoor shed.

In the field of psychiatry, I spoke to those who had dealt with the criminally insane as well as the simply twisted. These professionals made available to me books not found at a Barnes & Noble or any other corner bookstore; books with titles like *The Psychopathic Mind, Origins, Dynamics, and Treatment; The Birth of Hatred, Developmental, Clinical, and Technical Aspects of Intense Aggression;* and *Cruelty, Violence, and Murder, Understanding the Criminal Mind.*

When high profile crimes occurred, I went to the newsmagazines, the library, and the Internet and read everything that was written about them, filling file folders and then, file cabinets with the information that came from those sources.

And I wrote. Ten books in 10 years. Through the vehicle of fiction,.I was actually able to crawl behind the eyes of the psychopath and the schizophrenic, the desperate and the merely evil. Sometimes I discovered partial answers: mental illness or childhood abuse. But not always. Not always.

Those who believe in a literal interpretation of the Bible attribute evil to Satan, God's beautiful, failed angel who was cast out of heaven and consequently, prowls about the earth, looking for innocents to corrupt. But such an explanation is not completely satisfying to me, because it renders mankind into a sort of lifeless chess piece to be moved about the board of life, with God on one side and Satan on the other, each fighting for some sort of cosmic checkmate.

Those who put their faith and trust in science believe it all boils down to brain chemicals; that if we had more seratonin or less, or whatever chemical it is, we would not choose to commit evil acts. This, too, is far too simplistic, because it removes the soul of man from the scientific equation. After all, one of the Columbine murderers was on medication to correct just such a deficit; he deliberately stopped taking his pills so that he could feel hatred more acutely and therefore, not be deterred from committing his planned crime.

Social behaviorists like to point to childhood abuse or poverty as the roots of all evil, but that is also an incomplete answer. Some of the more spectacular school shootings have been carried out by youngsters who never knew abuse or poverty. Neither does "low self-esteem" quite fit the bill, since many such crimes are perpetrated by individuals who feel superior to those they murder.

One need only look to history for the most famous example: Adolph Hitler.

So what is the answer to the question, Why? The answer is...there is no answer. No simple answer, anyway. God gave to man the free will to choose good or evil. And we are all—without exception—capable of committing evil acts, given the right circumstances.

But some of us choose to commit evil simply because we like to. Those who do so like the thrill of evading capture. They relish the act of getting away with something they know is wrong. They get a rush out of the intense feeling of power they feel at the moment of the death of their victims. Their motives are, simply stated...monstrous evil.

I think it's time to stop searching for answers to the question, Why? And to start instead to find answers to the question, What can I do about it? How can I make my world a better place? How can I combat the evil that exists out there? What kind of comfort can I provide those who are victimized by evil? What can I do to see that justice is carried out? What are some ways I can help prevent evil from occurring in the first place—can I make my world a safer place?

As the old quote goes, the only way to allow evil to flourish is for good people to do nothing.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

On TAAS testing

The Houston Chronicle

Judges are supposed to interpret the law fairly, intelligently and without regard to an ideology or agenda. But plaintiffs who sought a federal judge's ruling that Texas' higct that plenty of minority students do pass the test points out the defect in that argument. The plaintiffs' own numbers point out that 80 percent of black and Hispanic students ultimately pass the exit test.

The lawyers' second argument, that schools attended mostly by minorities tend to be low-performing and do not offer an equal opportunity to learn, is stronger. But here, too, the TAAS, which is administered as a graduation requirement and at various points in a student's academic career, provides more help than hurt to black and Hispanic students.

The TAAS is the cornerstone of Texas' education accountability system. Without it, it would be harder for teachers, parents and the public to know how well schools are passing on basic skills and knowledge to students. The fact that the gap in TAAS achievement between minority and white students steadily is narrowing indicates that the test is prompting districts to devote more attention to under-performing schools and is requiring teachers to expect more from minority students.

Two Harvard University studies of Texas education raise some troubling warnings, however. That research showed that teachers are spending an inordinate amount of classroom time drilling students on test-taking skills instead of teaching academic subject matter. Also, schools are encouraging teachers to eliminate lessons on that teach skills not specifically tested by TAAS.

On Elian Gonzales

The Beaumont Enterprise

Despite Castro, boy belongs with father It might have been the most difficult custody decision since King Solomon's.

The mother of Elian Gonzalez, 6 years old, drowned in the Florida Strait in November trying to escape from Cuba to the United States. The 17-foot aluminum boat she was on capsized, killing her and nine others. Two adults and Elian survived by clinging to an inner tube for two days.

After that terrifying and tragic ordeal, all Elian probably wanted was a place where he would feel loved and secure. But where? His father, who had been divorced from his mother before she attempted to flee, remained in Cuba — and he wanted the boy back. In the United States, Elian's closest relative is a great-uncle.

The shy boy quickly became a political pawn. Fidel Castro's propaganda machine encouraged — or manufactured — passionate demonstrations by Elian's father and other Cubans who wanted the boy returned to his homeland. In Florida, anti-communist Cuban-Americans argued just as vociferously — and without any coaching — that the boy should be allowed to remain in the country his mother had died trying to reach.

Each side had good arguments. Elian's mother had made the ultimate sacrifice for her son. If Cuba weren't such a dreadful outpost of a failed ideology, she never would have attempted the risky journey on a small, overcrowded boat. But Elian's father seemed to love his son. His dad would be able, as much as possible on that impoverished island, to provide for the little boy.

Boy handcuffed for not wearing helmet

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

The Spirit of Barney Fife lives in a Fort Lauderdale sheriff's deputy who handcuffed a 9-year-old boy whom he caught riding a bicycle without a helmet.

