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Ground rules eyed for hospital hearing

Ground rules for Tuesday night's public hearing on the possible lease of Cogdell Memorial Hospital will be determined Monday at the regular meeting of Scurry County Commissioners Court.

In its April 29 meeting, the court unanimously voted to hold the hearing so that "all qualified voters, and others interested in the issue of leasing the hospital, are invited to speak for or against the proposed action."

The commissioners court has entered into a tentative agreement to lease the county-owned hospital to Community Health Systems (CHS), a for-profit company based in Tennessee.

The possible lease has generated heated debates. Commissioners have opted for a vote by citizens, but the earliest day that an election may be held is Aug. 9.

Citizens attending Tuesday's 7 p.m. hearing, set for the district courtroom, will be given a time limit — expected to be three minutes — to speak.

While an agenda has been posted for the court to meet in special session at the time, it is not expected that the court, or anyone else, will field questions from the audience.

During Monday's 10 a.m. meeting, the court will consider other items related to the Aug. 9 referendum on the possible lease. Items include setting the dates for early voting and the location of the voting boxes. Also, the court will appoint county election officials for a one-year period starting Aug. 1

CHS has offered to lease Cogdell Memorial Hospital for a 30-year period for an up-front lease payment of $8 million and other payments which would make approximately $12 million available to the county when the lease is signed.

Plus, the firm has pledged more than $3 million in capital improvements at the hospital over the next four years.

While the county signed a letter of intent to lease the hospital on April 29, negotiations are still underway with CHS regarding the final lease.

County Attorney Mike Hartman said at that meeting that the letter of intent had to be approved if negotiations with the hospital firm were to continue.

Presently, an attorney with the San Antonio office of Fulbright & Jarwoski, George Scofield, is heading the negotiations with CHS' legal counsel.

Scofield has said that a major point in negotiations deals with what areas of the hospital CHS is to make the $3 million in improvements. He has met with several local physicians to get their input.

Cogdell Hospital's chief of staff, Dr. Gary Nussey, said last month that he felt the physicians would make a statement when they had "collected enough information to make an intelligent decision."

Nussey told the Cogdell Hospital board of managers that he hoped that the medical staff could release a statement before the May board meeting.

There have been several changes in CHS' original letter of intent to the county, dated Jan. 27.

The changes were noted in a commissioners court meeting on April 29 by Scofield and included CHS providing hospital care to indigents — as defined by the state of Texas — at no cost to the county or the indigents.

Others indicate that CHS cannot assign the lease of the hospital to another party without the county's consent; and at the end of the lease, or if it is terminated before the 30 years is up, the county will pay CHS its net book value for all fixed equipment in the hospital. If this occurs, the county would be entitled to all moveable equipment, at no charge to the county.

The lease is not assignable if a single facility transaction is made, except within a CHS-affiliated group. In the event CHS attempts to sell its interest in a multiple-facility transaction involving Columbia/HCA, the county would have the authority to terminate the lease upon paying CHS the unamortized portion of the rent.

If this occurs in the first year of operation by CHS, the county would pay back $7 million. That figure would drop by a million dollars per year through year five, in which the county would pay CHS $3 million for the hospital.

The lease calls for an advisory board of seven to nine members, including the hospital's chief of staff and administrator. CHS would name the other members of the board following recommendation by the commissioners court.

Opponents of the lease cite the loss of local control of the hospital as their main opposition.

Currently, the hospital operates under a management contract with Lubbock's St. Mary Hospital, and has for more than nine years.

The county asked St. Mary officials to make an offer to lease the hospital, but they declined, saying they wanted to continue their relationship with the hospital in its present form.

The court does have other business to consider when it convenes Monday. This includes approving an updated county policy and procedure manual, an appointment to the county's child welfare board and request bids on a 1991 vehicle that was used by the sheriff's office.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS PROCLAMATION — May 20 has been proclaimed Special Olympics Day in Scurry County. Among those present for the signing front row from left, Debra Chaney, Lela Stephens, County Judge Ricky Fritz; middle row, Joe Chaney, Tommy Davis, Ernie Cerda, Marvin Butler; back row, Price Daniel Unit assistant warden Brian Horn, Mike Duddleston, Police Chief Lannie Lee, Juanita Glass and Tommy Cotton. (SDN Staff Photo)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "One way to be happy ever after is to not be after too much."

It's a too-good-to-be-true story!

Insurance rates might even be low if everyone had the attitude and work ethic of the man described in a story that originated from the Texas Workers' Compensation Insurance Fund.

An insurance agent relates that when he started his business many years ago, an older and self-employed cement contractor named Hugo bought a workers' comp policy that was required by a general contractor.

Later, after the project had started, Hugo called the agent and told him he had just cut off his finger at the second joint. He inquired if this was covered by the policy.

The agent assured him it was and asked if Hugo needed transportation to the hospital.

Hugo said he could drive himself, but he couldn't leave the job anyway since the concrete had just been poured and he had to wait for it to set.

Hugo put the severed finger in his pocket, and after the concrete had hardened, drove himself to the emergency room and had it sewn back on. Hugo then returned to work.

A few weeks later, Hugo called the agent again and wanted to know why the insurance company had sent him a check for $1,000 since they had already taken care of his medical bills.

The agent explained that the Workers' Compensation Act specified a dismemberment benefit for cutting off a finger while on the job.

Hugo balked. He said he'd already cost the insurance company enough and didn't want the $1,000.

The agent finally convinced him to accept the check, saying he could sign it over to his church — which he did.

Somebody passed along the story about the wife who called the police station to report her husband missing. She was asked for a description.

"He's 35 years old, 6-4, has an athletic build, dark hair, weighs 175, and is soft-spoken."

Her best friend protested. "Your huband is 5-4, chubby, bald and has a big mouth."

"Yes," the wife replied, "but who wants him back?"

Jenise Judah picked for Girls State

Jenise Judah, Snyder High School junior, will attend Bluebonnet Girls State June 17-27 at Texas Lutheran University in Seguin.

Local sponsors of the program are the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #181 and the Kiwanis Club.

Girls State is a mythical 51st state, where for a period, the citizens organize their own city, county and state governments.

They choose their own officials in accordance with regular election procedures.

Judah is the daughter of Jim and Deborah Judah. She has been active in FFA throughout high school. She is a member of the farm business team which attended the national convention last November.

She is the FFA reporter this school year. She is also a member of 4-H and has exhibited pigs, sheep and chickens through both programs.

Judah participated in choir as a freshman and she played basketball her first two years of high school.

For the past two years she has competed in UIL literary events, advancing to state in accounting this year.

After graduating next May, Judah plans to attend Abilene Christian University where she is considering majoring in architecture or business. She may also later attend Texas Tech University.

GIRLS STATE — Jenise Judah, Snyder High School junior, will attend Bluebonnet Girls State in June. Dessie Harvel of American Legion Auxiliary Unit #181, is shown presenting a check to Judah. The Auxiliary and Kiwanis Club sponsor the annual event. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Starts next fall...

Boot camp staff is sought

Hoping to get a non-residential boot camp underway by the start of school in August, Scurry County is running advertisements across the state for a drill instructor/supervisor for the program.

The program, known by the acronym STAR, could be part of the sentence certain juvenile offenders receive if they get in trouble with the law, or at school.

It will be a joint program between the county, city and the Snyder school district.

"We plan to hire a supervisor as soon as possible," 132nd District Judge Ernie Armstrong said Friday.

"We hope to have the program in place before school starts."

Various STAR programs have been visited across the state by local officials, including ones in Lubbock and Conroe.

City council member I.E. Martin is a strong supporter of the program, saying he feels it would curtail the growing juvenile crime problem in the city.

"The way this program is designed, they (the juveniles) won't have much time for anything else," Martin has said.

A student's day in the program in Conroe begins at 5:30 a.m. with two hours of fitness training and drill. The student then showers and has a supervised breakfast with the drill instructors.

The students then go to class on a regular schedule.

When school is out, the students go back to the program for two hours of mandatory study hall. The student's day with the drill instructors normally end with some 45 minutes of drill and fitness training.

Parents pick up their students at 6:30 p.m. and the students must be in their homes 30 minutes later.

A unique part of the program is the involvement of the student's parents.

The parents are under a court order to have their children at their school at the designated times, or they can be held in contempt of court and jailed.

The length of the student's involvement in the program depends on the offense and how well he or she responds to it. A student in Conroe can be assigned to a one-day program, or up to 24

See BOOT CAMP Page 14A

Jury due Monday for DWI trial

Some 150 jurors will report at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court as jury selection begins in the trial of a Hermleigh man charged with felony driving while intoxicated.

Charged with the Jan. 15 DWI offense is Terry Jim Nachlinger, 56, of 8515 CR4124 in Hermleigh.

Behind scenes day at Scurry Museum

Scurry County Museum will join museums around the world in celebrating International Museum Day on Sunday.

Behind-the-scenes tours will be conducted from 1:30 until 3 p.m.

"The exhibits people see in museums reflects only about 10 percent of the overall workload," said Charlene Akers, museum director.

"The other 90 percent which keeps the museum functioning addresses collection care, administration, finance, fund-raising, maintenance, and research for programming and special events."

The museum is located on the Western Texas College campus.

ASK US

Q.-Are girls allowed to play football in Texas?

A.-According to the UIL, participation in league activities comes under a "non-discriminatory policy." Any school district that would prohibit participation based on gender would be in violation of UIL regulations.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 81 degrees; low, 61; 7 a.m. Saturday, 61; no precipitation; total for 1997, 11.92 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy. Low near 60. SE wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy. Isolated afternoon storms. High, lower 90s. S-SE wind 10-20 mph.

Tonya Robles
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 8:34 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:46 a.m.
Of 136 days in 1997, the sun has shone 124 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

We know accurately only when we know little; with knowledge doubt increases.

Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

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Angleton dropout charged in slaying

ANGLETON (AP) — Police have believed all along they knew who killed Donna Beth Sanford in 1991, but it wasn't until a few days ago that they made an arrest.

Michael John Bass, who was 17 at the time the popular geometry teacher was killed, has been a suspect since three weeks after her death, said Ollie Falks, a Brazoria County sheriff's detective.

Bass, now 23, wasn't charged with murder until Tuesday; officials refused to say what led them to make the arrest now.

The charge came as good news to Mrs. Sanford's relatives, who have maintained hope an arrest would eventually be made.

"It's been a long six years," Phyllis Shepard, Mrs. Sanford's sister-in-law, told The Brazosport Facts, which first reported the arrest in a copyright story Thursday.

"It would be nice to have some kind of closure. We'd like to know what happened and why."

Curtis Sanford, 38, expressed relief and gratitude a suspect has been charged in the death of his late wife, who, he said, had expressed fear over guns found among students in the high school parking lot.

"I can't believe someone for no reason could just drive up next to someone and end their life and affect so many other people's lives for no reason — no sane reason. Anybody that can do that has no place in our society," he said tearfully.

Mrs. Sanford died on April 2, 1991 as she drove to school. Her car veered off the road and she bled to death from a neck artery severed by a shotgun pellet fired from another car.

Falks said the slaying was connected to a conflict at the high school. Officials declined to elaborate, but said they think Bass acted with an accomplice.

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Marcus Best to graduate

Marcus Best, son of Dr. and Mrs. John T. Best, was to graduate from Baylor University on Saturday.

He was to receive a bachelor of arts in biology and professional writing.

Senior Center News

Domino players will have a chance to show their skill in a tournament planned at 10 a.m. Monday. Bridge players will get together at 9:30 Monday morning and have scheduled a tournament at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

Persons who have just reached 60, senior citizen age, and new comers who are in the senior citizens category are invited to join the games and participate in other activities.

The center, located at 2603 Ave. M, is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. A nutritious meal is served at noon each day, and transportation to the building can be arranged by calling the office at 573-4035.

The Scurry County chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will have a luncheon meeting in the center on Monday. Persons interested in joining the AARP are also invited to attend.

A musical program by Hoss Clayton and his band is scheduled at 11 a.m. Tuesday. 42 will begin at 10 a.m. Bingo, a popular game, will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday and the line dancing class will meet after lunch. A program on nutrition facts is scheduled for 11:45 Thursday.

A program honoring veterans of the Korean War, sometimes called "The Forgotten War," is planned in June and Korean veterans are invited to submit information about their military service which will be copied for distribution.

It was on June 25, 1950 that the North Korean Army crossed the 38th parallel and invaded South Korea. On June 27, after the South Korean capital of Seoul fell to the invaders, President Harry S. Truman sent U.S. ground troops stationed in Japan into the battle.

A United States force, composed largely of Americans and South Koreans along with troops from 15 other nations, fought the war until an armistice was signed on July 27, 1953.

Volunteers are needed to help deliver meals to homebound persons, Norma Laywell, director said.

"The center is now delivering meals to about 100 persons each week," she added. "The meals leave the center at 11 a.m. and the volunteers who make the deliveries are back by noon. We have arranged routes so the meals will arrive on time and hot and this means that our volunteers will return by noon.

"We need both drivers and "hoppers," the persons who deliver the meals from the vehicles to the homes," Mrs. Laywell said. "Volunteers do not have to be senior citizens."

Anyone interested may call the center.

Two students receive awards

Tara Price

Two Snyder Junior High School students have received academic recognition from the United States Achievement Academy.

Tara Price and Callie Bane have been named All-American Scholars. To receive this award, they had to have a GPA of 3.3 or better.

Price is the daughter of Larry and Terri Price of Snyder. Local grandparents include Mary Jo Whitmire and Joe and Helen Price. Another grandfather is Jerry Dennis of Colorado.

Bane is the daughter of John and Chris Bane of Snyder. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Woelfe of Jerseyville, Ill., Lee Bane of Hot Springs Village, Ark. and the late Burnice Bane.

Callie Bane

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Snyder EMS sets open house for EMS Week

Snyder EMS is recognizing EMS Week with an open house, a poster contest and other activities.

EMS Week is May 18-24. May is also National Trauma Month.

The public is invited to tour the office on College Avenue and look at the ambulances all week from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Snyder EMS has four full-time employees and about 21 part-time employees. Together, they made more than 2,000 responses in the past 12 months.

A poster contest is being held for Scurry County elementary students through fifth grade. Prizes will be awarded.

In addition, a program is being planned at the Senior Center.

Emergency medical services is a system of care for victims of sudden and serious illness or injury.

This system depends on the availability and coordination of many different elements, ranging from an informed public capable of recognizing medical emergencies to a network of trauma centers capable of providing highly specialized care to the most seriously ill or injured.

The 9-1-1 emergency number, search and rescue teams, and pre-hospital and emergency room personnel are some of the critical elements necessary for the EMS system to work.

Be prepared

•Post emergency telephone numbers for your area on or by each phone. Businesses should include the location (street address and/or floor and suite #, as well as any special dialing prefixes.) Show your children where the numbers are located and teach them how to make emergency calls.

•Make sure your business or house numbers are at least four inches tall and are clear and visible from the street.

•If you need emergency services at night, turn on your outside lights to help EMS responders find your location. If possible, have someone direct EMS personnel to where they are needed.

Know how to spot an emergency

If you think someone could suffer significant harm or die unless prompt care is received, that situation is an emergency.

•Difficulty breathing, unusual shortness of breath;

•Chest or upper abdominal pain or pressure;

•Fainting;

•Sudden dizziness, weakness or change of vision;

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EMS WEEK — Mayor David Holt signed a document proclaiming May 18-24 as EMS Week in Snyder. The following EMS personnel are pictured in front of the office located at 3902 College. From right are Mayor Holt; EMS director Perry Westmoreland, medical director Dr. Marcia Odal; Sterling Williams, Kyle Haley, Pat Guynes, Kristi Cox, Cindy Josey, Tammy Shirley, Penny Roberson, dispatcher Lori Kincheloe, Cyrus Posey, Billy Evans, Albert Canon, Joe Hefner, Gary Poe, Phillip Kincheloe, Troy Hall and not pictured, Charles Kittles, Mary Eubanks, Clayton Riley and James Walker. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bob Barker won't present

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bob Barker has decided against being a presenter at this year's Daytime Emmys awards show. It's a matter of pride.

The host of "The Price is Right" said he can't take part in the May 21 ceremony because it snubs game shows by not airing awards in that category.

"We all know that game shows, along with daytime serials, have been the pillars of daytime TV throughout the medium's history," he said.

Barker said the shows "Jeopardy" and "The Price is Right" together attract more viewers than any other three daytime shows combined.

The game show host made his remarks in a letter to John Cannon, head of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, which helps select the Emmy winners. Barker released the letter Friday.

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To the Citizens of Scurry County:

We, as former members, of the Board of Managers of Cogdell Hospital would like to express our support for keeping Cogdell Hospital a locally-owned, operated, and controlled facility to serve the medical needs of the citizens of our community.

The mission of D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital is "to provide quality health care services to all patients who seek care. We will be guided by our willingness to serve and our concern for the individual. We will emphasize excellence, service, quality, and continuous improvement in all that we do. We will be guided by financial principles to maintain the fiscal integrity of the institution. We will establish an environment in which the patient is our top priority."

As you can see from the Mission Statement, our hospital's philosophy is based on care and compassion for the patient with the patient being number one. We question whether a for-profit operation, driven by bottom line, can or will put the patient first, with adequate staffing and services.

We know that no one enjoys paying taxes, however, quality health-care service is one category of public services that justifies support from tax money. In Scurry County we are talking about less than twenty-five ($25) dollars per year, per resident, in order to have local control over our health-care services and maintain the ability to determine locally what services can and will be offered.

D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital is more than bricks and mortar. It is people who care about other people, striving to serve their fellow man to the best of their ability without worrying about whether we made a profit for the company or not.

We support continued operation of D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital as an entity of local government, controlled by local citizens. We urge you to join us in supporting continued local control.

Sincerely,

Sue Mize
Pat Falls
Jim Palmer
Janet Hall
Leon Autry
Martin Brooks
Ted Crenwelge
Roy McQueen
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Victims remembered

MAHOMET, Ill. (AP) — Overlooking millions of pop-can tabs representing Holocaust victims, a survivor of the Nazis told children who collected the tabs they should forgive their worst enemies and fight prejudice.

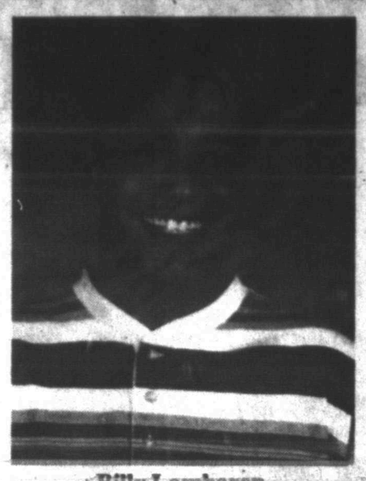
Eva Mozes Kor commended Mahomet-Seymour junior high school students for their six-month project to collect as many tabs as there were victims of the Holocaust.

The tabs will be recycled, and the proceeds will go to Kor's small Holocaust Museum in Terre Haute, Ind.

"You here tonight have sent a very powerful beam of light that will illuminate many dark corners of the universe," Kor, 63, a survivor of the Auschwitz death camp, said at a ceremony Thursday night in the school's gym.

Kor and her twin sister were torn from their family at age 10 in Transylvania and subjected to experiments by Nazi doctors.

The pop-can tab idea was history teacher Kevin Daugherty's. He wanted his seventh grade students to understand the enormity of the Holocaust. So he started his class on a project to collect 6 million tabs — one for every Jew who died because of the Nazis.



Billy Lambaren
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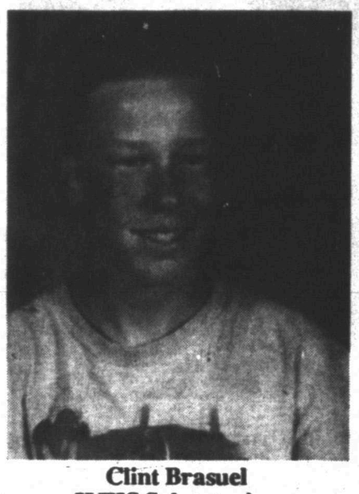

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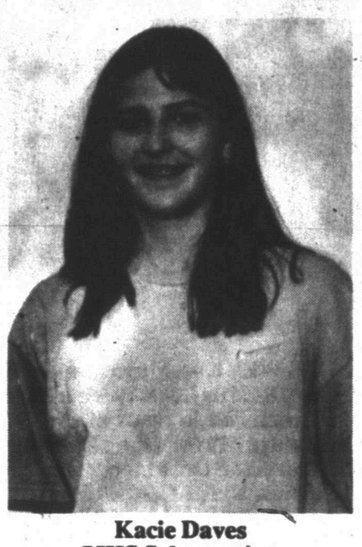

Kacie Daves
IJHS Salutatorian

Hermleigh lists top 2

Hermleigh Junior High School has announced the top ranking eighth graders for 1996-1997.

Billy Lambaren, who has a 87.04 GPA, is the valedictorian. He is the son of Tony and Bertha Lambaren.

Salutatorian is Clint Brasuel, son of Mike and Mary Brasuel, who has a GPA of 85.34.

The eighth graders will graduate on May 23, along with the seniors.