A private investigator working on an unrelated case videotaped the unusual situation, with the handcuffed boy sitting while the deputy searched the boy's pockets and backpack. The boy was pushed to the ground twice when he tried to stand, according to The Associated Press.

The deputy, who was patrolling on a bicycle, had warned the boy earlier in the day not to ride without a helmet. When the deputy saw him riding without a helmet later, the boy fled, first on the bicycle and then on foot.

Even so, the deputy's decision to use handcuffs on such a young child was an extreme over-reaction.

But, astonishingly, the sheriff's department said the incident does not warrant an internal investigation.

It sounds to us like an apology is owed and re-training on the proper use of police restraint is warranted.

On government answering machines

San Angelo Standard-Times

A new law should ease the consternation of people who are weary of calling one department of the federal government and getting only recorded messages.

The budget bill President Clinton signed in November included a paragraph stating that Interior Department workers may not turn on their answering machines during work hours unless their recorded message tells the caller how to reach a real, live person.

Some two dozen agencies are affected by the law, including the National Park Service, the U.S. Forest Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Part of the problem, Interior officials say, is that the downsizing of the federal government from 1993-97 resulted in the loss of 31 percent of the secretaries and 23 percent of civilian clerical workers.

That may be an explanation, but it's not a good enough excuse. The only reason for having government employees is to serve the public, and they can't serve the public if the public can't reach them.

Cannot ignoreAfrica

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Western nations cannot afford to continue to ignore the troubled continent.

In designating January as a time to focus upon Africa, the United States is devoting a portion of its current term in the rotating presidency of the U.N. Security Council to a worthy objective.

But given the depth and breadth of Africa's problems, one has to wonder what of any substance can be accomplished by the discussions that will take place during what is being dubbed the "Month of Africa."

Those discussions began Monday, when Vice President Al Gore led a Security Council meeting on the AIDS crisis in Africa.

EPA accused of sitting on ethanol decision

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans and farmers are accusing the Clinton administration of delaying a decision on whether to exempt California from regulations requiring ethanol in gasoline blends to avoid damaging Vice President Al Gore's prospects in the Iowa caucuses.

Environmental Protection Agency officials deny that politics is playing a part either in the decision or its timing. The caucuses take place Jan. 24.

But farmers see California as a vast new market for ethanol, a product of corn, and they are promising to make EPA's decision an issue in the general election in November if it rules against them.

"My fear is that the administration has decided that it is more interested in California's big oil interests than it is in the Midwest farmer, and doesn't want to make public its decision until after the Iowa caucuses," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa.

The politics of ethanol is so powerful that Gore's campaign has a volunteer dressed up as a giant ear of corn trailing challenger Bill Bradley around Iowa, a reminder of Bradley's former opposition to federal ethanol subsidies. Iowa is a major corn-producing state.

The National Corn Growers Association says Gore is likely to have an ear of corn following him too if EPA sides with California officials, who oppose using ethanol.

Ten days before the Iowa caucuses, Gore is more than 20 points ahead of Bradley in various Iowa presidential polls.

"It will be my job to make sure it is an issue this summer and fall," Bruce Knight, the Corn Growers' chief Washington lobbyist, said Thursday.

California requested the EPA decision last June. Agency officials say they only recently received some of the supporting material they requested from California officials, and that it could be weeks or even months before they reach the decision.

The agency's general counsel, Gary S. Guzy, said EPA is "absolutely committed to promoting the use of ethanol."

Officials in the ethanol industry claim corn prices could rise as much as 25 cents a bushel — they are now averaging about $1.90 a bushel — if California and other states are forced to switch to ethanol.

Ethanol production, which is subsidized by a 5.4 cent-a-gallon federal tax break, currently consumes about 600 million of the more than 9 billion bushels of corn grown annually in the United States.

The federal government requires that gasoline sold in cities with smog problems contain an oxygenate that makes the fuel burn cleaner. Usually, that additive is MTBE, or methyl tertiary butyl ether, a product of natural gas. Ethanol, which is a more expensive oxygenate, is used primarily in the Midwest.

But MTBE is believed to cause cancer. California Gov. Gray Davis, a Democrat, decided to ban the use of MTBE in his state by the end of 2002 after some of it was found leaking into groundwater from underground fuel tanks.

The California Air Resources Board then asked the EPA for the waiver so refiners wouldn't be forced to use ethanol once MTBE is banned.

The board claims that ethanol would raise the cost of gasoline by 1 cent to 2 cents a gallon and could pose a pollution problem of its own by raising levels of nitrogen oxide. EPA officials say they have the authority to waive the ethanol requirement if it would cause California to exceed its standards for pollutants.

"Oxygenates cost money and that's passed onto consumers," said Jerry Martin, a spokesman for the California board.

The presidential candidates haven't taken a position on the issue.

Gore, who long has supported ethanol subsidies, said in a radio interview last month a waiver "may be beyond the scope" of what EPA can legally do. Gore is "committed to developing a market for ethanol and other renewables because of their clean air benefits," his campaign spokesman, Chris Lehane, said Thursday.

Bradley opposed the ethanol subsidies when was in the Senate but since has changed his position. Of the leading Republican candidates, Texas Gov. George W. Bush backs the subsidies, while Arizona Sen. John McCain remains opposed.

"As long as you have farm economies and low farm prices, ethanol will be an issue," said political scientist Steve Schier of Carleton College in Northfield, Minn.