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IJHS picks its top two

Ira Junior High School has announced the top two eighth graders for 1996-1997.

Morgan Clements, daughter of Keith and Carla Clements, is the valedictorian. Her GPA is 96.30.

Salutatorian is Kacie Daves, daughter of Tom Daves and Leah Daves. She has a GPA of 96.13.

Eighth graders will graduate on May 23, along with the seniors.

EMS — Making A Difference For Life!

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•Change in mental status, such as irrational behavior, confusion or difficulty in waking;
•Sudden, severe pain anywhere in the body;
•Bleeding that won't stop;
•Severe or persistent vomiting;
•Coughing or vomiting of blood;
•Suicidal or homicidal feelings.

Contacting emergency services

•Dial 9-1-1 to connect to emergency dispatchers for medical, fire, or police help.
•Give name, address, phone number, location of the victim (such as upstairs bedroom), and nature of the problem.
•Be prepared to tell what has happened, where it has happened, and your phone number.
•When the dispatcher answers the call, answer all of his or her questions as best you can. Stay on the line until the dispatcher instructs you to hang up.

Waiting for help to arrive

•Do not move the victim unless his or her location poses an immediate threat, e.g. victim is in water, a fire is burning in the building or vehicle, or there is no way to protect the victim from harm in his or her current location.
•Do not give the victim anything to eat or drink.
•Protect victim from the environment by keeping him or her covered.
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Tips to help

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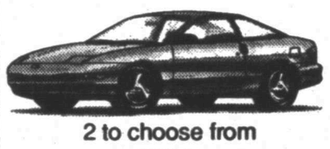

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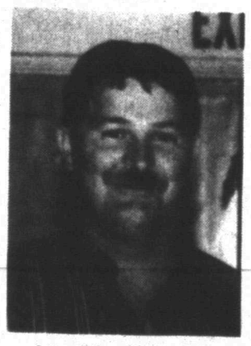

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New Miss Universe is fan of alligator wrestling, coloring

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Brook Mahealani Lee likes alligator wrestling, stomping in rain puddles and drawing with crayons in coloring books.

The 26-year-old from Pearl City, Hawaii, is also pretty thrilled with the 1997 Miss Universe crown that now sits on her head.

Lee beat out women from 73 countries Friday at the Miami Beach Convention Center to win the 46th annual Miss Universe pageant. An estimated 2.5 billion people watched the two-hour telecast worldwide.

"I was a wreck. I was out of control," Lee said about what went through her mind during the final moments. "I was thinking Miss Venezuela was going to make a very good Miss Universe."

Miss Venezuela, 23-year old Marena Bencomo, was second and Miss Trinidad and Tobago, 24-year-old Margot Bourgeois, was third.

Besides a fondness for alligator wrestling, Lee speaks Japanese, would like to interview Tiger Woods and is working toward a master's degree in communications at the University of Hawaii.

She said she had no specific charities to champion, but was open to suggestions.

"My first cause? Sleep," she quipped.

After becoming Miss USA in February, Lee said racial tension was the world's biggest problem and her goals included work on solving youth problems.

George Hamilton and Marla Maples Trump were hosts of the first Miss Universe pageant under new owner Donald Trump.

The pair commented in their opening monologue that Maples Trump was losing weight — about 200 pounds — as they glanced jokingly at Donald Trump in the front row. Trump took the joke in stride, smiling at the reference to the couple's recent announcement that they are separating.

In another light moment, the three finalists were asked what they would like to do if one day there were no pageant rules to follow. Lee's answer: "I would eat everything — twice!"

Retiring Miss Universe Alicia Machado, whose reign was marked by controversy over a weight gain, got a boost from someone in the audience holding a sign saying, "We love you just the way you are."

Miss Colombia, Claudia Elena Vasquez, won the costume contest for a golden, form-fitting dress with matching headdress. Second place went to Miss Honduras for a multi-colored sequined dress with a Carmen Miranda-style headdress of tropical fruits. Third went to Miss Peru for a golden, black and silver strapless with an open midriff and a matching headpiece of feathers and gold.

Miss Philippines, Abbeygale Williamson Arenas, was named most photogenic in voting done by people who visited the pageant's Web site.

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Cohen says more bases must be closed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary William Cohen says a new round of politically sensitive base closings is needed to shed the armed forces of "excess baggage" at a time of budget trimming.

Cohen, a Republican who served in the House and Senate from Maine for 24 years, triggered angry statements on Capitol Hill this week when it was disclosed that he wants rounds of base closings in 1999 and 2001.

"There is no list," Cohen told reporters Friday, but he will push for base shutdowns Monday when he unveils details of his plan for the military's future force structure and strategy Monday.

Cohen said he has seen the problem from both sides, having served 24 years on Capitol Hill.

Cohen said he is well aware of the "deep animus" among his former congressional colleagues to the very idea of new closures, given the political problems it creates for them.

But he said the military service chiefs now tell him "they feel they are carrying excess baggage" that forces them to postpone purchases of updated weapons for their troops.

"Are you going to insist we carry bases that aren't necessary?" he said he will ask Congress.

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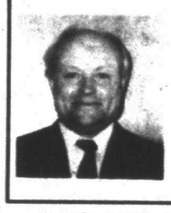

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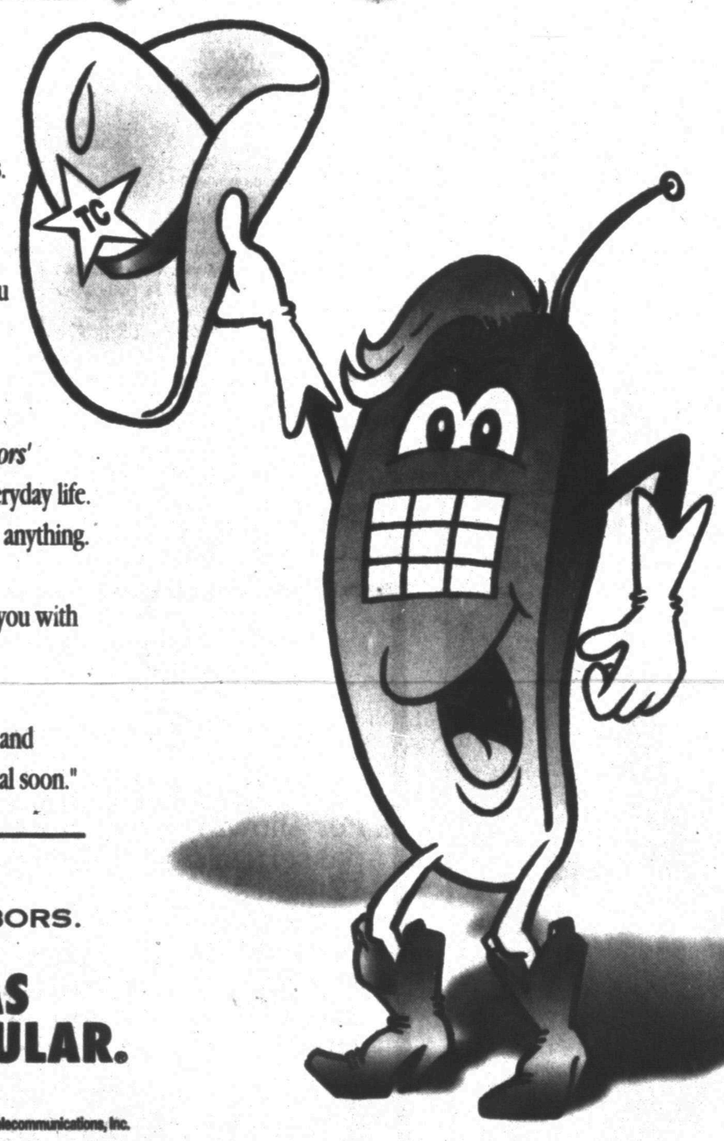

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SPORTS

Former WTC golfer shot back...

Tiger Woods shares lead

IRVING (AP) — Perhaps only Tiger Woods could shoot a 29 and not even know it. Perhaps only Tiger Woods could share the lead at 12-under-par 128 after two rounds of the GTE Byron Nelson Classic and be struggling.

And perhaps only Tiger Woods could have everyone scrambling for the record book after playing the first 11 holes seven under par, trying to find out exactly when and where the only two 59s in PGA Tour history were shot.

Woods had his second consecutive 64 on Friday, this time on the Cottonwood Valley course, and swung into the weekend tied with Lee Rinker, who birdied the final three holes for a 63 on the TPC course.

Mike Standly, a former Western Texas College golfer, was one stroke back at 129 and Paul Stankowski and Jim Furyk were two behind the leaders.

Standly shot a 63 on the TPC course at the Four Seasons Resort, closing with a 29 of his own on the back nine.

Tom Watson, a four-time winner of the Nelson, was in a group at 9-under 131.

But it was the round by Woods at Cottonwood that set hearts racing.

He birdied four holes in a row starting at No. 2 — three times on putts of 12 feet or less — and picked up another birdie on No. 8 — on an 8-footer — to turn the par-34 front nine in just 29 strokes, needing only 11 putts.

"I went out in 29?" Woods said with genuine surprise. "I had no idea."

Birdies at Nos. 10 and 11 put him at seven under par for the day and meant he needed to play the final seven holes four under par to shoot a 59, a score achieved on the PGA Tour only twice — by Al Geiberger in 1977 and Chip Beck in 1991, both times on par-72 courses.

"No, I never thought about it," Woods said about shooting 59. "When I shot 59 (in a casual round in Florida right before his record-setting victory in the Masters last month) I was 10 under through nine holes," he said with a sly smile. "There's a difference."

But Woods, who really wasn't very sharp, played the last seven holes one over par as he failed to get his irons close to the cup. He needed as many putts on the final seven holes — 13 — as he used on the first 11, mostly because he was leaving himself 30-footers instead of 10-footers.

"It's funny, coming in I felt pretty good about my swing," Woods said. "But it has been my putting that has carried me here — and my chipping."

Standly, a 33-year-old with one victory in six erratic years on the PGA Tour, used laser-like iron shots to get a 29 on the back nine at the TPC course. Five of his six birdies on the back side came on putts of 8 feet or less.

"I've grown a lot in the last two years," Standly said about his game. "I'd take another 11 under par on the weekend and sit right here."

The problem is that Woods is not willing to sit anywhere. When he got a big lead at the Masters he wanted to break the tournament record of 17 under par. When he got to 18 under, he wanted to get to 20 under.

Woods is never satisfied. That is a big part of his greatness.

"Obviously, this is a good position to be in," Woods said. "But I still have to drive the ball well with my 2-iron, 3-wood and driver."

When a guy shoots 64-64 and is still tinkering, trying to get better, it sends a chill down the spine of the other players, and it mystifies those watching him.

"What's he going to do, win every week?"

GRID SCHOLARSHIP — L.S. McClain, a first team all-district tailback for the Snyder Tigers last fall, has signed to play with Abilene Christian University. Shown with him are his parents, L.S. and Jan McClain and his coaches, at right, Matt Gutierrez (standing) and Joe Granato. (SDN Staff Photo)

MAJOR DIVISION CHAMPS— The Sonics, with a perfect 9-0 record, won the major division Girls Little Dribblers championship. Back row, from left, are Hailey Putnam, Afton Schwertner, Ashley Grantham, Rachel Cave and Lindsey Wilson. Front row, from left, are Katie Kerley, Erin Cooley, Cindy Nachlinger and Jenna Neff. Coaches are Melanie Schwertner, Bryan Cave and Andra Lancaster. (Contributed Photo)

Knicks fall, 95-90...

Heat turned up for 7th game

NEW YORK (AP) — After all the hype, all the dirt and all the suspensions, the Knicks-Heat series will go down to the wire.

"The ultimate game," Pat Riley said.

It will be Game 7 on Sunday at Miami Arena, the place where this second-round series turned the Heat's way.

The sequence of events that unfolded last Wednesday in that building — a bench-clearing brawl that led to five suspensions and the harshest punishment in NBA playoff history — produced ramifications that were felt Friday night. The shorthanded New York Knicks simply didn't have enough to close out Miami, losing 95-90 when their suspension-weakened lineup couldn't keep up down the stretch.

As a result, Miami is within one victory of becoming the sixth team in NBA history to successfully come back from a 3-1 deficit — unless Seattle does it today at Houston.

But the Heat will have to get a victory in a building where they have already lost three times to the Knicks — twice in the regular season and also in Game 1 of this series.

"It's one game for the season," Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "We're either going to move on toward our goal or go home."

Alonzo Mourning and Dan Majerle had their best games of the series as the Heat used a flurry of 3-pointers in the fourth quarter to pull away.

The Heat overcame an emotion-charged New York team still reeling from the NBA's suspension of six players — five Knicks and Miami's P.J. Brown — for a brawl in Game 5.

New York was without its two leading scorers, Patrick Ewing and Allan Houston, as well as backup point guard Charlie Ward. The Knicks will have to play Game 7 without Larry Johnson and John Starks, who will serve their suspensions, while Brown will sit out the second game of his two-game suspension.

The Knicks made up for the loss of Houston's and Ewing's offense for more than three quarters. But a cold spell midway though the fourth — along with their inability to stop Mourning inside all game long — sealed their fate.

"Obviously, when you have players out from both teams it has an impact, but we had more than enough to win with," Van Gundy said.

Mourning led Miami with 28 points and nine rebounds, Majerle added 18 points with four 3-pointers and Tim Hardaway scored 20 points.

Chris Childs led New York with 22 points, Johnson had 20 and Charles Oakley had 18 points and 12 rebounds as all three had their highest-scoring games of the series.

The Knicks were ahead 72-68 with eight minutes left before the Heat began their final push with two 3-pointers from Hardaway for a 74-74 tie.

Miami pushed the ball upcourt after the Knicks missed shots on their next three possessions, and the sudden burst of energy seemed to catch the exhausted Knicks on their heels.

"They were a step slow getting back because they only had nine players. We knew that, and we knew we had to run," Hardaway said.

Voshon Lenard, Majerle and Hardaway all scored on fastbreak layups to cap a 9-0 run that made it 80-74. After Childs made two free throws with 3:35 left, Majerle answered with Miami's third 3-pointer of the quarter.

Starks hit a 3-pointer to pull New York to 83-79, but Majerle made another 3 to restore the seven-point lead.

Childs responded again, making a driving layup and a foul shot for a three-point play with 1:37 left, but it was only a setup for the biggest shot of the game: Mourning's 3-pointer with 1:16 left for an 89-82 lead.

"That 3 was the real backbreaker. That was a big-time shot by him," Van Gundy said.

Mourning drained the shot from the top of the key, his first 3-pointer of the playoffs, second of the season and 22nd of his career. Then he turned to the crowd and gave a strong-man pose to rub it in.

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SPORTS

Rangers shutout Yankees, 6-0

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Texas Rangers might have found someone to plug one of the gaps in their decimated pitching rotation.

Rookie Julio Santana had his second strong outing in two major-league starts and reliever Danny Patterson completed a four-hitter Friday night in a 6-0 victory over the New York Yankees.

Santana's performance couldn't come at a better time for Texas, limping along without injured starters Ken Hill and Roger Pavlik. The 24-year-old took Pavlik's place on the roster.

Rangers manager Johnny Oates likes the rookie's poise.

"He doesn't seem to be in awe of pitching in the big leagues," Oates said. "He seems to be in control of his emotions and he doesn't get rattled."

It doesn't hurt that he has great stuff. His fastballs were clocked at 94 mph in each of his six-plus innings Friday night.

Texas pitching coach Dick Bosman encouraged Santana to use his slider every once in a while.

"I told him you can't get locked into one speed," Bosman said. "You've got to change speeds, and he did that. We really feel he's got his feet on the ground now."

Against the Yankees, Santana had to outlast David Wells (4-2), who retired the first 16 Texas batters before Bill Ripken doubled with one out in the sixth. With two outs, Damon Buford homered for a 2-0 lead on a sinker "that just stayed up," Wells said.

Will Clark led off the Texas seventh with a home run. Juan Gonzalez followed with a double and Yankees reliever Jim Mecir walked Dean Palmer. Rusty Greer, pinch-hitting for Mike Simms, homered for a 6-0 lead.

"He (Wells) threw about 90 great pitches, and left four of them over the plate," Buford said.

Santana (2-0) gave up four hits in 6 1-3 innings.

"I felt I could get their guys out," Santana said. "I also knew I could not afford to get behind because Wells was pitching that good."

"The kid was beating us," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "He went after us and he bested us. I have to credit him instead of blaming us."

Patterson finished with 2 2-3 hitless innings for his first major league save. The Yankees, who dropped 9-30 this decade in Texas, were shut out for the second time this season.

Oklahoma upsets Texas Tech, 5-3

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma plays Missouri in an elimination game while Texas Tech faces Oklahoma State as competition continues in the Big 12 tournament today.

Oklahoma advanced to today's play when Jose Montenegro hit a two-run homer and Jeff Andra turned in a solid pitching performance as the Sooners upset top-seeded Texas Tech 5-3 on Friday.

Also Friday, Baylor outfielder Jeremy Dodson lost a pop fly in the sun, allowing the winning run to score with two outs in the ninth as Missouri defeated the Bears 9-8.

Oklahoma State scored eight runs in the eighth inning, including two-run homers from Rusty McNamara and Ted Salhani, to defeat Texas A&M 16-10.

McNamara's homer, his second of the game, snapped an 8-8 tie and came off loser Courtney Weller (5-2).

Jeff Guiel followed McNamara with a solo homer that chased Weller and after a groundout and a walk to Tony Lucca, Ted Salhani followed with a two-run homer to left field.

The Aggies (39-19) changed pitchers again and Oklahoma State continued its barrage, taking advantage of an infield error, a single and a hit batsman before Josh Holliday, who also homered in the game, hit a two-run single.

The No. 4-seed Sooners (36-16) collected 10 hits, including two homers, against the Red Raiders and enjoyed strong pitching from Andra, who gave up three earned runs and struck out six over seven innings.

Tech pitcher Shane Wright struggled early, hitting three batters in the first two innings and giving up four runs before being relieved in the seventh.

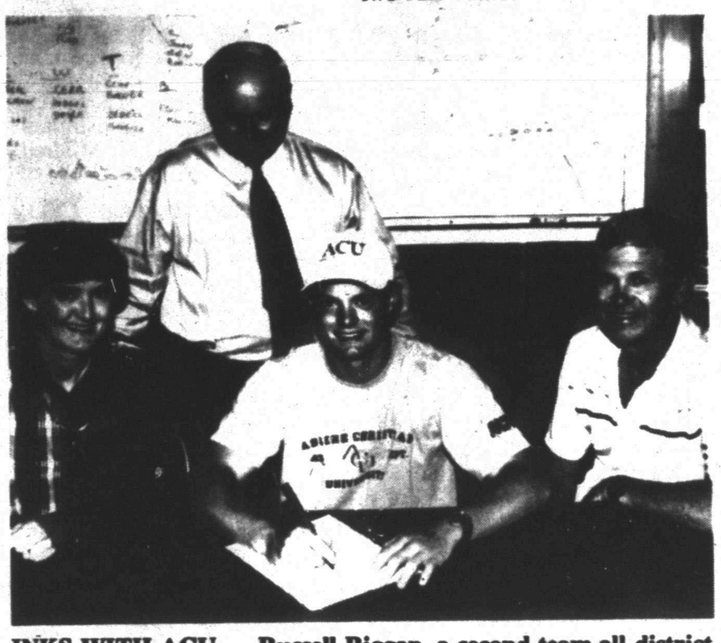
Oklahoma took a 3-0 lead in the second inning on Montenegro's homer to center field and an RBI single from Corey Hart.

The Red Raiders got on the scoreboard in the third inning with a groundout by Shane Langen that scored Jason Huth to make the score 3-1.

Oklahoma went up 4-1 in the third inning when Brian Shackelford singled and advanced to second before coming in on Javier Flores' double.

Texas Tech (44-11) rallied for two runs in the fourth. Josh Bard walked to open the inning and advanced to third on Brandon Toro's double before scoring on Jason Landreth's single. Brandon Buckley hit a sacrifice fly that scored Toro as the Red Raiders moved to within 4-3.

Big 12 Tourney
Friday's Games
Missouri 9, Baylor 8; Baylor eliminated.
Oklahoma 5, Texas Tech 3.
Oklahoma State 16, Texas A&M 10.
Saturday's Games
Texas Tech vs. Texas A&M, 11 a.m.
Missouri vs. Oklahoma, 3 p.m.
Championship Game, 7:30 p.m.



INKS WITH ACU — Russell Riggan, a second-team all-district quarterback for the Snyder Tigers, has signed a football scholarship to play for Abilene Christian University. Riggan is pictured with his parents, Tim and Dianna Riggan. At right is Tiger head coach David Baugh. (SDN Staff Photo)

Astros sting Phillies, 12-7

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — After hitting his first home run of the season, Brad Ausmus figures he's ahead of schedule.

Ausmus, who hit four home runs last year, hit a three-run shot to cap a seven-run first inning, and the Astros hit three other homers — two by Craig Biggio — in a 12-7 victory Friday night over the Philadelphia Phillies.

"It's good to get the monkey off my back," Ausmus said. "I expect to hit a couple this year so I'm half way there."