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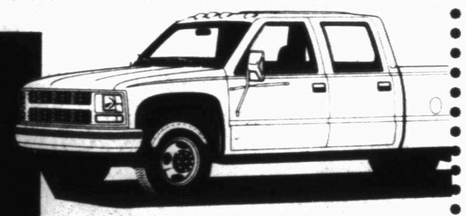


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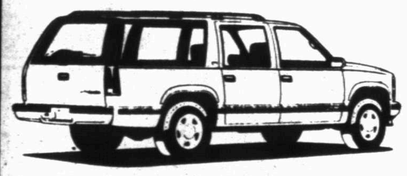
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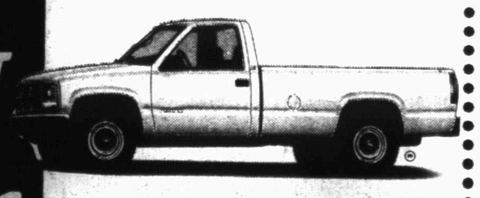
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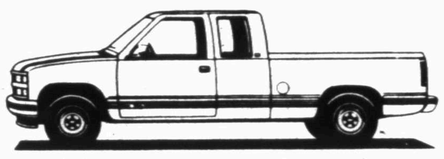
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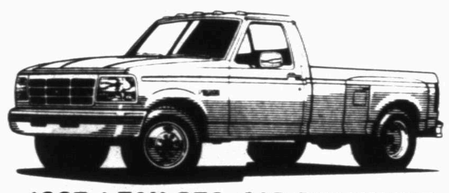
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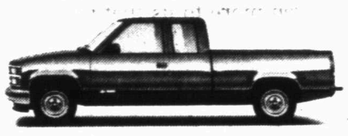
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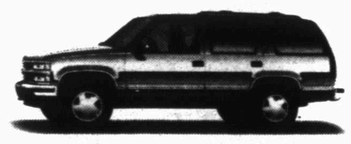
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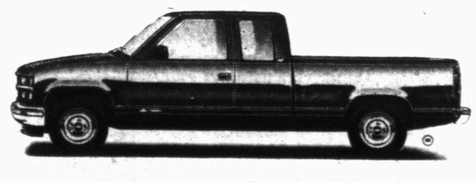
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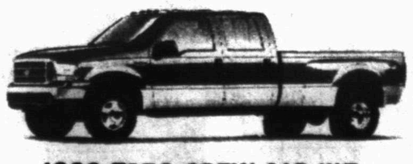
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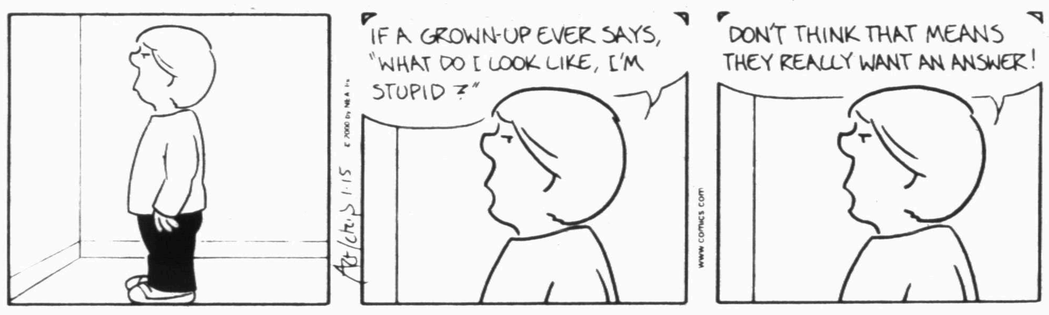
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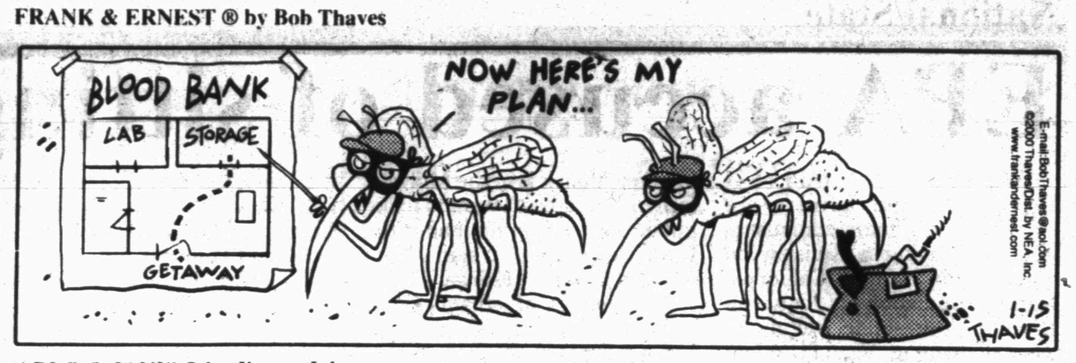
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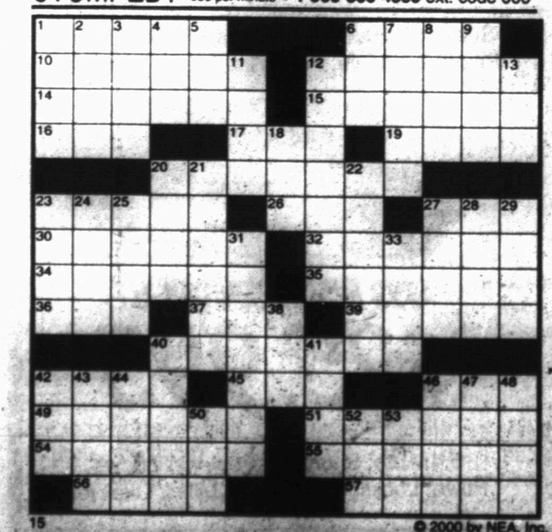
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Budget to seek higher spending limits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seeking political advantage for this election year, President Clinton will propose raising strict spending limits by billions of dollars, Democrats say.

Though some conservatives might be reluctant, many Republicans are willing to consider it, perhaps in exchange for roping off some of the budget surplus for tax cuts, GOP aides say.