Biggio led off the game with his 100th career homer off Mark Leiter (3-4), then hit a three-run blast in the second inning as Houston built an 11-0 lead.

Class 4A baseball playoffs

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	27	13	.675	-
Florida	24	16	.600	3
Montreal	22	16	.579	4
NewYork	20	20	.500	7
Philadelphia	14	25	.359	12½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	22	19	.537	-
Pittsburgh	21	19	.525	½
St.Louis	17	22	.436	4
Chicago	13	26	.333	8
Cincinnati	12	27	.308	9
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	23	15	.605	-
Colorado	23	16	.590	½
LosAngeles	22	16	.579	1
SanDiego	14	24	.368	9

Friday's Games
Chicago Cubs 16, San Diego 7
Florida 3, Pittsburgh 1
Cincinnati 4, Los Angeles 2
Houston 12, Philadelphia 7
Colorado 2, N.Y. Mets 1
Montreal 14, San Francisco 13
Atlanta 1, St. Louis 0, 13 innings
Saturday's Games
San Diego (Hamilton 1-1) at Cincinnati (Mercker 1-3), 1:05 p.m.
Colorado (Thomson 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (Jones 6-2), 1:40 p.m.
Florida (Rapp 2-2) at Pittsburgh (Cooke 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 4-3) at Philadelphia (Schilling 5-3), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 1-1) at Atlanta (Smoltz 4-3), 7:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 4-2) at Montreal (C.Perez 4-2), 7:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 4-1) at Chicago Cubs (Telemaco 0-2), 8:05 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Houston (Hampton 2-3) at Philadelphia (Munoz 1-5), 1:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Astacio 3-1) at Montreal (P.Martinez 6-0), 1:35 p.m.
Florida (Saunders 2-1) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 1-2), 1:35 p.m.
Colorado (B.Jones 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Mlicki 0-3), 1:40 p.m.
San Diego (Valenzuela 1-5) at Cincinnati (Burba 3-4), 2:15 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 5-2) at Chicago Cubs (Mulholland 3-3), 2:20 p.m.
St. Louis (An.Benes 2-1) at Atlanta (Glavine 4-2), 8:05 p.m.

American League

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	28	13	.683	-
NewYork	24	17	.585	3
Toronto	21	17	.553	4½
Detroit	17	23	.425	9½
Boston	15	23	.395	10¼
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
KansasCity	20	18	.526	-
Milwaukee	19	18	.514	½
Cleveland	18	20	.474	2
Chicago	16	22	.421	4
Minnesota	16	25	.390	5½
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	22	16	.579	-
Seattle	23	17	.575	-
Anaheim	19	19	.500	3
Oakland	17	25	.405	7

Friday's Games
Minnesota 11, Boston 5
Detroit 10, Kansas City 2
Texas 6, N.Y. Yankees 0
Toronto 5, Cleveland 2
Anaheim 5, Milwaukee 1
Baltimore 6, Seattle 3
Chicago White Sox 6, Oakland 2
Saturday's Games
Cleveland (McDowell 3-3) at Toronto (W.Williams 1-2), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Darwin 0-2) at Oakland (Karsay 0-4), 4:05 p.m.
Boston (Gordon 1-5) at Minnesota (Radke 3-2), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Pugh 0-0) at Kansas City (Pittsley 0-3), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mendoza 2-1) at Texas (Burkett 2-2), 8:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (D'Amico 1-2) at Anaheim (Watson 1-3), 10:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Key 7-0) at Seattle (Sanders 0-4), 10:05 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Cleveland (Ogea 3-3) at Toronto (Carpenter 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
Boston (Sele 4-2) at Minnesota (Robertson 3-2), 2:05 p.m.
Detroit (Lira 2-2) at Kansas City (Belcher 5-3), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Cone 5-2) at Texas (Oliver 1-4), 3:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Mercedes 1-0) at Anaheim (Springer 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 1-5) at Oakland (Mohler 0-5), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 5-1) at Seattle (R.Johnson 5-1), 4:35 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Cedar Hill eliminates Andrews

AUSTIN (AP) — Cedar Hill's two runs in the bottom of the fifth and slugging by Heather Parris ended a seesaw battle against Andrews with a 5-2 Class 4A state semifinal victory Friday.

The loss snapped a winning streak for Andrews (20-6), which had run to twelve games entering the University Interscholastic League Softball Tournament.

Parris had three hits and an RBI to lead Cedar Hill (23-9) on the offensive side. But Four Andrews errors led to three unearned runs.

Cedar Hill pitcher Joanna Velasquez, who gave up two runs in the top of the fourth inning, shut Andrews down in the last three frames for the victory.

Velasquez recorded seven strikeouts on the game.

Cedar Hill was to face LaMarque in the Class 4A state championship game at 4 p.m. Saturday.

Mens' basketball tourney

A men's basketball tournament will be held May 23-24 at Snyder High School. Entry fee is $100 per team and teams may have up to seven members. Deadline to enter is Wednesday. Call Daniel Flores at 573-5574.

WGA play Tuesday

Queen of the Hill is the format for Tuesday's Women's Golf Association playday at Snyder Country Club. Tee time is 9 a.m. Swingers play will be held Friday, starting at 5:30 p.m.

3 on 3 cage tourney

A 3 on 3 basketball tournament will be held June 7-8. Signups will be held starting Monday through June 2, For boys 10-12, the fee is $32 per team and for boys 13-14, the fee is $36 per team.

First and second place teams will be awarded T-shirts and first place teams will advance to the Dallas Hoop-It-Up June 20-22. Release forms are required. For more information call Rocky Ware at 573-3344 between 2-7 p.m. Home telephone is 573-0738 or call 573-0800 and leave message.

Coed basketball camp

Coach Rick Archer, SHS girls' cage coach, will hold a coed basketball camp for boys and girls who will be in the 2nd through 8th grades next year. The camp will be July 7-11 at Snyder High School. Cost is $55 per camper and brochures are available at any school. For more information, call Archer at 573-6301.

API golf tourney

The annual API Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held June 7 at Snyder Country Club.

Format will be a four-person scramble with shotgun starts at 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Entry fee is $240 per team. Cash prizes will be given for the top three places in each of the six flights.

There will also be door prizes and prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive. There will be a putting contest. Hole-in-one prizes include two pickups and a $10,000 certificate of deposit.

To enter call Steve Olsen at 573-1766, Wade Lancaster or Mike Tyrrell at 573-0146.

Snyder volleyball camp

A volleyball camp for girls in the 5th through 9th grades will be held July 14-17 at the high school gym. Sessions will be from 8:30 a.m. until noon. Cost is $40. For more information, call Coach Patty Grimmett.

Junior high golf tourney

Snyder will host a junior high golf tournament Saturday. 7th and 8th graders from schools throughout the area are expected. The boys will compete at Western Texas College and the girls will see action at Snyder Country Club. Tee time is 8 a.m.

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EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR — Jimmy Pittman, left, was named Employee of the Year Thursday night at Cogdell Memorial Hospital's awards buffet. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

15, 20 YEARS — Cogdell Memorial Hospital employees received service awards Thursday night. From left are, Steve Camp, 20; Mamie Lou Eubank, 15; Jerri Riley, 15; Carl Burleson, 20. Not pictured is Becky Craig, 15 years. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Cogdell staffers earn awards

Cogdell Memorial Hospital employees received 1996 service awards Thursday night at a buffet held at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Jimmy Pittman, an LVN with Home Health, was recognized as the Employee of the Year. Previously, he had been named Employee of the Month for March.

Pittman completed LVN school, at Western Texas College in 1993 and has worked at Cogdell for 3½ years.

In addition to the hospital based home health service, he has also worked on the Medical/Surgical unit and in CCU and ER.

Other Employees of the Month also recognized were Katy Doty, clerk, medical records, November, 1995.

The following were 1996 winners. Kathy Eaton, C/S Tech, February; Katrina Ledbetter, phlebotomist, lab, April; Nanette Belew, Human Resources assistant, May; Lisa Cross, RN, OB/Med 3 charge nurse, June.

Others included Connie Gonzalez, LVN, CCU, July; Leslie Luecke, RN, house supervisor, September; Carmen Timora, scrub tech, O.R., October; Clint Haywood, scrub tech, O.R., November.

Laurie Harrelson, physical therapy aide, December.

Several employees also received service pins. Those recognized for 20 years were Carl Burleson, respiratory therapy, and Steve Camp, radiology.

Fifteen year pins were presented to Mamie Lou Eubank, long term care, and Jerri Riley, medical records. Becky Craig, OR, another recipient, was unable to attend the awards buffet.

Also not present was Toni Gallman, 10 years.

Those receiving five-year pins were Katie Bailey, long term care; Christy Brown, administration; Sherry Clayton, dietary; Mary Crane, radiology; Karen Franklin, home health; Connie Gonzalez, CCU; Jessie Leyva, long term care; Tori Lyons, patient accounting; Val Molina, long term care; Linda Roemisch, patient accounting.

Those not present to receive their pins were Myra Cantu, who has moved, long term care; Matt Cross, cardiac rehab; M.J. Drummond, nursing administration (house supervisor); Mildred Garrett, PDU clinic.

Jeff Reecer, hospital CEO, presented awards.

Staff Infection, composed of hospital employees and community members entertained.

Members include Jerry Vestal, comptroller, guitar; Reecer, Dr. Marcia Odal, ER physician, flute; Carmen Timora, OR scrub tech; Bill Dickinson, lab manager; Olga Rodriguez, housekeeping; Dr. Mark Weaver, banjo and guitar; Dan Osborne, guitar; and Rollin Swanson, banjo.

Review of accusations is planned

FORT WORTH (AP) — Accusations that the Fort Worth police chief tried to get his daughter's fiance into the academy and punished employees who stood in the way are before the city's civil service commission.

In the first public allegation of impropriety in Chief Thomas Windham's 12-year tenure, the commission Friday was awaiting a report from an attorney representing police Cpl. Laura Klein along with other evidence.

The application of Jimmy Wayne Johnson Jr., the fiance of Johanna Edna Windham, to become either a police officer or reservist was rejected by a review board. But he told The Dallas Morning News in Friday's editions he is still on an eligibility list.

"This is like a circus — it gets a little bigger and better every day," said Bob Hasty of Fort Worth, Ms. Klein's attorney. "Just when I think I've learned what I need to know, I hear about something new that blows my wig off."

Ms. Klein earlier this month requested an emergency meeting of the civil service commission to investigate Windham's actions following Johnson's repeated applications for police jobs since 1994.

Deputy Chief David Dees, Windham's top aide, wrote a memo to the training division captain on Feb. 29, 1996, telling him to put Johnson in the next reserve officer class.

Ex-counsel to Treasury arrested

NEW YORK (AP) — Paul W. Eggers, former counsel to the U.S. Treasury for two years, and three others were arrested Friday in a wire fraud scam that ripped off investors for $8 million, U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White said.

Eggers, 78, of Dallas, along with G.W. Lincecum, Anthony K. Miremadi and Valerie B. Miremadi, are charged with collecting the money with the promise it would be invested, according to a federal indictment.

Eggers and Lincecum called themselves principal investment managers, and the Miremadis put the scams in motion, the complaint said.

Jane Fonda wouldn't study acting

TROY, N.Y. (AP) — Jane Fonda went back to school with a word to the wise — and just a hint of wistfulness.

Girls and science go together, she told students at the private Emma Willard School, her alma mater. And if she had it to do over, she'd study child psychology and environmental biology, not acting.

"If I knew then what I know now, I would take it all," the actress and activist said Friday at the high school near Albany.

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FIVE YEARS — These Cogdell Memorial Hospital employees received five years of service recognition Thursday night. From left are, back row, Linda Roemisch, Katie Bailey, Jessie Leyva, Tori Lyons, Mary Crane, Christy Brown; front row, Connie Gonzalez, Linda Franklin and Val Molina. Not pictured are Myra Cantu, Matt Cross, M.J. Drummond, Mildred Garrett and Toni Callahan, 10 years.

Rain pummels state one year after very severe drought

DALLAS (AP) — One year ago, Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry predicted that the drought would burn up $6.5 billion from the Texas economy.

"What a difference a year makes," Perry said in an interview from his car as his windshield wipers slapped at the pounding rain.

"Over the vast majority of the state of Texas, the drought has broken," Perry said. "That doesn't mean the agriculture business across the state is doing better."

Spring rains moistened fields throughout the state, providing some farmers a much needed reprieve and leaving others with rotting vegetables swimming in damp fields, caked with mud.

Almost 6.5 inches of rain fell in Amarillo last month, compared with an almost untraceable amount in April 1996. In Lubbock, .11 inch last April was replaced with close to 6 inches this year.

In South Texas, rain has become too much of a good thing. Constant downpours have delayed planting by weeks.

Brownsville jumped from a half-inch of precipitation last April to 4.78 inches a year later, while Harlingen went from just over an inch to 4.69 inches.

"It's a mixed bag," Perry said. "If you happened to be in that sector where the rains came timely, you're looking forward to better times. If you happened to be impacted by too much rain like in Hidalgo County, it's not so promising."

Hidalgo County extension agent Brad Cowan just keeps scratching his head.

"It was just so darn wet that a lot of crops didn't get planted in a timely fashion," he said. "It's caused some big-time problems. This area has a diverse economy but we still have our roots in agriculture."

Farmers in Wharton County switched to planting soybeans instead of corn, knowing the rain they prayed for last year has dashed their hopes for a good corn crop this year.

"They got to complaining about the drought a year ago and I got them the rain, and now they are complaining about the rain," said John Cosper, an extension agent in Wharton, 54 miles southwest of Houston.

"We're trying to be innovative and work through the situation as best we can, but it looks pretty dismal."

Switching to a crop with a lower income potential is one of those innovations, Texas A&M agricultural economics professor Roland Smith said.

Losses will continue as farmers across the state face problems getting rice, corn and cotton crops in the ground because of excess moisture, he said.

"There's still a lot of financial crisis even though the weather has turned around," he said. "It still doesn't look all that optimistic in trying to recover from last year's losses."

The sloppy situation worrying many farmers in South Texas is giving a glimmer of hope to farmers and ranchers in other parts of the state.

"As far as I can tell we are all going back into business," third-generation San Angelo rancher Bill Bates said.

Mowbray case may never reach second trial

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The sensational saga of a woman who won a new trial in the 1987 slaying of her husband could finally come full circle in October, when the second trial is set to begin.

But if prosecutors and defense attorneys have their way, Susie Mowbray will never be back in front of jury.

Prosecutors are hoping the U.S. Supreme Court grants their request to reverse a lower court's decision setting aside Mrs. Mowbray's conviction. In that event, there would be no new trial.

Defense attorneys, meantime, plan to file another appeal arguing that prosecutors should be barred from retrying Mrs. Mowbray because of constitutional protections against double jeopardy.

"It's my opinion that we'll never have to try the case again," said Mrs. Mowbray's attorney, Robert Ford.

Mrs. Mowbray, 49, was released from prison on a $35,000 bond Friday, five months after the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals set aside her conviction based on findings that prosecutors suppressed evidence showing her husband might have killed himself.

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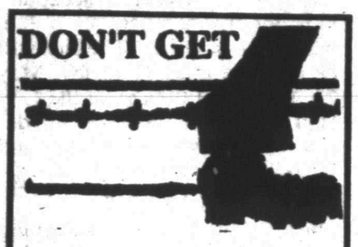

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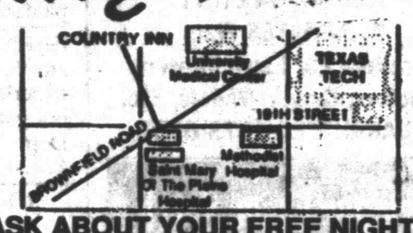

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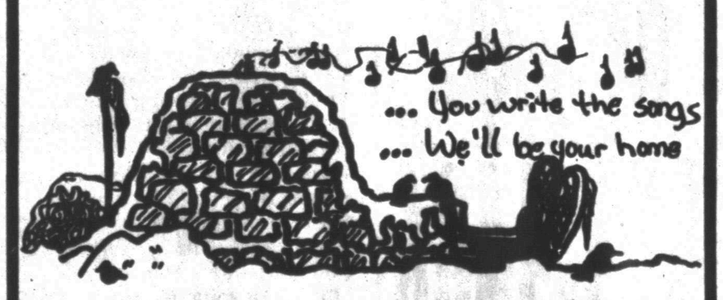

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And a cure was not to be.
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And whispered "come with me."
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And saw him fade away.
Although we loved him dearly
We could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating.
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God broke our hearts to prove to us
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READ 100 BOOKS — Two first grade classes at East have read 100 books this semester. Kay Echols' students (top photo) are from left, standing, Tanner Butler, Joe Richard Garza, Luke Robertson, Joseph Hefner, Erica Lee, Vanessa Reyna, Brittaini Carnes; seated, Angela Almanza, Will Clay, Ryan Claxton, Brittany Fisk, BranDee Harbin, Josh Lumpkins, Shawn Thompson. Samijane Webb's students (bottom photo) are from left, back row, Jacob McFatridge, Kelly Holdren, Christina Villa, Nicholas Gonzalez, Virginia Rivera, Alicia Coker, Rachel Scott; front row, Ana Aguirre, Ricardo Perez, Megan Velasquez, Jordan Derryberry, Megan Rose Fouts, Ashley Casas, Tommy Toland. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Man who killed McLennan County woman is executed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Convicted killer Clifton Belyeu, put to death for fatally shooting and stabbing a McLennan County woman, said in a statement released after his execution that he was headed for heaven and would be praying for those who thought his death was appropriate.

Belyeu, 38, had no comment as the lethal drugs were administered Friday evening, making him the second condemned killer to die this week and the first of five scheduled for death over the next seven days in Texas.

But in a 15-line, typewritten statement distributed following his death, he expressed love for his family and asked for God's forgiveness for himself and those who wanted him dead.

Among those watching a few feet away as the lethal drugs took effect was Jerrel Bolton, whose wife, Melodie, 35, was murdered during a Dec. 10, 1985 burglary of her home in West, about 15 miles north of Waco.

Belyeu was declared dead six minutes after the drugs began flowing into his arms. A cough and a gasp were his only reactions.

"I know most of you are here to see me suffer and die," Belyeu, who declined a final statement while in the death chamber, said in his prepared comments.

"But you're in for a big disappointment because today is a day of joy. Today is the day I'll be set free from all pain and suffering.

"I'll be praying for all of you because you're here today with anger and hatred in your hearts letting Satan deceive you into believing that what you're doing is right and just."

Bolton, who stood right up against the death-chamber window as the execution was carried out, and other members of his family declined to speak with reporters afterward.

He found his wife's body after a neighbor, concerned when Mrs. Bolton did not answer repeated telephone calls, summoned him from work.

Belyeu's co-defendant in the murder, Ernest Ray Moore, pleaded guilty and is serving a life prison term. He testified Belyeu killed Mrs. Bolton, a mother of two, during the late-morning robbery. Authorities recovered from Belyeu's home some $15,000 worth of jewelry, money and guns taken from the Bolton home.

The seventh-grade dropout who worked as a painter had a previous two-year prison term for robbery. He was paroled in 1979 after serving six months.

Testimony showed Mrs. Bolton was surprised by Belyeu and Moore as she was leaving home to go to her church where she was to make angel costumes for Christmas programs.

Vic Feazell, the former district attorney who prosecuted the case, said the pair wanted to "rob some rich people" and figured the satellite dish next to the Bolton home meant wealthy people lived there.

She was stabbed seven times in the back and also suffered a shotgun blast to the head. Her hands were tied behind her back.

"It was just a terrible crime, totally random," Feazell said. "He's paying for it. He did it. He was just a mean guy."

Belyeu's wife told some neighbors of finding a shotgun and ammunition at their home and the neighbors called police. The ammunition and gun, along with a hunting knife found in Belyeu's truck, were linked to the slaying. Bloody clothing and footprints at the murder scene also were tied to Belyeu.

Four arrests made Friday

Four people were arrested Friday on various charges while officers are investigating a reported assault that occurred early Saturday morning.

A 29-year-old male was arrested at 12:30 p.m. Friday in the 2400 block of Avenue L for driving while license suspended.

A 17-year-old male was arrested at the sheriff's office at 5 p.m. on three outstanding city warrants. The warrants were for misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia, no driver's license and no liability insurance.

Two people were arrested by deputies at 9:10 p.m. Friday on U.S. 84, one mile north of Hermleigh. Taken into custody for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated was a 34-year-old male while a 28-year-old male passenger in the vehicle was arrested for public intoxication.

Officers were called to the Beacon Motel at 3:05 a.m. Saturday in reference to a female being assaulted. The 19-year-old woman was transported to Cogdell Hospital by Snyder EMS where she was treated and released. An offense report for Class A assault was submitted.

Spraying for mosquitoes

The City of Snyder has begun spraying for mosquitoes.

Barring high winds or rain, the schedule will continue as follows:

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- *Southwest Snyder: Noble Edition to west city limits, 37th Street to south city limits*

Sunday
- *West Snyder: College Avenue to west city limits, 37th Street to 23rd Street*

Monday
- *Northwest Snyder: 23rd Street to north city limits, Avenue R and Hickory to west city limits*

Tuesday
- *Northeast Snyder: Avenue R to east city limits, 25th Street to north city limits*

Spraying will be from about 8 o'clock until midnight.