But Republican leaders have not decided what to do about the limits, which were forged in the 1997 pact between Clinton and Congress aimed at balancing the budget by 2002. The budget was balanced in 1998, thanks to the robust economy, and many lawmakers from both parties feel the limits are outdated in today's world of growing federal surpluses.

"The current blueprint we're working off is not the house we're building today," said Richard May, a former GOP House Budget Committee director who is now a consultant.

Boosting the spending caps could give Clinton a political edge over Republicans. Since surplus projections are based partly on assumptions about future spending, higher spending means less money left for the tax cuts many Republicans want, including GOP presidential front runner George W. Bush.

But facing re-election, many Republican lawmakers are as eager as Democrats to bring federal dollars home to their districts and would oppose the cuts that obeying the spending limits would require.

Besides, the strong economy is producing so much federal revenue that many Republicans feel there could be enough money for both extra spending and tax cuts. And with the GOP eager to end this year's session of Congress early for the fall campaign, a deal to raise the limits might limit time-consuming fights over spending cuts.

By either ignoring the limits or changing them, the limits will almost certainly be surpassed this year by tens of billions of dollars. They were breached last year by $32 billion and the year before too, as both parties indulged in a spending splurge and budget gimmickry, like declaring the census an emergency.

Even so, formally raising the spending caps would mark a symbolic, bipartisan farewell to tight restraints envisioned in 1997, when federal deficits prevailed. It would also underline that with swelling annual surpluses, politicians and voters have little taste for such spending restrictions.

Clinton will propose letting spending rise somewhat below the inflation rate, said Democratic officials speaking on condition of anonymity, but other details were not available. The plan will be in the fiscal 2001 budget the president presents Feb. 7.

Potentially, it could allow tens of billions of dollars to be spent next year — and hundreds of billions over the next decade — beyond what the limits would permit.

The spending caps are aimed at restraining one-third of the $1.7 trillion federal budget. The limits affect all spending except automatically paid benefits like Social Security and payments to holders of federal debt.

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Saturday, Jan. 15, 2000

Today is the 15th day of 2000 and the 25th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1870, Harper's Weekly published a cartoon by Thomas Nast depicting the Democratic Party as a donkey.

On this day in 1974, "Happy Days" premiered on television. The last episode of the show was broadcast July 12, 1984.

On this day in 1983, Thom Syles set a world record by keeping a Life Saver candy in his mouth for seven hours and 10 minutes.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Matthew Brady (1823-1896), Civil War photographer; Osip Mandelstam (1891-1938), poet; Edward Teller (1908-), physicist, is 92; Gene Krupa (1909-1973), musician; Lloyd Bridges (1913-1998), actor; John Joseph O'Connor (1920-), archbishop of New York City, is 80; Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968), civil rights leader; Margaret O'Brien (1937-), actress, is 63.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1967, the Green Bay Packers defeated the Kansas City Chiefs 35-10.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth." — Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, "The Sign of Four"

TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter (Jan. 14).

Sunday, Jan. 16, 2000

Today is the 16th day of 2000 and the 26th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1893, Queen Liluokalani of Hawaii was deposed by U.S. troops.

On this day in 1938, Benny Goodman and his band performed at New York City's Carnegie Hall.

On this day in 1973, the last episode of "Bonanza" was broadcast.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Robert Service (1874-1958), writer; Ethel Merman (1909-1984), singer; Dizzy Dean (1911-1974), baseball great; William Kennedy (1928-), writer, is 72; Eartha Kitt (1928-), singer-actress, is 72; Marilyn Horne (1934-), opera singer, is 66; A.J. Foyt (1935-), auto racer, is 65; Debbie Allen (1953-), choreographer, is 47; Sade (1959-), singer, is 41; Jack McDowell (1966-), baseball player, is 34.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1974, Whitey Ford and Mickey Mantle were elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Virtue extends our days: he lives two lives who relives his past with pleasure." — Martial, "Epigrams"

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Jan. 14) and full moon (Jan. 20).

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Superintendent's Corner By Gayle Lomax

By Gayle Lomax
Snyder ISD Superintendent

At the end of the first six-week grading period (Sept. 17, 1999), I solicited parental input with a questionnaire. The results of that survey are listed below.

The School Calendar

Item III — Miscellaneous — the school calendar — is a topic that school districts will begin to discuss as they go about developing a calendar for 2000-2001.

I heard from parents, teachers, and students on a regular basis and all have very definite ideas on this subject. Let's look at the state mandates that must be followed for all school calendars. The Texas Education Agency sets forth the following:

*Calendar must be for a period of 187 days

*180 days of which must be given to instruction of students

*School districts may request a waiver for up to three days for additional staff professional growth, i.e., student instruction days could be reduced to 177 days. (Snyder requested one waiver day in 1999-2000 that gave us 179 instruction days.)

*Two inclement weather days must be incorporated in the calendar.

According to the survey above, 51 parents (19 percent) expressed dissatisfaction with the school calendar, with most of the dissatisfaction directed toward the "early start" of the school year.

So, why do schools begin in August rather than in September as was done when I was in school? The primary reason deals with a trend that began some 20 years ago when secondary final exams were being administered in the middle of January. Students and teachers alike expressed their displeasure with taking a Christmas break and then returning to final exams. So began the practice of moving the final exams to December.

To equally divide the number of instruction days into both semesters, the start of school was moved back into August out of necessity.

The process of adopting a calendar begins with the work of a committee composed of teachers, students and parents. Historically in Snyder, this committee recommends two or three different calendars that are voted on by the entire staff of the Snyder Public Schools.

The calendar that receives the most votes is recommended to the superintendent and the board of trustees. This committee process will begin in February, 2000. Any interested parents who wish to serve on this committee should contact the superintendent of schools at 573-5401. As has been our custom, I will name two or three parents and a similar number of students to this committee.