The public is also asked ot help by keeping their property mowed and eliminating any standing water.

Author's widow protests book ban

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — An effort by a black minister to ban Richard Wright's autobiography, "Black Boy," because of its depiction of racism has drawn harsh criticism from the author's widow.

"'Black Boy' tells of a long-ago child who was not allowed to read books. Do we want this book denial to be repeated in today's South?" Ellen Wright wrote from Paris in a letter to The Florida Times-Union.

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EMPLOYEES OF MONTH — These Cogdell Memorial Hospital employees received certificates for being named Employees of the Month. Back row, from left, Jimmy Pittman, who was also named Employee of the Year; Katy Doty, Carmen Timora; front row, Nanette Belew, Connie Gonzalez, Laurie Harrelson. Not pictured are Kathy Eaton, Katrina Ledbetter, Lisa Cross, Leslie Luecke, Clint Haywood. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Museum displays floor plans of perfect TV families' homes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Serious art has now come to this: A museum display of floor plans for the homes of perfect TV families like Rob and Laura Petrie and Darrin and Samantha Stevens.

No dry architectural renderings these.

The new exhibit at the Corcoran Gallery of Art showcases the exact placements of Mr. Ed's stable, Beaver Cleaver's bookcase, and Gilligan's hammock. The identical cousins on "The Patty Duke Show" have extra outlets in their bedroom for hair dryers.

For this, we have to thank Los Angeles artist Mark Bennett, the ultimate product of the TV generation.

Envious of the happy families that lived in TV land, Bennett started taking detailed notes on their homes when he was a child, and was soon turning his research into renderings.

He did it the hard way, long before VCRs and "Nick at Nite."

"I did this from memory," he explained at Friday's press preview. "One blueprint takes eight hours — and 20 years of research."

That meant cutting class to catch reruns in junior high, running red lights to get home in time for an "I Love Lucy" episode, watching for changes from one season to the next. Mary Richards got a better TV after she was promoted at WJM on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show."

The "Family Affair" mockup duly notes the location of Buffy's doll, Mrs. Beasley; the floor plan for the "Dick Van Dyke Show" charts the location of Richie's cowboy lamp, and the "Flipper" rendering shows where Porter Ricks' game warden license hung on the wall.

Bennett, 40, grew up the middle child in a middle-class home in Chattanooga, Tenn. His parents never quite measured up to the Cleavers and the Cunninghams and the Clampetts.

"I sort of escaped into the drawings," he said. "These are my own personal love letters to the shows." His exhibit includes collages focused on Barbara Billingsley, aka Mrs. Cleaver.

At some point, his drawings also became art — selling for $3,000-$4,000 apiece.

Terrie Sultan, curator of contemporary art at the Corcoran, said the drawings are serious works because they explore issues of fantasy, reality, collective memory and the influence of the media.

"They're also enjoyable to look at," she said. "They pull you in, and yet the content makes you think, and that's what art is."

The exhibit, "Mark Bennett: TV Sets and the Suburban Dream," will travel to Cleveland and Ridgefield, Conn., over the next year.

No word yet on what Bennett might do with his other obsession: serial killers.

Montana inmate dies from injuries sustained in fight

SPUR (AP) — A Montana inmate critically hurt in a prison fight died Friday, prompting a murder investigation and warnings of more violence at the privately run facility.

Neal Hage of Butte, Mont., sustained a head injury in the May 9 recreation yard fight among up to 100 inmates from Montana and Hawaii.

Prison officials said the fight was sparked by regional rivalries over prison jobs.

Six other prisoners were injured at the Dickens County Correctional Center. Weekend fires and another fight followed.

Hage, 32, was serving a 40-year sentence for homicide. He died from his injuries at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Dickens County Sheriff Ken Brendle said the main suspect is an inmate from Hawaii. Brendle said he will present evidence to District Attorney Becky McPherson in about a week.

"Right now things are pretty calm," Brendle said. "Of course, tensions are running high."

One inmate told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal that animosity between inmates would increase once word of Hage's death spread through the prison.

"That made it a thousand times worse, because a lot of people liked him," the unidentified inmate said. "There's going to be that much more anger toward the Hawaiians."

Bobby Ross, president of Austin-based BRG Inc., which operates the prison for Dickens County, said some participants in the Friday night fight were jealous of the Hawaiians' work assignments.

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Delay in court-martial is denied

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force's first female B-52 pilot continues to consider resigning after her request for a change of venue and a delay of her court-martial was denied.

An Air Force judge in charge of the impending court-martial of 1st. Lt. Kelly Flinn rejected on Friday the requests by Flinn's lawyer, an Air Force official said.

"It's going to go forward," said Brig. Gen. Ron Sconyers, public affairs chief for the Air Force, speaking in Washington.

Flinn's trial is scheduled to begin Tuesday in Minot, N.D.

She is charged with adultery and fraternization in connection with two affairs the Air Force says she had over the past year, one with an enlisted man who is single, the other with a married civilian.

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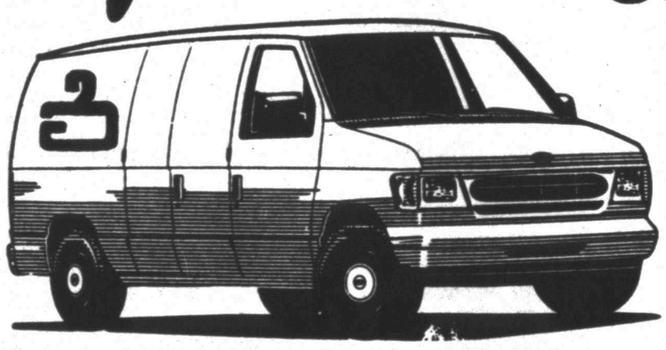

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Senate okays boll weevil bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' boll weevil eradication program, struck down two weeks ago by the state Supreme Court, would be revised and restored under a bill approved Friday by the Senate.

"We went through the bill and we tried to make the changes that were necessary to address the concerns of the Texas Supreme Court," said Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, sponsor of the bill approved 30-0.

"We also tried to resolve the issues that have been ongoing in these eradication zones to try to ... gain the confidence of the growers in the boll weevil eradication program."

The Supreme Court ruled the program unconstitutional because it said the Legislature improperly delegated broad governmental authority to the private Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, which administers the pesticide-spraying program.

That decision came in a lawsuit by 130 cotton growers in West and South Texas who sued the foundation over its method of assessing fees.

Under the bill to revise the program, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry would gain more direct control of the program, including approving its budget.

Among other provisions, the bill also would:

— Eliminate the foundation's power to plow up cotton crops of farmers who fail to pay fees, instead allowing for a lien to be placed against the crop.

— Specify that farmers delinquent on fee payments under the old law could not be sued for past-due collections, and that farmers who paid assessments could not get them back from the foundation.

— Establish an advisory committee in each regional eradication zone.

Although Rio Grande Valley cotton growers who sued the foundation said the spraying effort cost them sales by killing beneficial insects that eat the boll weevil, Duncan said that's a disputed issue. He said the program is valuable and eliminating it would lead to massive crop losses.

"If you don't have an integrated program those boll weevils run over to the next field," Duncan said.

The boll weevil destroys cotton by puncturing and laying its eggs in the squares and bolls of the plant. Crop losses due to the insect are estimated to be at least $20 million annually in Texas, which leads the nation in cotton production.

Agriculture officials estimate the boll weevil causes at least $20 million in crop loss each year in Texas, which leads the nation in cotton production.

Last year, Texas cotton growers produced 4.4 million bales, producing sales of $1.4 billion.

Atlantis docks with Mir Space Station

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — He fought one of space flight's worst fires. He had to breathe fumes from leaking anti-freeze. He's sweated through stifling heat and humidity.

Finally, after four long months aboard the aging Russian space station Mir and an unusual number of problems, astronaut Jerry Linenger's ride home has arrived.

"I stand relieved of duties on the Mir," Linenger said after swapping places with Michael Foale this morning. "It's good to be back on U.S. soil."

The space shuttle Atlantis, carrying Linenger's replacement and repair equipment critical to the station, docked with Mir on Friday night. The astronauts and cosmonauts wasted no time moving the most important piece of gear from Atlantis into Mir: an oxygen generator.

As soon as the hatches between the spacecraft swung open, Linenger enthusiastically hugged the seven shuttle crew members, including Foale.

Linenger grinned broadly and clapped. His two Russian crew mates also greeted the newcomers with hugs. Elena Kondakova, a cosmonaut who flew up on the shuttle, kissed the Russian commander.

"Appreciate you getting the crew up here like you did," Linenger called down to Mission Control. "It's going to be a great celebration here."

Linenger tore open a plastic bag of pretzels, a special treat brought up by the shuttle crew. The astronauts offered tea in silver pouches and the 10 space travelers snacked on bread and salt, a traditional Russian welcome.

"Things couldn't be better right now than what it is for us on the station," shuttle commander Charles Precourt said.

The crews promptly started moving 3½ tons of water, equipment and experiments between the shuttle and the station. By early Saturday, hours earlier than planned, they had replaced the broken oxygen generator aboard Mir with the new one ferried up on the shuttle.

"I'm probably the only guy who's not hurrying," said Foale, 40, who is beginning a 4½-month stay on Mir.

"Jerry wants to go over to the shuttle side and the crews are all ready to get to work on their science and stuff," the British-born astrophysicist said. "I'm quite happy just to relax and take it all in."

Pay raise for state workers eyed

AUSTIN (AP) — State government employees would get their first across-the-board pay raise since December 1992 under a proposal endorsed by key lawmakers.

The proposal, which requires House and Senate approval, would give state agency workers and nonfaculty higher education employees a $100 monthly pay increase. It would cost an estimated $343 million over the next two-year budget period.

Lawmakers said state finances don't allow a larger raise for the 154,000 state agency workers and 46,000 nonfaculty higher education employees.

"I know it's not as much as people would like to have, but under the circumstances, it makes a commitment to the fine state employees we have," said Rep. Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, a member of the House-Senate conference committee working out differences between House and Senate budget plans for fiscal years 1998-99.

Groups representing state employees had sought a $200 monthly increase.

"I don't want anybody to feel like state employees are not grateful for anything they can get, but $100 in reality is a slap in the face," said Lane Zivley, executive director of the Texas Public Employees Association.

While faculty would not be included, committee members said faculty should receive merit raises from budget increases planned for higher education institutions.

Boot camp

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weeks.

On Saturdays and Sundays, students in the program are assigned to community service for eight hours each day. They are allowed just enough time off to go to church on Sundays.

The program has been in effect in Conroe since 1993, and according to Judge Armstrong, the sooner it starts in Scurry County, the better.

What's Up?

Christian women's ministry

A company of Women International Prophetic Voice to the Nations Christian Women's Ministry is holding special gatherings with founder and president Rosalie Willie through Sunday at Union Community Center. Pot luck suppers will begin at 6 p.m. Husbands are friends also welcome. For information, call 573-0899.

Order school supplies

Anyone wishing to order school supplies for Stanfield pre-K, kindergarten, first and second grades and Central third grade only should do so by Sunday. Call Mary Ann Wright at 573-4261 or Diane Arnold at 573-2159.

Chamber of commerce

Snyder Chamber of Commerce board will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday. Agenda items include a request for hotel/motel funds from the Snyder Softball Association, discussion of the coliseum sound system, recognition of new chamber members and the business of the month.

AARP chapter to meet

The local AARP chapter will meet at noon Monday in the Senior Center. District Judge Ernie Armstrong will be the guest speaker.

Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. They are followed by the series titled "The Story of the Bible." The fifth Bible tape, "Praying With Power," will air at 7 p.m. Monday. It will be followed by "Lesson 5: The Disciples."

Free clinic scheduled

Mediplex Home Health will hold a free blood pressure clinic from 1-2 p.m. Wednesday in the Golden Terrace Village community room.

8th grade end of year party

The 8th grade end of year party will be held Friday at the armory. Organizers are in need of donations from parents of 8th graders to cover expenses. Anyone wishing to help should make a check to: Class of 2001, Melissa Alexander, P.O. Box 768 in Snyder.

Quilt objects sought

Scurry County Museum is looking for items made from old or new quilts. Examples would include jackets, pillows, Christmas stockings, doll blankets, hats and toys. The museum wishes to display the items from June 9 through Aug. 22. Individual quilt blocks are also needed for the display.

Help is also needed in presenting the history of quilting and its importance. Call 573-6107 if you can assist the museum with any aspect of this display project.

'Historic' rummage sale

Historic Scurry County will have a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. next Saturday at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall. All donations will be welcomed. Items may be dropped at the hall from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday.

Dermott school reunion

The Dermott school reunion will be June 7 at the Dermott School on the county coliseum grounds. Notices have been sent to all out of town residents. Schedules and activities will be announced later. For questions or information, call Sonny Greenfield at 573-6866.

Writing contest

West Texas Poets, Etc. is sponsoring a writing contest through June 30. There are three catagories: poetry, short stories and children's stories. Adults within a 50-mile radius of Snyder are eligible. For information, call 573-2008, 573-3437 or 573-7369. Entries must be mailed by June 30 to Helene Tutt, 13525 U.S. 180 East, Hermleigh, 79526. Prizes will be awarded July 17.

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
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Seale triplets: 1997 'Miracle' poster children

Broadcast will begin May 30

When it comes to priorities, Carla and Randy Seale have three very special ones — Michael, Steven and La Tosha.

Their "miracle" babies, born at 26 weeks at Children's Hospital at University Medical Center in Lubbock, were not expected to survive. But survive they did, and at three years of age, they continue to thrive.

The Seale triplets are three of five poster children picked for the 1997 Children's Miracle Network Broadcast slated May 31-June 1 on KCBD Channel 11 in Lubbock.

The triplets as well as the other children were chosen because they were in critical condition at birth and hospital equipment, purchased with funds from the broadcast, helped keep them alive.

The premature triplets were so tiny that they were not expected to survive. Michael, the oldest by one minute, was born at 7:50 p.m. on a Sunday, followed by Steven at 7:51 and Tosha, as she is sometimes called, at 7:53.

Michael weighed 1 pounds, 14 ounces. Steven weighed in at 2 pounds, 2½ ounces. Tosha weighed just 1½ pounds and was a scant 13 inches long.

For the first few weeks of their lives, the triplets were placed in intensive care, hooked up to several machines including heart, lung and breathing machines.

BUNDLES OF JOY — Randy and Carla Seale share a happy moment with their triplets, from left, Michael, La Tosha and Steven. Born prematurely, they were not expected to live. The Seale triplets are three of five poster children for the 1997 Children's Miracle Network Broadcast scheduled later this month. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

"You name it and they were on it," Carla said.

During those first weeks, success was measured in small stages. Doctors told the Seales that if the triplets survived 24 hours they had a chance. For every 24 hours they remained alive, the odds improved slightly.

After the first few weeks, the Seales were able to take over much of the care for the newborns from hospital staff. They spent a great deal of the time at the hospital, staying with Carla's parents who live in Wolfforth.

The boys each had to have hernia operations, a common condition for preemies, Carla said.

The triplets were hospitalized a total of 10 weeks. The Seales were told that birth defects such as blindness, deafness or retardation would show up by age 2. So far, none have.

Their only problem seems to be that they are underweight, but doctors have told the Seales that the children will "catch up by age 5."

At 3, the triplets are full of life and energy. In general, Carla said, they get along well. However, disputes over possessions can result in a "screaming match."

Steven loves Barney so much he even sleeps with Public Television's lovable dinosaur.

Michael loves baseball and climbing, "everything at anytime," Carla said.

La Tosha prefers Baby Bop, a little girl on the Barney program. She loves to walk.

The family even has a rotweiller named Barney, a Christmas present.

Fishing is the family's favorite activity and each triplet has his or her own pole.

The Seales had quite a few adjustments to make when the triplets first came home. Carla's mother helped out the first two weeks, but after that the couple had to manage on their own.

During those first months, the triplets were fed 15 minutes apart. Carla said "we're still in the adapting stage, but you do what you have to. You change your priorities."

Before the triplets were born, Carla had taken fertility treatments. Originally there were four babies but they lost one during the pregnancy.

The Seales appreciate their children all the more because they had already lost twins who were born at 19 weeks.

PUMPKIN — La Tosha Seale was a pumpkin for Halloween 1994. (Contributed Photo)

The triplets will be the first of the poster children featured during the 1997 broadcast, and they are to be featured periodically throughout the broadcast, as well.

The triplets appeared briefly during last year's broadcast, but were not the poster children.

This year's theme is "For Love of Tiny Hearts."

Karin McCay and Abner Uresti will again host the annual event.

Carla has only recently returned to work at Key Brothers. The triplets attend Snyder Day Care part-time.

They have lived in Snyder since August of 1995. Randy works for Lease Equipment Service. Previously, he had driven a truck.

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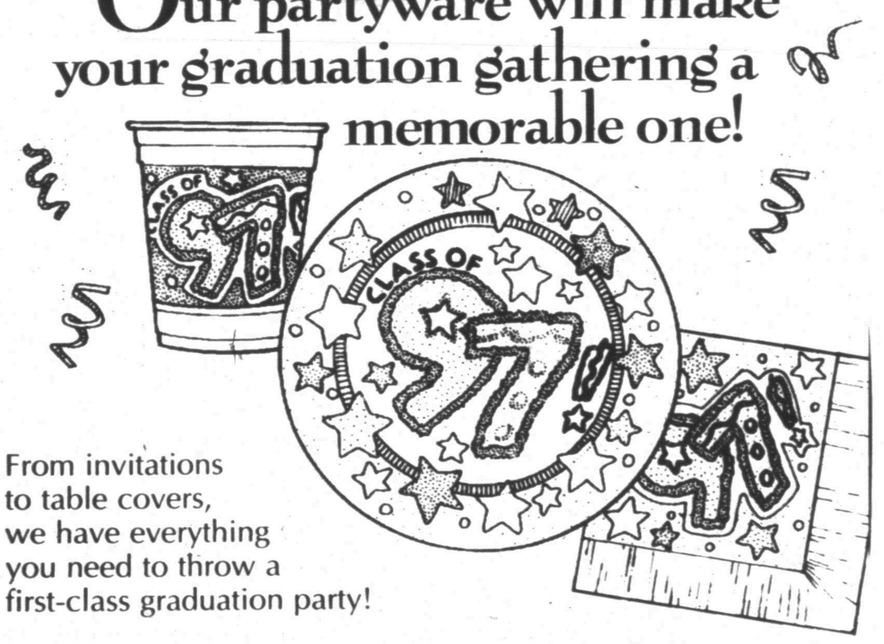

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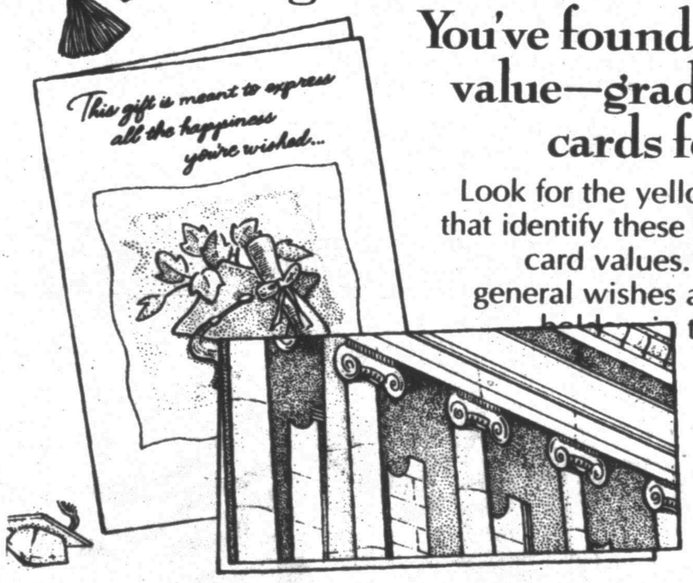

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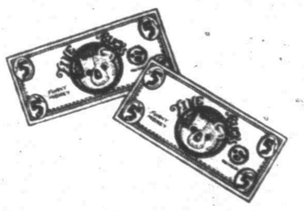

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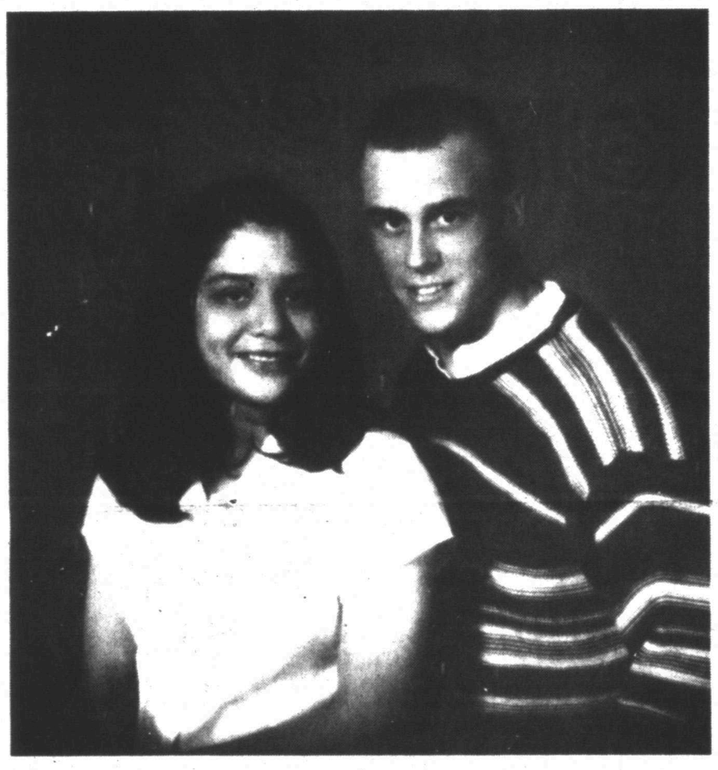
WEDDING CEREMONY SET — Mr. and Mrs. Roger Batchelor, Mr. and Mrs. Don Laster and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Brookings announce the upcoming marriage of their children, Paula Kaye Laster and Stacy Lynn Brookings, on June 28 at 2 p.m. in the Fairmont Church of Christ in Midland. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Doug Riley of Dunn and Ben Laster of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Brookings of Ruidoso, N.M., and Mrs. Ollie Hannah of Pecos. (Contributed Photo)



PARENTS ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT — Marisa, daughter of Manuel and Celia Barrera, and Richard, son of Richard Sr. and Ida Clement of Nashua, N. H., are making wedding plans for 3 p.m., July 5 in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Both are in the Army, stationed in Killeen. (Photo by Photo Image)

Parents aren't perfect. We all make promises we can't keep. But try your best to keep the promises you make to your kids, and apologize when you can't.
—Children's Trust Fund of Texas

In Richardson ceremony...