I. Academic, Vocational, Extracurricular Programs RATE YOUR LEVEL OF SATISFACTION CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTARY PROGRAMS:	Very Satisfied	Somewhat Satisfied	No Opinion	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied
Elementary Gifted and Talented Programs	112	98	61	13	7
Elementary Counseling Programs	106	53	121	10	1
Safe Child (Afterschool)Program	126	34	114	10	7
Elementary Computer Lab Program	178	48	59	6	
TAAS Academic preparation (math, science, language arts, social studies	134	94	43	13	7
RATE YOUR LEVEL OF SATISFACTION CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING SECONDARY PROGRAMS:					
Special Education Programs	117	21	145	7	1
Honors Program	115	73	98	5	
Advanced Placement (A.P.) Courses	97	30	162	2	
Computer Technology Classes	100	79	109	3	
Academic and Vocational Career Counseling Program	92	34	160	3	2
Vocational Education Classes	93	33	162	3	
Fine Arts (drama, art, and speech)	123	36	128	3	1
UIL Music Programs	80	42	159	5	5
UIL Literary Programs	102	41	148		
UIL Athletic Programs	95	82	101	6	7

II. School Safety, Discipline, and Dress Code Issues RATE YOUR LEVEL OF SATISFACTION CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:					
The efforts of SISD to provide a safe environment for your student	159	74	47	10	1
The existing dress code	146	86	24	23	12
The current disciplinary code of conduct	144	76	48	20	3
The SISD transportation (buses) division	142	62	71	10	6

III. Miscellaneous HOW SATISFIED ARE YOU WITH THE CURRENT SCHOOL CALENDAR?					
School Calendar	129	77	34	28	23

IV. Please answer Yes or No Are you supportive of a standard uniform for student dress:	YES	NO
Campus Level		
Elementary Level	125	158
Junior High Level	113	152
High School Level	112	164

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

Men need iron, too

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I filled out a questionnaire that asked a little about your age and health. At the end, it said: "Don't take a multivitamin and mineral supplement containing iron. Men can't eliminate iron except through blood loss. High levels of it in the body may promote cardiovascular disease/cancer." This goes against the advice to take 10 milligrams a day. I am concerned because my multivitamin contains iron. Please comment on what is best. — **R.A.**

DEAR R.A.: The body has a daily requirement for iron. It is needed to make hemoglobin, the oxygen-carrying compound in blood, as well as myoglobin, a related compound that handles oxygen in the muscles. When there's not enough iron, the levels of hemoglobin and myoglobin decrease, and with them goes our primary method of producing energy.

The statement that men cannot eliminate iron is wrong. The body eliminates iron to the tune of about 1 milligram per day. (In menstruating women, of course, this number will be higher.) Recommendations are set higher because the body only absorbs about 5 to 10 percent of the iron in the diet or in a supplement. This rate of absorption increases if the body is deficient.

That means that you if you are a normal healthy individual, you needn't fear taking a supplement that contains the recommended amount of iron, especially if that iron represents the main source in your diet.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: The conflict continues. I read your column on the attributes of soy, but I have a book that goes into detail about the toxicity of soybeans. It describes how soy and tofu, which is made from soy, are toxic and those who eat soy will age. Furthermore, it states that 99 percent of vitamin E capsules contain soybean oil, and that these should be avoided and only wheat germ oil used. This book really scared me, and I emptied my cupboard of all soy products. We the people are uninformed, and when we try to gather information, we are placed in the middle. If soy is deadly, why are all the health-food stores pushing soy milk?

The book also talks about how canola oil is really "rape oil" and that it can cause emphysema, respiratory distress, anemia, constipation, irritability and blindness in animals and humans. Can you appreciate the dilemma here? This upsets me as I am trying to treat my body well. You seem to have a handle on most health issues, and I feel this one is vitally important. — **C.S.**

DEAR C.S.: Your book appears to be full of toxic misinformation and half-truths. From the little you include in your letter, I would be very suspect of anything written by its author. Raw soybeans contain growth inhibitors, but they are inactivated during the heat of processing or cooking. This means that soy products are not toxic when they are consumed.

The information about canola oil is equally off-base. Canola oil is indeed derived from the seed of the rape plant, a member of the mustard family and a common crop in Canada.

The oil of common varieties of the rape plant has a high concentration of erucic (ee-ROOS-ik) acid, a substance suspected of having a toxic effect in large amounts. Because of this, the oil was mainly used for industrial applications.

Plant breeders developed a variety of rapeseed in which the erucic acid was virtually eliminated. Taking its place was a high concentration of oleic acid, the monounsaturated fat found in olive and other nut oils. Given the growing body of research on the health advantages of using monounsaturated fats in a low-fat diet, the new hybrid rapeseed oil became a perfect product for foods.

But who would buy a product named, "rape oil" or "rapeseed oil"? And the name "low erucic acid rapeseed oil" was thought to be too much of a mouthful. This set the stage for a new name, "canola," which stands for CANadian Oil Low Acid. The oil received GRAS (Generally Regarded As Safe) status from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 1985 and in 1988 the name "canola" was approved for use in this country.

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.