Snyder resident's granddaughter marries

RICHARDSON — Wendy Kathryn Myers and Robert Richard Shelton Jr. were united in marriage at 8 p.m. on May 17 in the Richardson First Methodist Church. The Rev. David Shawyer officiated the double-ring ceremony.

Dr. and Mrs. Jim Myers are parents of the bride and the bridegroom's parents are Mrs. Debi Shelton, and the late Bobby Shelton.

The bride is the granddaughter of Kathryn Shelburne of Snyder.

Vows were exchanged at the altar decorated in colors of silver, pink and purple. Brass candelabras adorned with greenery, two spiral candelabras, and one arch decorated with calla lilies, stargazer lilies and tulips graced the altar.

Mrs. Robert Richard Shelton Jr.
(Contributed Photo)

David Myers, cousin of the bride from Houston, and Chris White from Dallas were candlelighters.

Gene Jacob was organist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white silk, kupioni designed by Christos for Neiman Marcus. The straight lines of the sleeveless sheath were embellished with beaded Venise lace.

A delicate row of beaded flowers outlined the bateau neckline, armholes and hemline. The plunging back of the gown was geometrically shaped with attached train. The veil flowed from matching bandeau.

She carried a bouquet of white roses and stephanotis.

Maid of honor was Shannon Myers, sister of the bride from Dallas. Elizabeth Franks of Austin, Melany Goldstein from New York City, Danielle Harkness of Dallas, Amy Hickman of Houston, Julie Killingsworth of New York City and Jennifer King of Dallas were bridesmaids.

Bridesmaids wore pewter dresses and carried bouquets of stargazer lilies and orchids.

Camiel Duytschaever was flower girl and ring bearer was Hartman Veith.

Kempe Shelton, brother of the groom, was best man. Brian Boyd, Gus Canalas, Dave Drapela, Chale Escobedo, Mark Lawrence and Dan Montgomery were groomsmen.

Male attendants wore white vests, full-dress tuxedos and white ties.

Heather Shelburne, cousin of the bride, registered guests.

The Bent Tree Country Club was the site for the reception.

Four different flavored tiers of the wedding cake were decorated with flowers.

The groom's chocolate cake displayed the King Ranch and Shelton Ranch brands.

Their honeymoon trip was in South Africa and Nauritius. They have made their home in Houston where the bride will graduate from the University of Houston with a degree in health and nutrition, and the groom with a degree in industrial distribution.

Mrs. Shelton graduated from Plano Senior High School and attended Texas A&M. Mr. Shelton graduated from Kerrville High School and also attended A&M.

Don't be afraid of disciplining your kids. Learn and think of discipline as encouraging good behavior, not just punishing bad behavior.

Parenting is the toughest job you'll ever have, but you are not alone. Take time to talk to other parents about the challenges and
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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

The local AARP Chapter will meet at noon Monday in the Senior Center. Ernie Armstrong will be the guest speaker.

Stargazers, Family Community Education Club; 3117 Ave. T; 7 p.m.

Delta Kappa Gamma, Zeta Lambda Chapter; MAWC; 7 p.m.

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

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

573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-9458, 573-8626 or 573-8929; 8 p.m.

TUESDAY

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 6 p.m.

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

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

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Altrurian Daughters Club; MAWC; 11:30 a.m.

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

Scurry Charter Chapter ABWA; MAWC; 7 p.m.

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

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

New Horizons Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club Addition in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349 or 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

Bridal Registry

- Melanie Thompson and Michael Alarcon
- Shanda Bowlin and Gary Whisenhunt
- Kathy Limmer and Jayson Limmer
- Amy Eicke and Scott Ellis
- Kim Adcock and Mitchell Page
- Gaylene Dobbs and John McMackin
- Cinimin Carney and Jeremy Paden
- Berri O'Neal and Heith Hodges
- Casey Burditt and Michael Fincher
- Cerise Covey and Cade Walton
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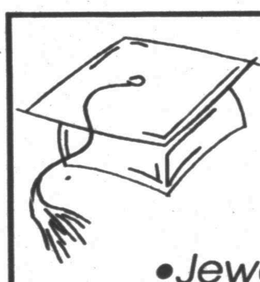

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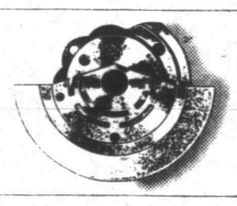

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PLAN ISLAND WEDDING — Tregg David Granato and Karen Elizabeth Kerr announce their wedding plans for July 8 in Negril, Jamaica. Parents of the prospective bridegroom are Joe and Barbara Granato of Snyder. Parents of the future bride are Wayne Kerr and Cindy Johnson of Houston and Kay Kerr of Houston. The bride-elect and Granato attended Texas Tech. She is employed by Southwest Airlines and Granato is a self employed agriculture producer. They will make their home in Lubbock. (Contributed Photo)

Researchers say about 250 different items can cause asthma at work

LONDON (AP) — About 250 substances people commonly handle at work — from henna in a hairdressing salon to wood dust at sawmills and flour in bakeries — can cause potentially fatal asthma, researchers say.

A report in Saturday's issue of the British medical journal The Lancet said up to 10 percent of people suffer from asthma, and that an estimated one-fifth of the 15 million sufferers in the United States are exposed to triggering substances at work.

Asthma is usually caused by an allergy to ingested substances. It is characterized by wheezing, coughing and feeling suffocated and is very common throughout the entire population.

"Occupational asthma" "is a potentially fatal condition," warn Katherine M. Venables of London's National Heart and Lung Institute and Moira Chan-Yeung of the University of British Columbia.

Advance copies of The Lancet were made available Friday.

"Level of exposure is an important risk factor and reduction of exposure is the only certain method of prevention," they said.

Substances that can trigger asthma at work include animal urine that researchers and animal handlers in laboratories are exposed to, grain mites that farmers are exposed to, prawns and crabs in canneries and egg protein, grain dust and wheat and rye flour in bakeries.

Latex, castor beans, green coffee beans, henna, gum acacia used in printing works, and oak, mahogany, western red cedar and some other kinds of wood dust in sawmills were also on the list.

The report said workers allergic to asthma are also at risk from a variety of items used in the plastics, rubber, dyeing, textiles and pharmaceutical industries and in photographic laboratories.

It said an earlier study showed that giving workers respirators to wear did not prevent worsening symptoms of asthma.

"Avoidance of exposure is the mainstay of patient management," the Lancet article said. "Ideally, patients should withdraw from the causal exposure permanently, retraining if necessary for alternative employment."

One-of-a-kind son

NEW YORK (AP) — Of all the famous dads to receive "Father of the Year" awards, only one could say his son once let him win an Indy-car race — on Father's Day.

Mario Andretti recalled Wednesday that on Father's Day 1986 his son Michael was leading a race when he ran out of gas on the last lap. The elder Andretti came from behind to beat Michael's coasting car to the finish line by just seven-hundredths of a second.

In Victory Lane, the son turned to his dad and said, "Happy Father's Day," said Andretti, 57, who has three children. "I'll never forget it."

Andretti was one of seven fathers feted at the annual luncheon sponsored by the National Father's Day Committee. CNN White House correspondent Wolf Blitzer, former baseball major leaguer Larry Doby, Wall Street takeover king Henry Kravis, Lord & Taylor CEO Marshall Hilsberg, New York Times columnist Frank Rich and New York City Police Commissioner Howard Safir were the others.

INTERESTED IN WATERCOLOR — Jay Huckabee and Paul Hudgins, kneeling, were pictured as they discussed an artist's technique at a recent Palette Club meeting held at Huckabee's building. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Palette Club members view Jay Huckabee's collection

Jay Huckabee hosted the Palette Club's membership recently to view his watercolor painting collection.

He has exhibited paintings of LaVerne Lee, H.C. Zachary of Abilene, Pete Moreno of Lubbock, Ronald Thomason, Ted Kautzky, Warren Cullar and many others in his gallery on the Lamesa Highway. Huckabee also had on hand a book by Kautzky, checked out from the county library.

The Palette Club has viewed Huckabee's art exhibits several times. Paul Hudgins is a new member of the Palette Club.

The club will have a business session Thursday for its final meeting of the year. Plans will be made for next year's meetings, including sponsoring the Scurry County Fair Art Show.

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All breakfasts are served with assorted cereal, toast, juice, and all meals are served with variety of milk.

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Waffles w/Syrup

FRIDAY
Breakfast Taco

LUNCH

MONDAY
Chili Dog
Hamburger on a Bun
Burger Salad
French Fries

TUESDAY
Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Chicken Pot Pie
Tossed Salad
Apples

WEDNESDAY
Beef Ravioli
Chicken Nuggets
Tossed Salad
Green Beans
Assorted Fruit

THURSDAY
Steak Fingers
Sliced Turkey
Brown Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Wheat Rolls

FRIDAY
Chicken Enchilada
Beef Taco
Pinto Beans
Spanish Rice
Corn Bread

Pork & Beans
Relish Cup
Gingerbread

TUESDAY
Toasted Cheese Sandwiches
Pickles & Onions
Dorita Chips
Orange Slices

WEDNESDAY
Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches
Potato Chips
Carrot Sticks
Baked Apples

THURSDAY
Bologna Sandwiches
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Chips
Chilled Pears

FRIDAY
Ham Sandwiches
Fritos
Tomato & Lettuce
Chilled Peaches

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
Barbecued German Sausage
Steamed Cabbage
Scalloped Potatoes
Tomato Wedges
Sliced Peaches
Oatmeal Cookies

TUESDAY
Oven Fried Chicken
Cream Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Broccoli
Pineapple/Cheese Salad
Coconut Pudding

WEDNESDAY
Swiss Steak
Cauliflower w/Cheese Sauce
Herbed Green Beans
Lettuce Salad
Cherry Cobbler

THURSDAY
Grilled Ham
Baked Potato
Black-eyed Peas
Fresh Spinach Salad
White Cake w/Vanilla Frosting

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Tater Tots
Mixed Vegetables
Creamy Coleslaw
Bread Pudding

Hermleigh School Menu

Milk is served with every meal.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Fruit
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast

TUESDAY
Juice
Buttered Grits
Toast

WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Toast & Jelly

THURSDAY
Juice
Cinnamon Toast

FRIDAY
Fruit
Dry Cereal
Toast

LUNCH

MONDAY
Barbecue on a Bun

Moore at fund-raiser

CANNES, France (AP) — Elizabeth Taylor decided to stay home while she recovers from brain surgery, so Demi Moore stepped up to lead the annual AIDS fund-raiser at the Cannes Film Festival.

Moore asked for a moment of silence for AIDS victims and made an impassioned plea to keep up the fight at Thursday's dinner, which raised $500,000 for research.

Lauren Bacall, Mira Sorvino, Elizabeth Hurley, Hugh Grant, Sean Penn, Geena Davis and Johnny Depp were among those attending the $2,500-a-plate dinner of foie gras and braised beef.

Taylor usually leads the gala.

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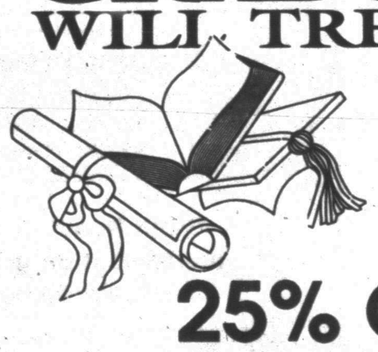

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Mr. and Mrs. Tim Hudnall
(Contributed Photo)

Carr, Hudnall wed in El Paso

EL PASO — Kelly Carr and Tim Hudnall were united in marriage on March 8 at 7 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in El Paso. The Rev. Billy Hudnall, father of the groom and former pastor of Anderson Mill Baptist Church, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Carr of El Paso. The groom is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Billy Hudnall of Austin, and the grandson of Frankie Wall of Snyder.

With her sister, Tracy Carr, as maid of honor, the bride chose Kori Gough as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Nancy Dockerty, Angie Hudson, Kim Lund, Ann Mitchell, Dana Oliver, Jana Phillips, Amy Pierce and Kate Scholz.

Standing with the groom as best man was Tony Peterson of Austin. Groomsmen were Clay Campbell, John Carr, Mike De Francesco, William Evans, Wayne Greaves, Linton Jones (also seated the groom's mother and grandmother), Robert Kaiser, Scott Largent and Tom Stocking.

The reception was held at the Marriott Hotel in El Paso.

The bridesmaids' luncheon was also held at the Marriott. The couple had previously been honored with a reception at Anderson Mill Baptist Church. The rehearsal dinner, hosted by the groom's parents was held at the State Line Restaurant in El Paso.

Mrs. Hudnall is a graduate of Coronado High School in El Paso and of Texas A&M, College Station. She is employed with Alief I.S.D. as a math specialist. Hudnall, a graduate of Westwood High School in Austin, received a master's degree at Texas Tech University. He is employed with Fidelity Investments as a financial planner.

The couple have made their home in Houston following their honeymoon cruise to the Caribbean Islands.

Library News And Views

The Scurry County Library will begin its summer Reading Club on Friday, May 30, for students who have completed K-6.

Registration will be May 30, and the club will continue until July 25.

The library offers preschoolers a summer Read-to-Me program. They will be read to by family members, friends or other care providers. Children may sign up for this program during the above dates.

Also, students who have completed the sixth grade or up, may pick up an application to volunteer at the library this summer.

BOOK FEATURE

"It Happened in Texas," by James A. Crutchfield.

Thirty-three lively episodes from the history of the Lone Star State are illuminated in this book. You'll kick up dust and jangle your spurs with the first explorers, chase outlaws with the Texas Rangers, and try anything to make it rain.

Along the way, the author will introduce you to an unforgettable cast of characters including a French Count who nearly started a war over his neighbor's pigs, outlaws Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow, and Chief Quanah Parker.

NEW NON- FICTION

"The Order of Things," by Barbara Ann Kipfer.

"Louisville Slugger Ultimate Book of Hitting," by Mohn J. Monteleone.

"The Internet Searcher's Handbook," by Peter Morville.

NEW FICTION

"Pretend You Don't See Her," by Mary Higgins Clark.

"The Art of Breaking Glass," by Matthew Hall.

"She's Come Undone," by Wally Lamb.

LIBRARY HOURS

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sat.

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. — Tues. & Thurs.

Patterson hosts BSP final meet

Members of Xi Alpha Alpha Theta of Beta Sigma Phi met May 13 at the home of Janeen Patterson for its final meeting and social of the club year.

Prior to the business session, members had a hot dog cookout in the courtyard.

Dena Ellis, president, conducted the meeting with several members giving committee reports for the upcoming year.

To conclude the evening, members revealed their secret sisters by exchanging gifts.

Other hostesses included the social committee, Brenda Hedges, Carla Allen, Loretta Worthen, Vicky Bell, Barbara Bills and Betsy Griffin.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 05-17-97
♠ K J 6 5
♥ 10 8 3
♦ K 4 3
♣ Q 6 2

West
♠ 8 2
♥ A Q J 9 5 4
♦ Q J 8
♣ 10 4

East
♠ 7
♥ K
♦ A 10 9 7 5 2
♣ 9 8 7 5 3

South
♠ A Q 10 9 4 3
♥ 7 6 2
♦ 6
♣ A K J

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

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

Opening lead: ♦ Q

Mail an anagram of animal

By Phillip Alder

What is a cryptozoologist?

There is a house in Florida with this sign out front: No trespassing, please—turtles welcome.

Yet, as the turtles come up the beach at the back of the house, they don't see the greeting!

There are several composed bridge deals with animal names in the titles, including one for a turtle. However, the animal that appears occasionally at the table is a crocodile. Its coup is featured in today's deal.

West's three-heart weak jump overcall showed a good six-card suit and some 6-10 high-card points.

Against four spades, West led the diamond queen, East dropping the two in an abortive attempt to get a heart switch. South ruffed the diamond continuation, drew trumps ending in the dummy, ruffed the diamond king in hand, and cashed his three club tricks. Then he led a low heart from hand.

West had been counting, aware that South had started with 6-3-1-3 shape. If South had the heart king, there was no defense. So, West rose with the heart ace, like a crocodile opening its jaws, to swallow his partner's singleton king. Two more heart tricks resulted in one down.

A cryptozoologist isn't someone who works in London Zoo and wiles away the quiet moments solving cryptic crosswords. He is someone trying to find species that either aren't proven to exist (like Cadborosaurus, a 60-foot-long sea serpent said to live off the coast of British Columbia) or were thought to be extinct (like a South American peccary, which is similar to a pig). My concern is how long these species will remain extant after discovery.

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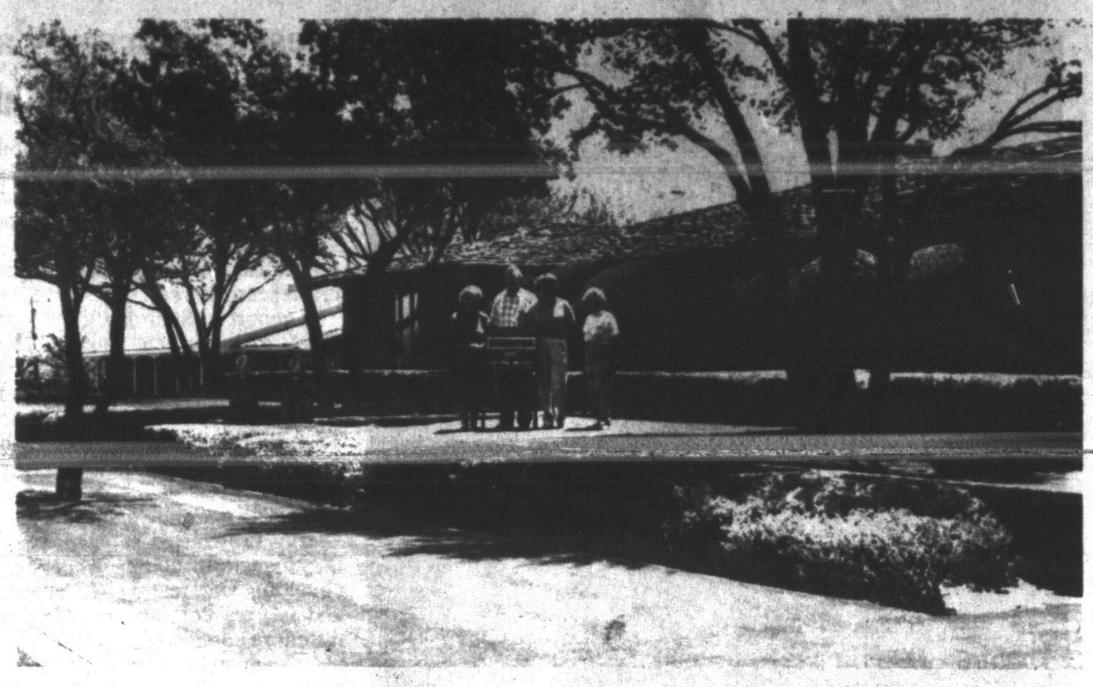
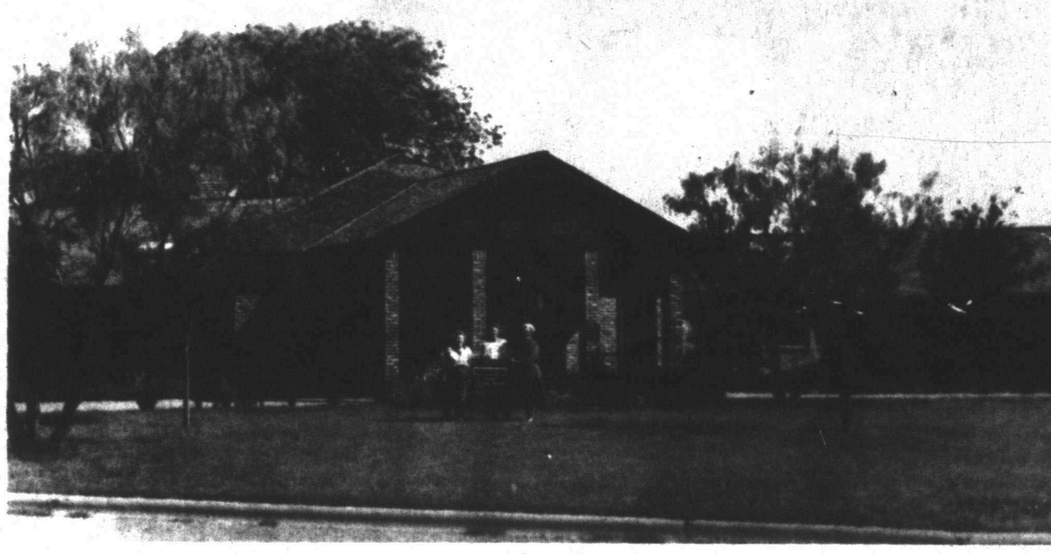




YARDS OF THE MONTH — Snyder Garden Club has chosen yards for the month, an annual summer project of the Snyder Beautification Committee. In the top photo are Cloyce and Anita Talbott, 2500 Towle Park Road with garden club members LaVerne Hood, left, and Maribeth Vestal, right. Another recipient, center photo, is the home of Bob and Henrietta Dupree. Mrs. Dupree is pictured with Vestal, left, and Hood, right. The committee chose St. Mary Family Healthcare Center for the business yard of the month. Vestal and Hood are pictured with Carla Nunley, St. Mary onsite supervisor. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

Committee chooses yards, business of the month

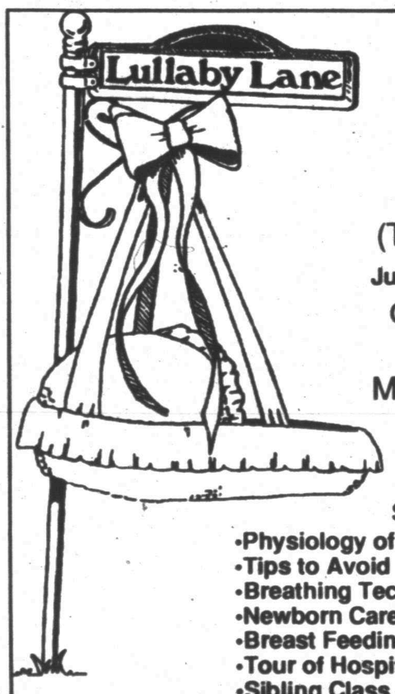
Snyder Beautification Committee and the Snyder Garden Club sponsor yard of the month for homes and businesses through September.

Garden club members judge each month and place signs which remain in the yards until new winners are chosen.

Criteria for the award includes neatness, color variety and design influence selection.

Snyder is divided into five areas and the May selection was south of 37th Street, west of College Ave. to the city limit, including south of Cogdell Hospital and north of Houston.

The June area boundries include 25th Street and Coliseum Drive, south boundary, 37th Street from College to Ave. E, south side, and 37th Street from Ave. E to U.S. 84, north and south side. The west boundry is College, east side between 37th Street and 25th Street. This section includes Eastridge addition and the area west and north of the circle.



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June 2 through June 30, 1997
Classes Will Be Held at
1604
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- Tips to Avoid Complications
- Breathing Techniques
- Newborn Care
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Please wear comfortable clothing; bring a coach, two pillows and a blanket.

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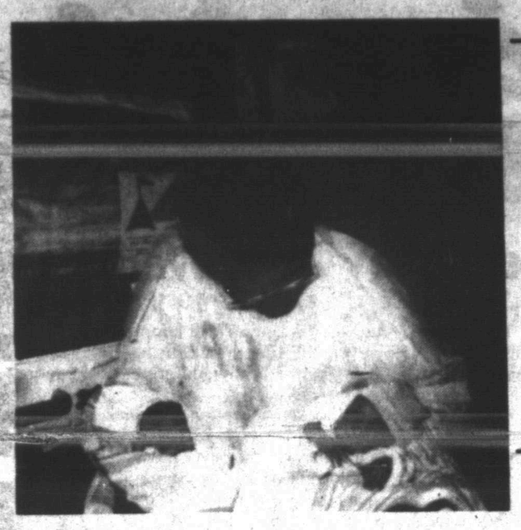

TINY BABIES — Randy Seale holds two of the triplets in Children's Hospital at UMC in Lubbock. La Tosha is on the left and Steven is on the right. (Contributed Photo)

FISHING — La Tosha enjoys fishing while brother Michael looks on. (Contributed Photo)

FIRST SWING — Two-month-old Steven enjoys his first swing ride. (Contributed Photo)

The basic monetary unit of Panama is the balboa, and its chief fractional unit is the cent.

Kentucky is the Bluegrass State.

The state bird of Colorado is the lark bunting.

Bottled water given out is contaminated

MEXICO CITY (AP) — It's enough to make supporters of the governing party sick. Its candidate for Mexico City mayor is running third in the polls and a newspaper reported Thursday he's been giving sub-standard water to supporters.

The daily Reforma reported Thursday that a laboratory had found unacceptable levels of microorganisms in bottles of water passed out at campaign rallies for Alfredo del Mazo, candidate of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI.

Del Mazo, whose party has run Mexico City since 1929, is running third in nearly all polls ahead of the July 6 election. It will be the first time the head of local government in Mexico City has been elected rather than presidentially appointed.

Reforma said that tests showed bottles of water labelled with Del Mazo's name had 190 times the permitted level of mesophillic microorganisms. It noted the problem was not dangerous, but could cause mild diarrhea or stomach problems.

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 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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Date Book

May 17, 1997

Today is the 137th day of 1997 and the 39th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1792, what is now known as the New York Stock Exchange was established.

On this day in 1814, Norway became independent from Denmark.

On this day in 1987, 28 American sailors were killed when an Iraqi plane fired two Exocet missiles at the U.S.S. Stark, a guided missile frigate patrolling the Persian Gulf.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Edward Jenner (1749-1823), medical researcher; James "Cool Papa" Bell (1903-1991), baseball great; Maureen O'Sullivan (1911-), actress, is 86; Archibald Cox (1912-), Watergate prosecutor, is 85; Birgit Nilsson (1918-), opera singer, is 79; Dennis Hopper (1936-), actor-director, is 61; Sugar Ray Leonard (1956-), boxer, is 41; Bob Saget (1956-), actor-comedian, is 41.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1875, the first Kentucky Derby was won by Aristides.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The middle course is the safest for you to take." — Ovid

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1883, rains and snowmelt led to flooding that washed away 70 houses in the Dakota Territory.

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

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (May 14) and full moon (May 22).

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May 18, 1997

Today is the 138th day of 1997 and the 40th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1860, the Republican National Convention nominated Abraham Lincoln to be its candidate for president.

On this day in 1944, elite allied mountain troops finally succeeded in taking the shattered Benedictine abbey at Monte Casino, Italy, from the Germans.

On this day in 1982, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon was found guilty of tax evasion.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Bertrand Russell (1872-1970), philosopher-mathematician; Walter Gropius (1883-1969), architect; Frank Capra (1897-1991), film director; Meredith Willson (1902-1984), composer-lyricist; Perry Como (1912-), singer, is 85; Margot Fonteyn (1919-1991), ballerina; John Paul II (1920-), pope, is 77; Pernell Roberts (1930-), actor, is 67; Brooks Robinson (1937-), baseball great, is 60; Reggie Jackson (1946-), baseball great, is 51.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1912, the Detroit Tigers staged a work stoppage in support of teammate Ty Cobb, who had been suspended for attacking a fan.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To fear love is to fear life, and those who fear life are already three parts dead." — Bertrand Russell

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1980, Washington state's Mount St. Helens erupted.

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Those on welfare forced into public jobs must receive minimum wages

WASHINGTON (AP) — Welfare recipients forced into public service jobs will have to be paid the federal minimum wage of $4.75 an hour, the Clinton administration says.

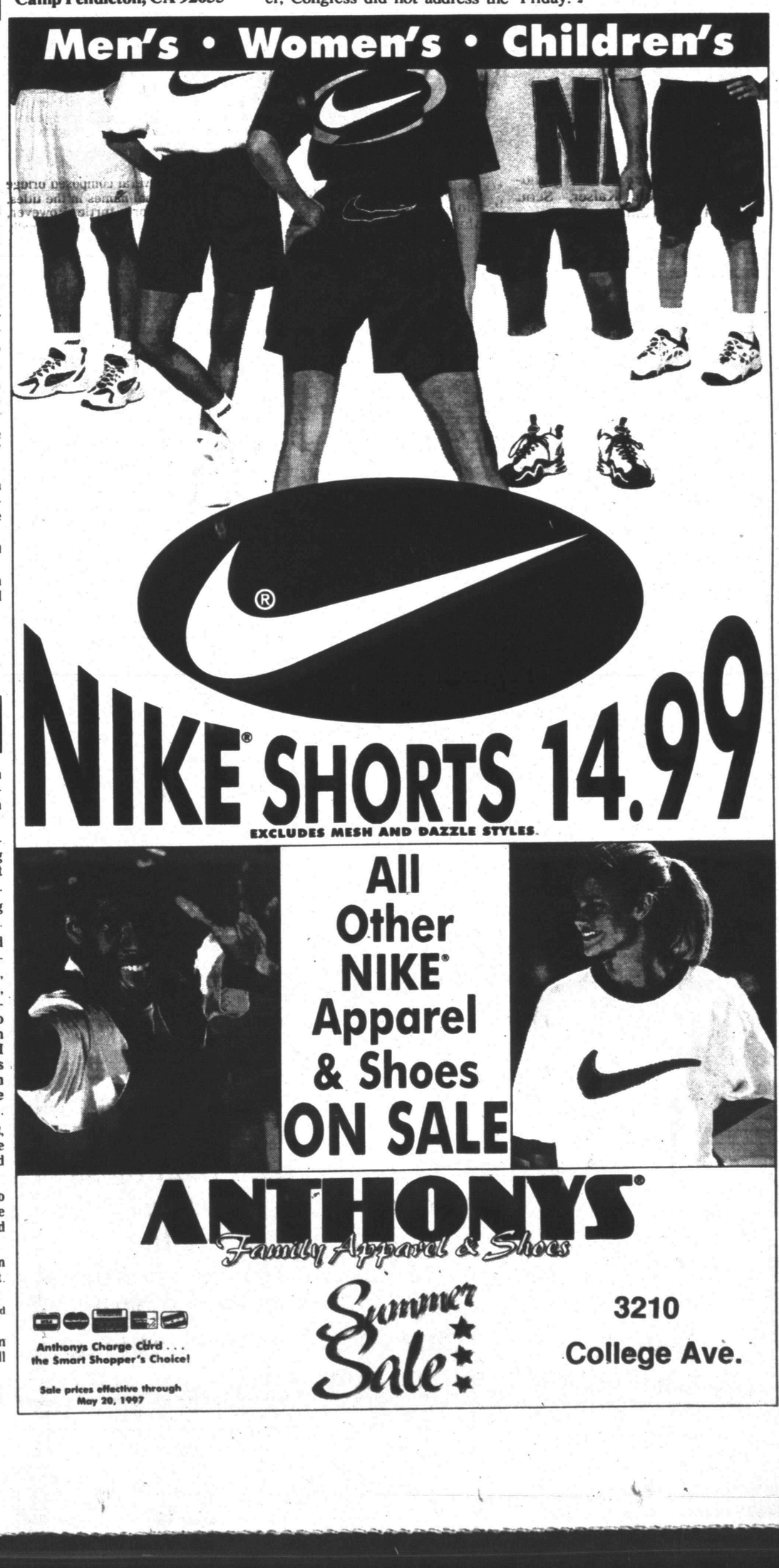
"This is our interpretation" of the Fair Labor Standards Act, said President Clinton's domestic policy adviser, Bruce Reed, in an interview Thursday with The Associated Press. "The Labor Department will issue guidance to the states along these lines."

Reed said previous welfare laws had addressed how much beneficiaries in such workfare programs should be paid. However, Congress did not address the issue in last year's law, he said.

"Our lawyers concluded that in the absence of a statement to contrary from Congress, the Fair Labor Standards Act would apply," Reed said.

Over vehement objections from governors, the Labor Department in February recommended that the federal minimum wage should apply to welfare recipients who, under last year's law, will be increasingly pressured to work in exchange for their benefits if they cannot find jobs on their own.

"What the Labor Department is saying is work is work," an administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Friday.



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Congratulations on your wedding

Merging 'His' and 'Hers'

Five Tips to Help You Blend Your Lives — and Styles

RIGHT AT HOME — Futon furnishings offer the comfort and flexibility that he wants with the latest styles that you require.

After the rings are exchanged, the rice flies and the honeymoon is over, newly married couples set to the task of building their lives together. They usually begin by getting settled in their new home. And, any new bride will tell you — it's not an easy job. What's a bride to do when creating a home for two?

Just follow these five steps to completing a successful home merger, and you'll be well on your way to living happily ever after:

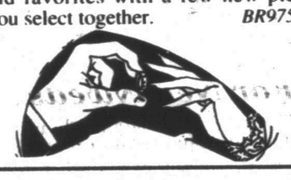
1. Think versatile furniture. No extra bed? Futon furnishings can turn a living area into an instant guest room. Futon frames are available to suit any decor, from contemporary hardwood mission styles to the newest frames with plush, upholstered arms. Simply change the futon cover any time you feel like giving the room a fresh, new look.

2. Practice the art of compromise right from the start. If he can't part with his favorite chair, but you can't bear to look at it, consider a stylish new slipcover, or drape it with a throw and a few trendy pillows. A closet organizer will merge his wardrobe neatly with yours and also may help prevent early morning lovers' quarrels.

3. Discover new storage space. Create a table with a trunk, decorative hatboxes or suitcases to store everything from photo albums and mementos to quilts to cuddle under on chilly evenings. Underbed storage boxes hide seasonal items or sports equipment, and an ottoman with storage capabilities is a perfect place to keep books, games or sewing items.

4. Accessorize for less money with a little creativity. Display platters, hand-painted bowls and pottery as art in the space above your cabinets. Add personality with pictures, hanging unique frames along a wall or a hallway to display favorite snapshots.

5. Remember, the eclectic look is in. Your stuff and his stuff can be compatible (except for maybe that old neon beer sign of his). Mix and match old favorites with a few new pieces you select together. *BR975127*



Organization Helps Couples Enjoy Their Wedding

Once these places are booked, the couple can relax a little, because two of their most important decisions have been made. Now, they can concentrate on the photographer, music and flowers.

When making these decisions, the couple should get several estimates and look at the previous work of the people they're considering. Whether it be photo albums photographers have in their studios, arrangements florists have in their shops, or tapes the bands or DJs have of themselves, the couple should look for quality work in a style that they like. If they can, they should try to go to events and see how these people work under pressure. They'll also be able to see how these professionals interact with a bride and groom and their guests.

Once the photographer, music and flowers are set, the couple can decide on the other details, like invitations, tuxedos, gifts for the bridal party and seating arrangements. The invitations and tuxedos usually can be selected about six months before the wedding. The couple should remember that the invitations should go out about two months in advance. The other arrangements can be made about three or four months beforehand.

The most important thing for the future bride and groom to remember is to enjoy their special day and all of the planning that goes into it. While it may be stressful, it will be one of the best days of their lives. *BR975205*

The wedding day — it's one of the happiest days in a couple's life. However, the time between the engagement and the big event can give the bride- and groom-to-be more than their fair share of stress.

Plan the ceremony, choose a reception hall, pick a band or disc jockey, select a photographer, decide on invitations — it all seems so daunting. How will they ever get it all done?

The key is to set the right pace. The couple doesn't have to get everything planned in one month. They should work on the major details first and then move on.

To begin, the couple should make a list of everything that needs to be done — and they shouldn't get stressed about having forgotten something. They always can add to the list as they think of things. Once they've finished something, they can cross it off and see that they're one step closer to their special day.

The first thing they need to do is pick a date for the wedding. Once they know this, they can reserve the church or temple and the reception hall. The couple may have to move the date by a week or so in order to get both places on the same day.

May and June are the traditional months for weddings, but September and October are becoming popular also. If the future bride and groom hope to get married during these months, they may have to reserve the church or temple and reception hall at least one year in advance.

Spice Up Wedding With Creative Party Favors

Many of the guests coming to your wedding have attended various other weddings during their lifetime. So, you probably will want to give them something to make your special day stand out in their memories. There are many different favors you can give your guests, the most common being personalized bud vases, picture frames and silk flowers in vases. It is wonderful for guests to receive wedding favors to help keep the memory of the night alive.

Seeing as it takes a lot of thought and time to find the right favor for your wedding, you might as well choose something that the guests will want to take home. There is no sense in buying favors that will be left at the end of the night. No couple wants to be stuck with 50 leftover favors.

While there is nothing wrong with giving flower vases, some couples want to give out something a little more unusual. One way to help ensure that all favors will be taken and enjoyed by guests is to order unique gifts that your guests may not have seen before. Creative favors do not necessarily mean expensive favors. There are plenty out there that you and your guests will enjoy and, surprisingly, cost very little.

Giving out creative favors not only improves the chances that every guest will leave with a gift, but that your wedding will be remembered for a long time to come.

Because most couples need to buy between 50 and 100 favors, keeping down the amount spent on them is important. The money you save on favors is money that can be spent on some other aspect of the wedding.

The following favors are fun items that your guests are sure to enjoy, but are not too expensive.

- A small box of delicious dark and white chocolates, personalized with the couple's name and wedding date on the box.
- A customized mini champagne bottle that comes complete with a label bearing the couple's name, wedding date and a personalized message.
- Live seedlings ready for planting that can grow strong and last for years to come. These favors allow you to share your love with a gift that grows. Aside from being unique, these favors help give something back to nature.
- Small fishbowls filled with live goldfish. These pets make a great gift for guests to take home to the kids and, hopefully, can ensure that people won't put it on a shelf and forget about it. Every time they see the fish, they'll be reminded of your wedding. A pet shop should be able to give you a good deal for buying the bowls and fish in bulk.

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He Said, She Said ... and Other Wedding Woes

Experts Offer Tips to Make Wedding Planning Less Stressful

It's ironic that some of the happiest events in life are also the most stressful.

Take weddings, for example. Planning for the big day can put a wrinkle in premarital bliss faster than you can say "I do."

Agreeing on the details that make up a traditional wedding — the location, food, music, invitations and more — can test even the strongest of prenuptial relationships. However, there are ways to make the trip to the altar a more harmonious one.

"Planning a wedding is usually the first time a couple is forced to jointly decide on a number of important items, and that — along with related budget issues — can be very trying," says Frankie Berger, a Beverly Hills, Calif.-based wedding consultant who designed the wedding and reception scenes for the movie "Father of the Bride." "The key to making wedding planning easier and more enjoyable is to be organized and willing to compromise."

Experts like Berger agree that a few inexpensive tools — answering machines, day planners and even wedding-based software programs — can help couples plan and organize the details of their wedding.

"Answering machines are essential, because they ensure that busy couples never miss a call from their wedding consultant, caterer, florist or guests," says Randie Wilder-Pellegrini, president of Cordially Invited, a distinctive wedding-consulting and event-planning company in Beverly Hills, Calif., and director of the Association of Bridal Consultants for Greater Los Angeles. "As the wedding day approaches, I need to be able to quickly reach my clients, so they can make conclusive decisions on everything from the final guest count to transportation for all guests to the main event!"

Offering a perfect marriage of efficiency and convenience, Casio PhoneMate's Model 9370 combines an all-digital answering machine/feature phone with three individual mailboxes, allowing callers to leave private messages for household members.

"With the Model 9370, couples can rest assured that messages from their wedding coordinator or future in-laws won't be lost or forgotten by roommates or other household members," says Stephen Knuth, president of Casio PhoneMate. "And, the 9370 lets you customize your outgoing messages or provide additional information to callers."

The busy bride, for example, could record an outgoing message on the main mailbox that says, "Hi. This is Ashley. If you're a vendor calling regarding my June 29 wedding, please leave a message at the beep, and I'll call you back this afternoon. If you're a guest and would like to find out about hotels available that weekend, press *2. To leave a message for Brittany, press *3."

Callers who press the designated numbers then would hear personalized outgoing messages. The 9370 even lets users forward messages from one mailbox to another for future reference.

Whether you're using the help of a wedding coordinator or doing the planning on your own, experts offer these tips for organizing the wedding of your dreams:

• Start off by making your guest list and determining your budget. That will give you guidelines on the size of the reception room you'll need and the food, beverages and entertainment you can afford.

• Popular wedding sites often book up to one year in advance or more, so reserve the wedding and reception locations as early as possible.

• Get signed contracts from vendors detailing every aspect of the service they will provide, including costs.