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Honor Roll

Third Six Weeks

Central Elementary
Third Grade
"A" Honor Roll
Ryanna Alexander
Zane Berryhill
Kira Bilano
Jessica Bilderback
Larissa Blackard
Zoe Briseno
Douglas Brunson
Chelsea Castillo
Jared Cave
Jaclyn Deleon
Amy Fogleman
Sierra Foreman
Taylor Gibbs
Dayton Grice
Ashley Hagins
Gina Hermosillo
Melanie Hernandez
Kalyn Hildreth
Clay Hirt
Rubi Jaimes
Leslie Johnston
Lesa Jones
Kaylie Kahlich
Samuel Lee
Kari Lord
Clint McFatridge
Maria Teresa Murillo
Nakita Pickerel
Alix Rieser
Brittany Scott
Kailea Shaw
Katy Spradlin
Will Stewart
David Strayhorn
Shelbie Talavera
Jessica Timora
Wes Von Roeder
Zachery Warren
Britney Webb
Kaycee Westlund
Jordan Wright

Central Elementary
Third Grade
"A-B" Honor Roll
Consuelo Acosta
Tanya Adams
Tilatha Akins
Brian Allred
Adrian Alvarez
Yoci Arellano
Briana Bryant
Dominic Cabrera
Lareshia Carey
Shelby Carter
Forest Clayton
Jesse Conner
Lindsey Cox
Taylor Davidson
Riley Davis
Jessie Deavers
Brenna Fletcher
K'ana Garcia
Richard Grice
Bryan Guerra
Fabian Gutierrez
Chase Guynes
Brittney Hendricks
Keagan Herrley
Jessica Hinson
Kendra Iglehart
Maxine Jaramillo
Joe Lara
Kayla Liccardi
Stephen Luna
Erica Maldonado
Alex Martinez
Jaime Martinez
Tabatha Martinez
Carson Matthies
Kendra Mcguire
Brittany Mitchell
Rebecca Morin
Yolanda Munoz
Maria Ornelas
Tony Perales
Tyler Porter
Roxann Renteria
Ava Reyes
Lashondrick Richardson
Brittney Rivera
Joe Rivera
Erma Rodriguez
Jessica Ruelle
Cole Russell
Shaquita Sneed
Josh Sorrells
Heather Steelman
Chassidy Sterling
Teryn Sullenger
Bryan Thompson
Heather Torres
Charles Velasco
Megan Villegas
Gage West
Chris Witte
Chelsea Young
Kasey Young
David Zalman
Lauren Zamora

East Elementary
Fourth Grade
"A" Honor Roll
Alexander, Alayna
Almanza, Angela
Amarillas, Angie
Arellano, Ernesto
Ashworth, Brad
Bollinger, Brent
Burk, Daniel
Claxton, Ryan
Daves, Samantha
Davidson, Devin
Day, Lance
Derryberry, Jordan
Gafford, Brooks
Gruben, Tess
Hall, Audra
Harlan, Kimberly
Hogan, Erin
Jaimes, Santiago
Jaramillo, Corey
Jones, Audrey
Lopez, Ashlei
Means, Nicole
Miller, Kristen
Pittman, Kayla
Resendiz, Greg
Robertson, Craig
Scifres, Jacob
Shafer, Quentin
Urias, Alex
Velasquez, Megan
Wesson, J. W.
West, Brittany
Wittie, Nathan
Yruegas, Michelle

East Elementary
"A-B" Honor Roll
Fourth Grade
Arteaga, Michelle
Billingsley, Kaden
Breedlove, Tonya
Brewster, Colton
Brown, Devin
Bunch, Dylan
Burney, Cody
Butler, Tanner
Calvert, Adam
Chandler, Kristina
Cole, Lanxton
Cox, Alison
Davis, Kirstie
DeLeon, Jessica
Estrada, Mayra
Farquhar, Ashley
Foreman, Vallie
Franks, Chad
Garcia, Matthew
Garza, Joe
Goolsby, Rebecca
Guerrero, Jodi
Gutierrez, Laura
Hatfield, Travis
Hefner, Joseph
Hendricks, James
Hernandez, Cassi
Hernandez, Christine
Hinson, Jacob
Holdren, Kelly
Hoover, Josh
Jenkins, Whitney
Jones, Allen
Juarez, Rebecca
Keener, R. J.
Landa, Laura
Lunsford, Lauren
Martinez, Gloria
Massey, Angela
McDonald, Chassie
McFatridge, Jacob
Munson, Preston
Norwood, Tatum
Ornelas, Josh
Pinkerton, Marci
Reyna, Nathaniel
Rhodes, Cayelea
Richards, Chris
Rivera, Jessica
Rivera, Roy
Robertson, Luke
Rodriguez, Crystal
Ruiz, Raquel
Sanchez, Amanda
Scott, Rachel
Seale, Kelby
Slaughter, Cecelie
Smith, Martin
Tidwell, Kendra
Tippens, Christian
Toombs, Loren
Torres, Josie
Turner, Michael
Verduzco, Jessica
Villa, Christina
Westmoreland, Layton
Wilson, Shayla
Witte, B. J

Northeast Elementar
"A" Honor Roll
Fifth Grade
Gabriel Aguilar
Marleah Akins
Cinthia Arellano
Jaedi Baze
Matthew Beal
Monica Benavidez
Hollie Berryhill
Taylor Courtney
Laura Culwell
Alyssa Davis
Krista Dorsett
Tyler Driggers
Chelsey Drummond
Joe Fitzgerald
Whitley Fulford
Kinsey Guynes
Kaylee Lacik
Shannon Mangis
Michael Mann
Ember Proffitt
Terann Ragland
Juan Ramirez
LaShekka Richardson
Jeremy Rodriguez
Jordan Stansell
Courtney Tyrrell
Sydney Wright

Northeast Elementary
"A-B" Honor Roll
Fifth Grade
Norma Aguilar
Michael Alaniz
Kriston Alarcon
Casey Arnold
Jamie Arnold
Tasha Ball
Briana Bernal
Jada Bilano
Mayela Borrego
Brett Bowlin
April Beth Boyd
Kendra Burns
Jaclyn Capps
Candace Chandler
Dalton Cole
Danny Courtney
Tylor Courtney
Sarah Covington
Katy Crenwelge
Julia Cruz
Andrew Dupree
Leslie Eades
Starla Early
Trent Early
Tyler Everett
Ami Foreman
Andy Garvin
Nolan Grady
William Greene
Kaitlyn Greenlee
William Greenwood
Desirae Guerra
Chris Gutierrez
Felicia Guzman
Victoria Hermosillo
Amber Hildreth
Kade Kruger
Amanda Lawrence
Staci Lee
Casey Long
Ashley Leucke
Keith Manlief
Christina Martinez
Sesalie Martinez
Teisha McGlouthin
Joseph McGough
Chase Medina
Cassie Mhoon
Kazual Moore
Ricardo Oliva
Louisa Pena
Nicole Presley
Wesley Price
Henry Michael Ramos
Cody Reed
Amanda Rivera
Judith Rodarte
Nicholas Salazar
Erissa Sanchez
Kyle Sanchez
Ricky Sanchez
Matthew Schoolcraft
Lindsey Small
Adam Smith
Corbin Smith
Adrian Sosa
Tana Sullenger
Ryne Trout
Colton West
John Whitworth
Jessica Yanez

West Elementary
Sixth Grade
"A Honor Roll"
Arellano, Yuliana
Ashworth, Chase
Bell, Kimberly
Bilderback, Morgan
Bowlin, Barrett
Brock, Dondi
Calvert, Jessica
Cave, Jason
Clifton, Bryan
Cooper, Seth
Crenwelge, Teddi
Curry, Katheryn
Dooley, Gena
Floyd, William
Gruben, Tatum
Hartzog, Kayla
Hogan, Tyler
Hyer, Ashley
Jones, Emily
Kubena, Tara
Latta, Ciara
Lopez, Christopher
Luecke, Amber
Lyle, Austin
Martinez, Justin
Mccormick, Megan
Medrano, Sirena
Pavlovsky, Ashly
Pinson, Garrett
Reed, Jeremy
Reed, Wendy
Robbins, Jessica
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Talavera, Breanna
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Zalman, Tyler

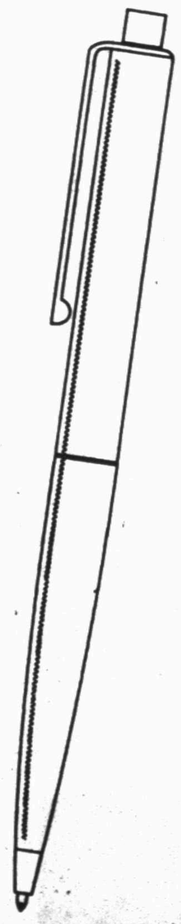
West Elementary
Sixth Grade
"A-B Honor Roll"
Alcala, Omar
Bailey, Ashley
Banks, William
Barrera, Ashley
Block, Bridget
Boyd, Laura
Constancio, Layla
Crisp, Megan
Day, T'shambra
Dekeyser, Merissa
Dominguez, Elizabeth
Eveland, James
Ezzell, Tyler
Flores, Ashley
Forbes, Stanley
Garcia, Daniela
Garcia, Keenon
Grant, Stephanie
Grantham, Chance
Groat, Trevor
Henkell, Kimberly
Hermosillo, Santino
Jones, Aubrey
Keller, Mark
Kinney, Whitney
Lancaster, Nathan
Lewis, Jana
Little, Erica
Luera, Domingo
Martinez, Eric
Martinez, Steven
Mason, Curtis
Matchett, Wanda
Mcclain, Raymond
Morin, Celeste
Murray, Amanda
Nobles, Calvin
Nussey, Andria
Orosco, Amanda
Ortegon, Danny
Parks, Whitney
Pena, Samantha
Peoples, Aeryal
Pollard, Tressa
Putnam, Jamie
Ramirez, Samuel
Reigh, Matt
Rivas, Antonio
Rodriguez, Isaac
Ruiz, Noe
Rushing, Kelli
Scott, Blake
Seale, Blake
Smith, Christopher
Speedon, Tina
Stone, Tye
Terrazas, Anya
Thomspson, Temi
Vasquez, Jonathan
Vigneau, Caliber
Williams, Christi
Wofford, Takiyah
Zamarripa, Alex

Snyder Jr. High
"A" Honor Roll
Grade 7
Danisha Akins
Briana Burk
Kassey Burney
Courtney Cox
Jarrod Fletcher
Erin Hackfeld
Thomas Hefner
Hadley Hirt
Heather Holmes
Lesli Jackson
Traci Jordan
Matthew Kerr
Meggan Minor
Matthew Morris
Marisa Munoz
Blake Robertson
Kelsey Shaw
Tamara Timora
Kalli Wesson
Logan West
Stacey Williamson
Heather Zajicek

Snyder Jr. High
"A-B" Honor Roll
Grade 7
Paige Anderson
Elizabeth Arellano
Jacy Beccue
Tanner Bloom
Adam Booker
Brandon Bragg
Sarah Carpenter
Lico Castillo
Krista Chaidez
Nathaniel Clarady
Hope Cole
Max Cormack
Casey Crain
Jessica Davis
Josh Derington
Larissa Early
Sharonda Emerson
Alan Gray
Eric Guadarrama
Kayla Guerrero
Jake Guzman
Paul Haines
Austin Hatfield
Jonathan Hembree
Corie Hernandez
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Paul Jackson
Patrick Jones
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Annie Martinez
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Kelly Moore
Michael Nelson
Codi Nichols
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Heather Polk
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Phillip Rice
Colton Robertson
Oscar Sauceda
Chris Smauley
Bryan Thomas
Tyler Thompson
Kirisa Torres
Alicia Wagner
Whitney Warner
Wil Wiggins