• Enlist the help of a trusted friend, relative or member of the wedding party to help with last-minute details and provide moral support.

Most importantly, relax and enjoy every minute of your special day. What takes months — even years — to plan is over in the blink of an eye. *BR975116*

Make Planning Less Stressful

It's ironic that some of the happiest events in life are also the most stressful. Planning a wedding, however, doesn't have to be.

Inexpensive tools, like answering machines, day planners and even wedding-based software programs, can help couples plan and organize the details of their wedding.

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The Perfect Gift For Newlyweds

The two items that a newly married couple will use most throughout their entire marriage are a bed and a television. Remarkably, these important items are typically forgotten from the bridal registry and purchased by the bride and groom.

While the purchase of a bed is a very personal decision, the selection of a television can be easy if you keep one thing in mind — the bigger the better.

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Color the Bride Beautiful

It's common knowledge that the main focus of attention at every wedding is the happy couple — more specifically, the blushing bride. With all eyes on your rosy glow, the last thing you want is a makeup mishap.

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Handmade Items Top Wish Lists

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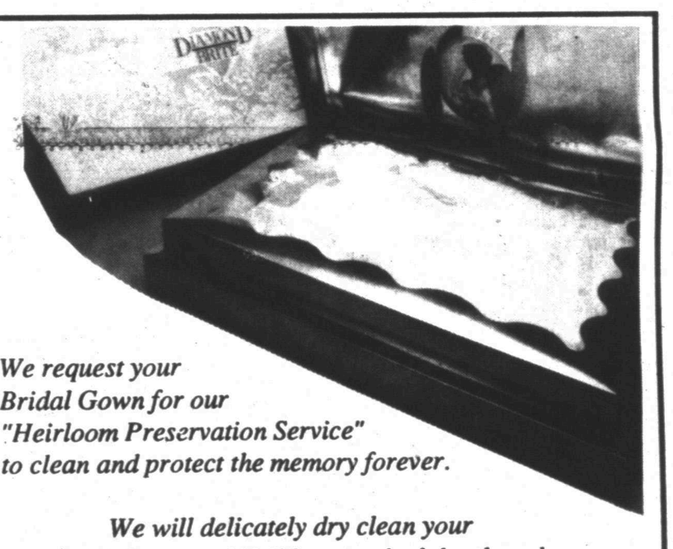
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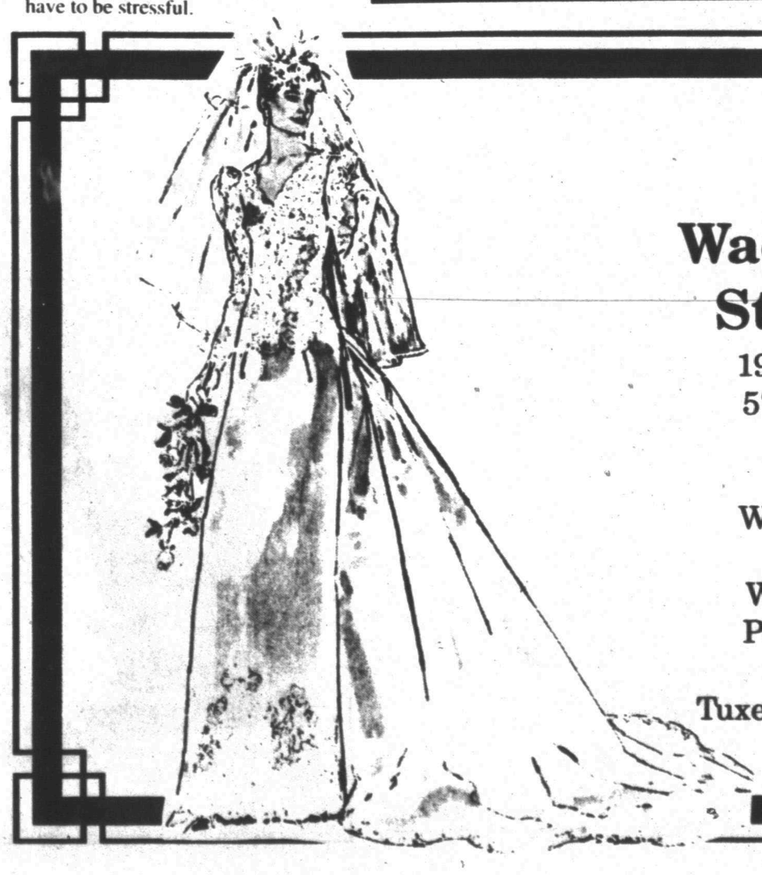
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Creative Planning Can Bring About Adventurous Weddings

Growing up, many people envision the wedding of their dreams. After years of dreaming, when people finally get to plan their own wedding, they want every aspect of the day to be perfect.

The majority of couples marry in a place of worship, a hotel or a catering hall; however, some are starting to become a little more adventuresome when planning their weddings. Since this will be one of the most important days in their lives, they want it to be exactly the way they always dreamed it would be.

For those who have always dreamed of exchanging vows in a theme park, like Walt Disney World, the opportunity is now available. Many theme parks offer wedding packages, complete with a staff member who works exclusively on planning the wedding of people's dreams. Some couples choose to spend their honeymoon partying with the friends and family members who attended the wedding — hotel accommodations are available.

Sports enthusiasts are considering sports arenas and stadiums as spots for their nuptials. Whether it be between periods at a hockey game, on an empty baseball diamond or during halftime at a football game, many couples choose to go this route. Those interested can call up individual stadiums to see if this type of wedding is possible.

Resorts like those in the Caribbean, Hawaii, the Poconos and Europe offer all-inclusive packages for the wedding and honeymoon. A popular choice for couples is to marry, shoeless, on the beach, often in bathing suits. They will have to bring their own clothes, but the resort wedding planner will take care of all the details. People who are interested can contact the resort, itself, or the local tourism board to find out information on required blood tests and licensing information.

Some people choose to be married on the ground in a hot-air ballon. Once they say "I do," they fly away in the balloon as their guests wish them well.

Trolley cars and trains quickly are becoming a popular spot for ceremonies to take place, as are museums, parks and cruise boats.

Another popular idea is that people are incorporating their mutual hobbies into the ceremony. For example, a couple who are both avid scuba divers found a judge who would marry them underwater.

Host a Party for Your Wedding Party

During the months between your engagement and your wedding day, the planning involved may seem endless. Throughout this time, there is a group of people who will play a very large part in your plans — they're the ones you'll turn to in a pinch, be it for comic relief or a sympathetic ear — your wedding party.

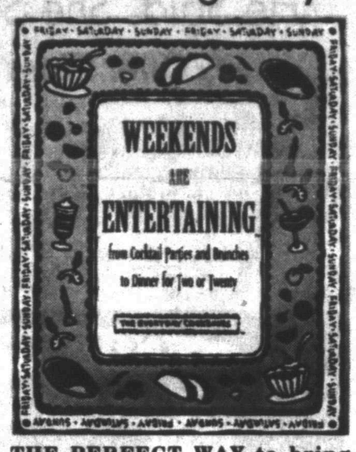
The bridesmaids and groomsmen you choose will be a major force in your wedding. While you have chosen each of them because of the special bond you share, chances are they don't all share this same bond with each other. Many couples will choose a mixture of siblings and other close relatives, friends from school, and friends they grew up with. Sadly, when they make it to the first dance at the reception, they usually won't look as though they're having any fun. The remedy is really quite simple — take care of all necessary introductions, and a good time will be had by all.

It's a good idea to get the wedding party together as soon as you can, not only for your own peace of mind, but as a courtesy to them. They will be doing a lot of planning over the course of your engagement as well. There's the bridal shower, the bachelor and bachelorette parties, and the shopping for gowns and tuxedos. With the initial introductions and awkwardness out of the way, you have already done them a favor.

Make the meeting casual. A Sunday brunch or coffee and dessert, whatever is most convenient and suitable for you and your attendants. The perfect book to help you plan your get-together is "Weekends Are Entertaining" (Time-Life). The recipes and meal suggestions in this book are designed so that less time is spent in the kitchen and more time is spent enjoying easy-to-prepare, delicious and healthful meals with family and friends.

Keep in mind that the one common bond your wedding party does have is you, and so many of the discussions may very well revolve around the happy couple. As stories of your pre-engagement antics are swapped, try to picture how beautiful your wedding day will be with these close friends and family at your side and how nice it will be when these friendly, smiling faces join you for your first dance as husband and wife.

For the perfect recipes for small gatherings, try these dishes from "Weekends Are Entertaining," another volume in The Everyday Cookbooks series and an essential part of every busy person's kitchen.



THE PERFECT WAY to bring your attendants together is an informal brunch. "Weekends Are Entertaining" (Time-Life) offers a variety of recipes and suggestions for brunches, as well as cocktail parties and dinners for two to 20 guests.

TANGERINE-RASPBERRY JUICE
Serves 6

- **2 10-ounce packages frozen raspberries, thawed**
- **16 tangerines**

1. Place the raspberries and their juice in a food processor or blender and process until puréed. Force the mashed berries through a fine sieve set over a bowl to remove the seeds. Transfer the sieved purée to a pitcher.

2. Halve and squeeze the tangerines; strain the juice into the pitcher and stir well. Cover and refrigerate until serving time.

3. Stir the juice mixture to blend it before serving.

CHEESE PUFFS
Makes 2 dozen

- **1 cup grated Monterey Jack cheese**
- **1 cup grated Cheddar cheese**
- **2 tablespoons flour**
- **1 cup fresh cracker crumbs**
- **3 egg whites**
- **1½ teaspoons yellow mustard**
- **Vegetable oil for deep frying**
- **Salt**

1. In a large bowl, combine the cheeses and the flour. Spread the cracker crumbs on a piece of wax paper and set aside.

2. In another large bowl, beat the egg whites until stiff peaks form. Scoop the egg whites over the cheese mixture with a rubber spatula, add the mustard, and fold the ingredients together gently but thoroughly.

3. To make each cheese puff, spoon a heaping tablespoonful of the cheese mixture and mold it into a ball by placing a second tablespoon on top. Slide the cheese ball off the spoon onto the cracker crumbs and roll it about to coat it evenly. Transfer the cheese ball to a piece of wax paper and set it aside while you proceed to shape and coat the remaining cheese mixture.

4. Pour vegetable oil into a deep fryer or large saucepan to a depth of about 3 inches and warm the oil over medium-high heat until it is very hot.

5. Deep-fry the cheese balls, 4 or 5 at a time, turning them, for about 3 minutes or until they are crisp and golden brown. As they color, transfer them to paper towels to drain.

6. Arrange the cheese puffs attractively on a heated platter, season them lightly with a sprinkling of salt, and serve them while they are still warm.

ORANGE-NUTMEG PAN TOAST
Serves 8

- **2 eggs**
- **1 cup skim milk**
- **2 teaspoons grated orange zest**
- **½ teaspoon nutmeg**
- **16 slices French bread, ½ inch thick**
- **½ cup maple syrup**
- **2 tablespoons powdered sugar**

1. Place the eggs, milk, 2 tablespoons of water, the orange zest, and nutmeg in a large shallow dish, and whisk to combine.

2. Place the bread slices in the egg mixture to coat 1 side, then immediately turn the bread. Let the bread stand at least 10 minutes.

3. Warm the syrup in a small saucepan.

4. Heat a nonstick griddle or nonstick skillet over medium heat. Brown both sides of the bread slices on the griddle or in the skillet. Sprinkle with powdered sugar and serve with the warm syrup.

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Destination Weddings Relieve Prenuptial Stress

(MS) — The idea of planning a wedding brings feelings of excitement and anxiety to most newly engaged couples. Wedding planning has become associated with such great levels of stress that many couples are now turning to resorts to handle not just the honeymoon, but the wedding as well.

This trend toward destination weddings relieves wedding-planning stress and still provides couples with a special celebration. Hyatt Resorts, long popular among honeymooners, offer a wide variety of wedding packages and services in popular destinations like Hawaii, Arizona and the Caribbean.

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What is wrong with this picture?

by Bill McClellan

You read about the mother who left her 14-month-old daughter outside while she ate at a New York restaurant.

This story isn't about a neglectful mother; rather, it's another sad commentary on America.

Annette Sorensen left her daughter, Liv, outside in a stroller while she and the child's father dined last Saturday. She wasn't doing anything wrong. Her daughter was in full view as she and the baby's father ate their meal. The child wasn't upset or in need of help.

So it was with disbelief then, when she was arrested, charged with child endangerment, and jailed for two nights.

Furthermore, authorities took little Liv away from her and didn't give her back for four days.

Ms. Sorensen was livid. The same people who were calling her an unfit mother had snatched her baby from her. In her eyes, this was the crime — not anything she had done.

In fact, what she had done was commonplace.

Ms. Sorensen comes from Copehagen. There, it's natural to leave young babies outside, in view, while shopping or dining.

In New York though, you don't even leave the carriage outside, much less the baby. In fact, you don't do that anywhere in the United States.

So who was at fault? The parents, of course, but only through ignorance, and maybe just a little arrogance.

Employees of the restaurant and other diners were right to be concerned. As residents of the area, they knew a baby seemingly left abandoned on the sidewalk would be too tempting for someone.

Isn't it interesting, though, how our society has changed over the last few decades? I grew up in Stamford, about 75 miles or so from here. Back then, I don't think that someone would have thought it strange if a mother left her child outside in a stroller while she dashed into the post office to buy some stamps.

We didn't lock the doors to the house. Windows were left open. Keys were left in the car overnight.

A mother might worry about her toddler wandering into traffic, but she didn't worry about some kook grabbing the youngster off the street.

Sorensen was just doing what she had always done before. She was keeping an eye on the child. She wasn't concerned that someone might come along and take the little girl, or hurt her. That kind of thing just doesn't happen where she's from.

But she wasn't in Copenhagen last Saturday. She was in New York, in America.

It's ironic. Mothers in America were shocked that Ms. Sorensen would even think of doing such a thing. Mothers in Denmark were shocked at Ms. Sorensen's arrest, and what she was put through.

What's wrong with this picture?

Some tips for travelers

Or how to take it with you without going through baggage claims

by Deanie Francis Mills

Pardon me while I brag just a little bit: Although I've traveled over the country researching my books and speaking at writer's conferences, I never check luggage at the airport. Never. And it occurred to me that with summertime vacation times coming up, I could pass along some of my packing secrets — particularly to the gals out there, since we've got so much more junk to drag around than guys do anyhow.

The first thing to remember when packing for a trip is to *think travel*. That may seem self-evident, but I've seen so many females arrive at a destination with fourteen overstuffed suitcases, and the first thing they start to do is drag out their big ole hair dryers and their nine pairs of shoes and their makeup mirrors.

Instead, go down to the local discount store and buy a travel hair dryer. They cost less than ten bucks and will fit into a little corner pocket of the smallest bag. Tavel-sized hot curlers will set you back a little more, but they're worth it. I have a full set which is about the size of a slender book. It slips down into the side panel of my bag, and there it stays until time to go. Ditto a small collapsable umbrella.

Then go into the cosmetics department and buy travel sizes of shampoo, creme rinse, toothpaste and the like. Unless you're packing for a month, you don't need to unload your bathroom into your suitcase. In fact, I keep travel-sized things permanently packed in the pockets of my little bag. (This includes a little zippered "pharmacy" with aspirin, etc.) All I have to do is add clothes.

Leave the makeup mirror at home. Learn to apply makeup by feel and amount; it will always look the same no matter what your lighting.

Next, pick a bag that rolls. I absolutely swear by my bag, which you can get at most big department store chains for around a hundred bucks. It's a sturdy full-sized garment bag that hangs up until you are ready to go, then neatly folds and zips into a tidy rectangle. The wheels are on one end. At the other end, the handle pulls out — voila! And yes, that is the same kind of bag you see airline pilots and flight attendants pulling smartly through the airport.

I also have a small, inexpensive carryon which has an elastic band across the back that slips down over the extended handle of the garment bag. You can pull your bag and the carryon is resting securely on top. Both are allowed on airplanes.

One little secret I use for long trips is to carry a tote bag rather than a purse. Into the tote bag goes camera, magazines, water, tickets and so forth. It's like having three bags — and you still don't have to check any luggage.

While packing, layer your suits onto the same hanger. I like suits with slacks, because you can wear much more functional and comfortable shoes — an invaluable feature when walking the canyons of the New York's Publisher's Row! I use sturdy plastic hangers with moveable hooks. The slacks, or skirt, fold over the bottom. The blouse goes on next, and I thread the sleeves through the suit coat, which goes on top.

Always pack each suit in its own dry cleaner bag. Why? Because it will completely eliminate wrinkles!

Color-coordinate your clothes for any trip, even vacations. Black is and always has been the staple of travelers the world over. The simple black dress can be dressed up or dressed down. Jeans, T-shirt, and black blazer will look good just about any place. If you need to dress up — take the black slacks or skirt from one of your suits and put it with the blazer. (White shorts, etc., are just begging to get a stain on them that will render them useless throughout the trip.) Take one pair of jeans, which you will wear on the plane or in the car. If it's a very long trip, pack one more, on a hanger, with a T-shirt and a blouse or blazer layered over it.

Wear the sensible shoes on the plane or in the car that you will be wearing sight-seeing. Pack one pair of black dress shoes that matches everything. Period. Leave the jewelry at home. A couple pair of simple studs or hoops will suffice.

Take one gown or overized T-shirt for sleeping and roll it up — stash them in nooks and corners in the carryon bag. Socks, stockings, bathing suits can all be rolled and stashed.

Always pack a little fanny-pack. When sight-seeing, never carry a purse; it's heavy and gets in the way. In my fanny-pack, I can carry my wallet, a map, a bottle of water, a package of tissues, a small camera, traveler's checks, sunblock and lip balm. I've wandered some of the biggest cities in this country from one end to the other with that.

A few safety tips: Never carry large amounts of cash. Take about a hundred dollars in your wallet, and hide about fifty in your carryon and about fifty in your bag. Use traveler's checks for all the rest. Even then, do not flash wads of cash when you pay for things.

Leave almost all your credit cards at home. You'll want to take a Visa or MasterCard and possibly a gasoline credit card. Otherwise, you don't need your Sears card on a vacation or business trip, do you? That way, if your wallet is stolen or lost, you won't be out that much cash and you won't lose all your credit cards.

I can't tell you the peace of mind it gives me, knowing I don't have to endure the interminable wait at the end of a long trip, that anxiety that my bags will wind up in some other city or that some unscrupulous bag loader will be rifling through them. I pull my little bag onto the plane, collapse the handle, put it in the overhead rack, (usually with the help of some cute guy), stuff my tote under my seat, and take off.

When the plane lands...hey, I'm outta there!

Letters

May Day '97

Dear Editor:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Scurry County for so generously supporting May Day 1997.

Your caring and giving attitude allowed the Scurry County Senior Center to raise a gross amount of $26,429.50, of which $18,015 was from the quilt auction.

The center serves a special part of our society, those 60 years of age or more. Participation in the center continues to rise. Center programs offer valuable support and companionship for those served. It is vital that we be able to continue these programs and once again, Scurry County folks, you have made it possible.

May we say "Thank You" again for your support of our annual fund-raiser, May Day 1997. We look forward to seeing you on May 2, 1998, at May Day '98.

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Wonderful thing

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Snyder Neighbors Sharing for the work they did on my house. I would specifically like to thank Mr. Sam Robertson.

It is such a wonderful thing this group of people does for the community.

Thank you, thank you and may God bless all of you.

Louise Miles

EDITORIAL COMMENT

On 'Stadia-mania'

The Austin American-Statesman

"The most enduring symbol of humankind's need to sit wedged among a mass of people, screaming lustily over a game of physical engagement is the great, arched Colosseum of Rome.

Technically known as the Flavian amphitheater, the four-tiered ovoid structure held a mere 45,000 spectators, but was considered "colossal" in its day. The ancient engineers and toga-clad fans could scarcely have dreamed that 20 centuries later, a people known as Texans would aspire to dwarf the Roman engineering achievement.

"Stadia-mania" may best describe the obsession gripping Texas this season. The desire to build gigantic sports facilities — ever larger, more luxurious, more expensive and more demanding of land and electric power — has dominated public discourse on several fronts recently. ...

If in 20 centuries, tourists visit the artifacts of "ancient Texas," they may walk among the ruined arches of the many colossal stadiums and wonder at the priorities of our age.

Swiss' collusion with Nazis

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram

There is the familiar Switzerland of Heidi, the Alps, chocolate and clocks. And then there is the Switzerland described in a U.S. government report last week — a report that actually goes further than previous claims about Swiss collusion with the Nazis during World War II.

The report says there is gold in those Alpine bank vaults, and much of it was stolen from other Europeans — sometimes even ripped from dead Jews' teeth — by German Nazis and then sent to Switzerland. The report says this trade in gold helped fund Adolf Hitler's war effort, which means that some ordinary American families may have lost sons or husbands in a European war that might have ended earlier, lacking the sort of neutrality that Switzerland practiced.

It is a chilling story. Swiss officials continue to conduct their own investigation into the origin of various such assets held in Swiss banks. The investigation is, of course, 50 years late.

America, according to the report and other accounts of the immediate postwar era, needn't pat itself on the back. Little was done to see that those Nazi assets were returned to the countries, or to the survivors of the families who owned them, after the war.