Snyder Jr. High
"A" Honor Roll
Grade 8
Lucy Amarillas
Ashlye Amox
Laura Arellano
Katie Bryant
Erin Burleson
Laura Calmes
Alexis Clawson
Beth Clements
Sarah Crawford
Ashley Darnell
Jordan Donelson
Kelby Drum
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Molly Haire
Rankin Hardin
Josh Kemp
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Emily Long
Corey Longorio
Nichole Ornelas
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Tanner Reed
Kim Rivera
Brandi Russell
Paige Smith
Sara Thornhill
Nikki Traylor
Cami Trout
Brock Tyrrell
Amanda Whitson
Stephanie Williams

Snyder Jr. High
"A-B" Honor Roll
Grade 8
Raul Alcala
Aleida Arellano
Andrew Bane
Tas Baze
Shana Blackard
Dominique Braziel
Mandy Burns
Zach Cain
Michael Campbell
Katie Chandler
Mitchell Cole
Whittney Criswell
Jordan Dea
Kyle Dortch
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Justin Guynes
Katie Haggard
Matthew Hale
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Bryan Huddleston
Ashley Jenkins
Trey Jenkins
Kelsi Johnson
Sharena Lewis
J J Mandrell
Ashley Martinez
Boicy Martinez
Molly Mason
Austin McCormack
Sharday McKinney
Sterling Millhollon
Barrett Munson
Katie Neves
Rebecca Pavlovsky
Carlos Pena
Josh Pickerel
Destiney Proctor
Josh Proctor
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Kendall Tidwell
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Misha Wofford



Hermleigh ISD
Second Grade
A Honor Roll
Naomi Arellano
Dustin Dacus
Melanie Kariainen
Jose Rangel
Jacob Sanchez
Second Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Anthony Jones
Vincent Mireles
Shawn Shankles
JP Smith

Third Grade
A Honor Roll
Marissa Davis
Lelan Shankles
Casey Williamson
Third Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Chris Boone
Hannah Brooks
Jeremy Eaton
Sean McClure
Rustin Webb
Shaye Williams

Fourth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Willie Berkley

Fifth Grade
A Honor Roll
Alicia Culp
K'Leigh Jackson
Fifth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Mike Barrera
Kelvin Doggett
Megan Kariainen
Brittany Kelley
Brian Molina

Sixth Grade
A Honor Roll
Alana Culp
Sixth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Samantha Berry
Johnathon McClure
Georgianna Smith
Danni Webb

Seventh Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Shae Rinehart
Misty Ritch

Eighth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Justin Williamson

Ninth Grade
A Honor Roll
Terrel Culp
Ninth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Maria Rangel

Tenth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Chris Bilberry
Rocky Glover
Kendra Nachlinger
Mary Spruill
Sabrina Terry
Cheyenne Walker

Eleventh Grade
A honor Roll
Sheena Callaway
Lori Eckert
Billy Lambaren
Eleventh Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Janet Eckert
Amber Harbin
Toni Martinez
Alfonso Rangel
Samantha Smith

Twelfth Grade
A Honor Roll
Randi Herrington
Jared Higgins
Janna Hinz
Twelfth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Caleb Callaway
Joey Garza
Crystal Jackson
Tony Molina
Brandy Wood

Ira ISD
First Grade
A Honor Roll
Kyrstin Baker
Seth Cotton
Kylor Fine
Laramie Gilbert
Isaac Martin
Paul Martinez
Baily Nickerson
Kellner Odom
Lupe Ornelas
Kellie Pilcher
Kolton Stokes
J.P. Wilson
First Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Cody Chappell
Amanda Elam
Brooke Withers

Second Grade
A Honor Roll
Colby Barrera
Lindsey Daniel
Haley Farmer
Valeri Guzman
Johnathan Hall
Olivia Juarez
Rey Juarez
Brandon Lunsford
John Martini
Evian Olvera
Daniel Wooldridge
Second Grade
A-B Honor Roll
B.J. Botts
Cheyann Taylor

Third Grade
A Honor Roll
Shandy McMullen
Seth Sanchez
Third Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Austin Calley
Rance Dunn
Amanda Kerr
Leeja Mauldin
Tanner Price
Brittany Taylor
Ashley Trotter

Fourth Grade
A Honor Roll
Karen Rachel Coonrod
Laura Juarez
Tony Martini
Colby McMullen
Josi Presley
Kaci Waller
Fourth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Josh Hall
Kendyll Pilcher

Fifth Grade
A Honor Roll
Aryn Calley
Jessica Odom
Fifth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Nickelynn Bays
Corbin Clements
Tyrelle Gilbert
Katie Wall
Genvieve Weaver

Sixth Grade
A Honor Roll
Terryn Autry
Sixth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Brittany Dickerhoff
Travis Frey
Amanda Green
Ashton Smith

Seventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Brandon Crane
Seventh Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Wesley Kellner
Justin Taylor

Eighth Grade
A Honor Roll
Amanda Calley
Rusty Josey
April Lollar
Suzie Pendergrass
Lacie Thompson
Nathan Wilkins
Lindsey Wilson
Eighth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Diana Aguinaga
Jake Barnes
Franki Briseno
Vanessa Espinoza
Chad Everton
Brandon Graves
Phillip Payne
Bubba Walker
Jess Wall
Wesley White

Ninth Grade
A Honor Roll
Colter Brown
Candace Sanchez
Celeigh Sterling
Ninth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Bea Aguinaga
Michael Allen
Kali Clements
John Gainer
Michelle Nettles
Geoff Pinkerton
Amanda Ramirez
Amy Strong

Tenth Grade
A Honor Roll
Kendra Krop
Nathan Smith
Cade Tucker
Tenth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Jessie Green
Case Hardy
Jerry Jamison
Lecia Knight
Chet Stuart
Dani White
Josh Wilson

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