All war is tragedy multiplied. War breeds injustice. What this report and others actually describe is not well-documented Nazi depravity, possible Swiss profiteering or Allied distraction. It is, rather, the depth of injustice that mankind imposes on its generations yet unborn whenever it makes war.

An accounting of the stolen treasure, perhaps impossible until now, is needed. With this courageous and startling report applying added pressure, that accounting will come. Better 50 years late than never.

Millennium musings

by Ian Shoales

Well, Ellen has come out as a lesbian and the Republic still seems to be standing. The double-wide embassy for the Republic of Texas stands abandoned and the great state of Texas remains adhered firmly to the union. What a relief.

The great state government of California, meanwhile, only took two voting sessions to declare the soil of San Joaquin to be the official state dirt. Not only am I not making this up, I understand it was truly a bipartisan effort.

An anonymous (for now) 63-year-old woman gave birth, and 77-year-old Tony Randall became a father for the first time, giving hope to kid-friendly Golden Agers everywhere.

But I wonder how many retirees really want to bear children. I would think that most of them would prefer to spend their waning years playing bridge and grumbling about Social Security, rather than changing diapers and complaining about the high price of private schools.

I suspect the number of old-timers who want to hear the pitter-patter of little feel around the retirement community is actually very low. More good news!

The controversy surrounding Tiger and Fuzzy seems to have abated. And how long could a controversy involving people named Tiger and Fuzzy last, anyway? The nation shrugs its shoulders, and moves on.

Despite public fears, McDonald's didn't run out of Teeny Beanie Babies after all. The Babies have had their month in the sun, and now the Happy Meal is back doing what it does best — promoting Disney movies. (Come to think of it, Tiger and Fuzzy sound like they could be characters in a Disney movie.)

Yes, America's doing all right. Unemployment is down. President Clinton and Congress have reached a budget agreement. Charlton Heston is now a vice president on the board of the NRA. The Red Sea of gun control will part. Beanie Babies will fall, like manna, from the sky.

Everybody's firing up high-priced stogies and reciting real estate developer Morton B. Zuckerman's mantra: "Privatize, deregulate, and do not interfere with the market."

President Clinton, former presidents Bush and Ford, Nancy Reagan and General Colin Powell gathered together for the President's Summit for America's Future in Philidelphia, joined by 30 governors and 100 mayors. Many of them wore T-shirts commemorating the occasion, the sleeves of which they rolled up, and cleaned up an eight-mile stretch of a Philadelphia street. Also Al Gore and the Philadelphia Eagles built a playground.

Yes, poverty will now drop, the FBI will becomed a cherished institution once more, and FDR will stop smoking and learn to walk — even beyond the grave! Fala and Checkers will romp together in a doggie bipartisan effort.

So the Millennium is not looking as bleak as many millennialists would have us believe.

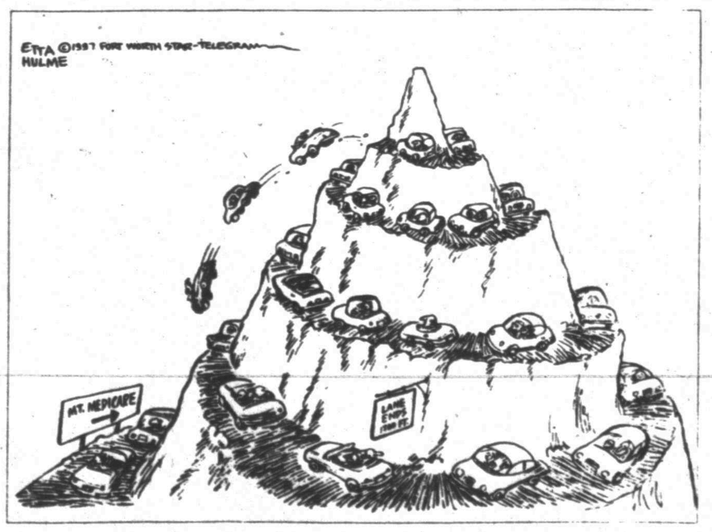
But we should keep in mind that many of these changes are merely cosmetic. Ellen may have come out of the closet, but her plots will remain the same. She used to have trouble getting dates, you'll recall; I predict that future episodes will be about her having trouble getting dates. Genders may change, but the situation remains the same.

And there are other double-wide embassies in our great nation, stuffed to the ceiling with angry men who think the nation of their bitter dreams is more real than the place where they live.

Legislatures will spend more waking hours debating which county has better dirt, than on a bill that has, oh, I don't know, substance, I suppose.

Today's Beanie Babies are yesterday's Barneys. Today's Tiger and Fuzzy are yesterday's Nick the Greek and Howard Cosell. A mouth may change, but the same foot is always inserted.

Our new volunteerism may be rooted in the philosophy that it's better to teach a man to fish than to buy him a flounder, but if you don't give him a rod and reel, a license, and access to the pond, it's not really much of a skill in today's deregulated, privatized, free-market economy. In other words, no matter what we do, Lucy will never be in the Big Show, never, not even a lesbian Lucy.



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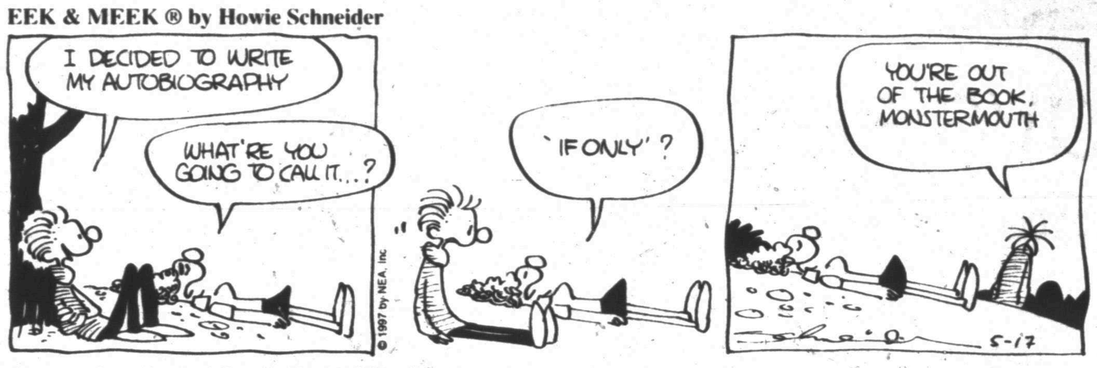

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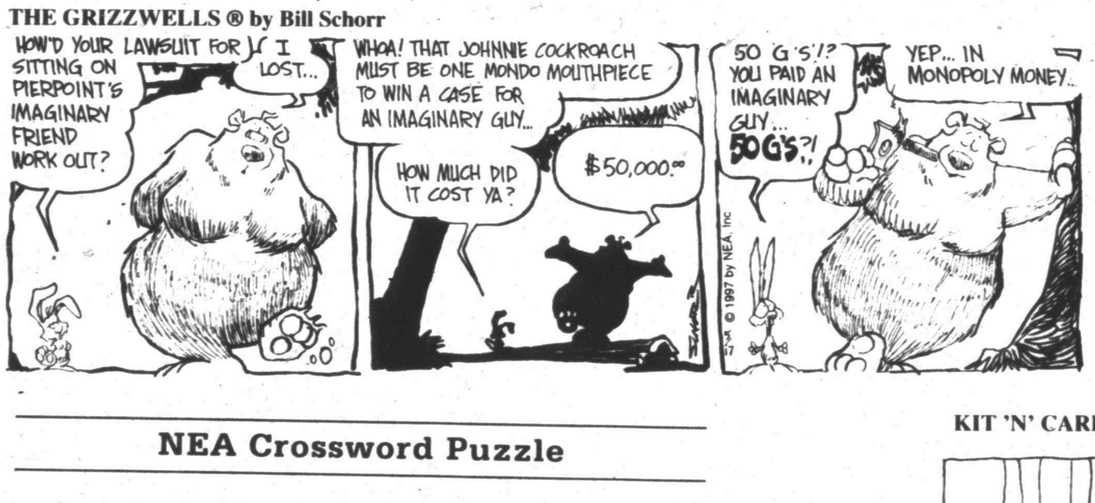

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5 — degree
8 — happened?
12 '60s Broadway musical
13 French water
14 Mata —
15 Putting into a box
17 Actor Sharif
18 — out (stretch)
19 Horatio —
21 O sole —
22 Former Soviet leader
24 Unity
26 Poetic time of day
27 Harsh
28 Author Anais —
31 Act like a tailor
32 Year (Sp.)
33 Sault — Marie
34 Skin decoration
37 Spain's Costa del —
40 Rules
41 Absolute
43 Crude metal
44 Rose oil
46 Gravel ridge
47 Advise, old style
49 Chicago's state
51 Silk fabric
52 Ran into
53 Floating ice mass
54 Long times
55 Baseball stat
56 Copper coin

DOWN

1 Steering —
2 New York ballplayer
3 — Creed
4 Gun grp.
5 Playwright Simon
6 Ballroom dances
7 Bigness
8 — is Julia? (1986 movie)
9 Carpenter's tool
10 Get — — (make more money)
11 Weather satellite
16 — Quentin
20 Face with stone
23 Inherent
25 Latest
29 Prefix for mural
30 Start of the lunch hour, for many
34 Bullfighter
35 Fashion photographer Richard —
36 Stable worker
38 Actor Peter —
39 Wound
40 Narrow ravine
41 Psychic Geller
42 Fix the clock
45 Utah ski resort
48 Curly letter
50 Gridder org.

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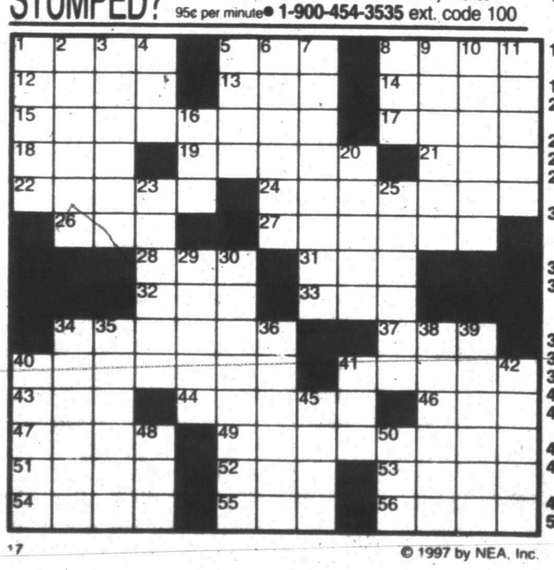

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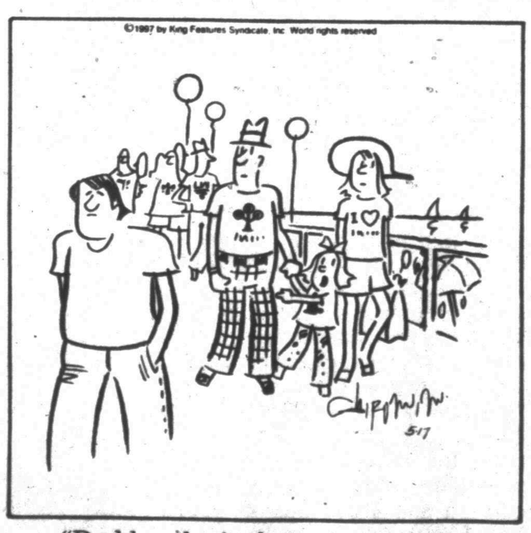

"Daddy, why is that man wearing a blank T-shirt?"

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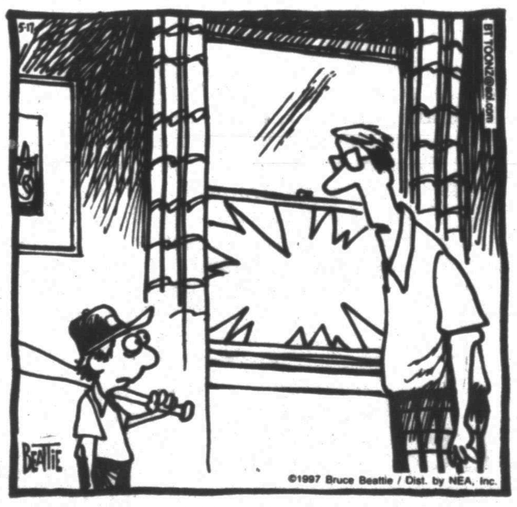

"Your clone did this, eh? In that case, I think I'll give him your allowance this week."

"MOM SAYS DAD IS ON CRUISE CONTROL."

Newspaper heiress rose from rags to riches

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. (AP) — Margaret Lesher Thorstenson, who drowned while camping at an Arizona lake, may have died a prominent philanthropist worth millions.

But she was born dirt poor, a self-dubbed "Texas cowgirl" and beauty queen who friends say never lost her down-home touch even after marrying a California media magnate.

"She was always so kind and generous," longtime friend Al Crain said Thursday. "She was an exceptional person, one in a million."

Divers recovered her body from Bartlett Lake on Wednesday, not far from a campsite she and her new husband, Collin "T.C." Thorstenson, had set up a day earlier.

Thorstenson, 38, reported her missing to sheriff's deputies after waking in the middle of night and finding her gone, authorities said.

Deputies found the couple's jet boat about 2½ miles from the campsite with pieces of the woman's clothing aboard. Search crews later pulled her body, clad only in underwear, from 8-foot waters 25 feet from shore.

An autopsy Thursday found that Lesher drowned, but authorities were unable to say whether her death was accidental or an act of foul play.

Although she went by the name Margee Thorstenson, Lesher was best known as the wife of the late publisher Dean Lesher, a self-made multimillionaire who founded a San Francisco Bay area media empire and regularly ranked as one of California's wealthiest men.

Raised in poverty in San Antonio, Texas, Lesher was a blonde beauty who won the beauty pageant title Miss Peach Queen. As soon as she turned 18, though, she left in pursuit of a more sophisticated life. She got work as a dance instructor and then as a flight attendant before meeting and marrying Bill Ryan. They had four daughters, but the marriage fell apart after 16 years.

Lesher held a number of jobs after that before landing one with a hotel chain, arranging meetings. It was there that she met Dean Lesher, 30 years her senior.

Although she never expressed any concerns about marrying someone so much older, Lesher told friends she had reservations because of his prominence. In any case, she had found someone to take care of and that seemed to make her happy, they said.

Once established as the grande dame of Contra Costa County, Lesher began her philanthropic work.

She gave so much to the Battered Women's Alternatives shelter that people there began calling her their patron saint. And she and her husband donated so much of the funding needed to build the Walnut Creek Regional Center for the Arts that it carries Dean's name.

Other organizations to benefit from her largesse were the Richmond Rescue Mission and the Contra Costa Food Bank.

"Margaret was a very vibrant, outgoing person, very gregarious, full of life. She was not the kind of person one would anticipate dying prematurely," said George Riggs, CEO of Contra Costa Newspapers and a longtime friend of the Leshers.

"It seemed things always worked out for Margaret and went her way. She did have a charmed life. Something like this is completely bizarre."

She also was a devoted mother and grandmother, friends said. She loved to take her grandchildren horseback riding.

Two years after Dean Lesher's 1993 death, Margaret Lesher sold the media empire to Knight-Ridder for $360 million. The majority of the proceeds, an estimated $200 million, went to her.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Robert L. White, 1997 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Terry K. Lewis, 1996 Jeep from Snyder Chrysler.

Angie Tovar and Ricky Espinoza, 1997 Plymouth from Snyder Chrysler.

Geo-Log, Inc., 1997 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

David C. Peralez, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Jody and Scott Adams, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Eldon Harris, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

J.D. and Barbara Goswick, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Patterson Drilling Co., 1997 Ford truck from Wilson Motors.

Christopher B. and Katie Henson, 1997 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Warner L. and Mary E. Dunn, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Banc One Leasing Corp., 1997 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

ESP Inc., 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Renderbrook Spade Ranch, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Irene O. Martinez, 1996 Plymouth van from Snyder Chrysler.

Todd Pollard, 1997 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

Rogene Spruell, 1997 GMC Yukon from Big Country Autoland.

Jason P. and Kari L. Greene, 1997 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Tammy R. Huitt, 1997 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Michael Dewayne Juarez and Valerie Diane Juarez, divorce granted.

Scurry County vs. Abigahi Sanchez, et al, and Guaranty Federal Bank, order for partial non-suit of Guaranty Federal Bank.

Scurry County vs. Coca-Cola Bottling, et al, order of dismissal.

Deed Records

Velma Lou Pinkerton to Jim Stidham, the east 50 feet of Lot 3 in Block 32 of the Blakenship Addition.

Mary Purswell to Abraxas Petroleum Corp., all the southwest one-quarter of Section 161, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Clara Mae Salmon, trustee of the Clara Mae Salmon Trust, to Barbara A. Patterson, the west 70.2 feet of Lot 6 in Block 2 of the Payne Subdivision.

Scott J. and Mary Victoria Key to Tracy L. Boone, 8.513 acres in the east part of Section 405, Block 97, H&TC survey.

John Wesley and Terri Partain to Charles Kittles, the east 9.5 feet of Lot 35 and the west 6 feet of Lot 36, Block 11, a Replat of the south one-half of Block 7 and all of Blocks 6 and 11 of the Highlands Addition.

Jackie W. Bean and Bryan L. Bean to Donald K. and Anita J. Turnbo, the north one-quarter of Section 208, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Jewel P. and Jamie Victoria Ward to Gregorio and Theresa Ornelas, the south 60 feet of Lot 15 in Block 2 of the Davis Subdivision of Block 71, Grayum and Nelson 2nd Addition.

Charles Stephen and Kathy Tyler to Miguel and Cecilia Martinez, the south 105 feet of the west 135 feet of Lot 4 in Block 11 of the Blakenship Addition.

Donald and Leo Huddleston to Jim C. and Melissa C. Rosson, the east 49.5 feet of Lot 25 and the west 12.5 feet of Lot 26, both in Block 7 of the Replat of the south one-half of Block 7 and the replat of all of Blocks 6 and 11 of the Highland Addition.

O.L. Lane, Jo Ann Miller and Betty Barkley to Anita Joyce and Earl Roy Benz, 0.50-acre tract out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 206, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Virginia G. Sleeper, independent executrix of the estate of Richard Lee Sleeper, to Virginia G. Sleeper, the east 55 feet of Lot 11 and all of Lot 12 and the west 20 feet of Lot 13, all in Block I of the Towle Place Addition.

Robbie J. and Sarah A. Jamison to James U. and Jennifer M. Short, all of Lots 19-22 in Block 30 of the Replat of the Belmont Park Heights Addition.

Jimmy Dell and Robbie Dean Callaway to James Franklin and Celissa Kay Simmons, the east 72 feet of Lot 2 in Block 35 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Gertrude Kellermeir, individually and attorney-in-fact, for Alfon Jansa, Mollie Lang, Felda Schraer, Alice Kitten and Paul Jansa, to Lupe Gutierrez, the north 50 feet of the west one-half of Lot 4 in Block 32 of the Blankenship Addition.

Sulema B. and Emeterio Romo to Eleodoro B. Garza, all of Lot 2 in Block 5 of the Highlands Addition.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

How to cope with hiatal hernia

DEAR DR. GOTT: My healthy 68-year-old husband has a hiatal hernia that causes him fits, even though his doctor has prescribed a variety of medications, including Pepcid, Prilosec and Propulsid. The doctor claims that the hernia is "refractory," and he wants to operate by wrapping muscle around the hernia. Is this safe?

DEAR READER: The area where the esophagus joins the stomach is actually surrounded by two sphincters (muscular valves) that prevent gastric acid from backwashing into the esophagus. In the presence of a hiatal hernia, these sphincters may malfunction, leading to heartburn, indigestion, bloating, and cough.

In most instances, these symptoms can be relieved by prescription acid-reducers, such as the ones you list, in conjunction with simple "tricks," including elevating the head of the bed about 4 inches, staying clear of foods that worsen the heartburn and avoiding large, heavy meals in the evening.

Nonetheless, some patients do not respond satisfactorily to these measures. In such instances, surgery must be considered. The procedure involves tightening the sphincter muscles and repositioning the stomach so that it doesn't protrude through the hernia opening.

Although your husband appears to be a candidate for surgery, I could not recommend this option without becoming more familiar with his case. In general terms, the operation is safe and effective; most patients who have had it are grateful to be free of the symptoms I mentioned.

If your husband's doctor is someone you trust, take his advice. If not, a second opinion (from a gastroenterologist) is in order.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have terrible seborrheic dermatitis, which is resistant to over-the-counter shampoos. Could the medicine I am taking (Pravachol, Hytrin and aspirin) be contributing to the problem?

DEAR READER: I doubt that these drugs, which are used to treat high cholesterol and high blood pressure, are the cause of your dermatitis. This common, chronic skin disorder, of unknown causes, is marked by reddish skin patches covered by a yellowish scale that usually affects the scalp, face and chest. The most successful treatments are cortisone creams and selenium shampoos.

Because non-prescription therapy has failed, I urge you to see a dermatologist who may be able to control the problem with prescription drugs that are stronger.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I was appalled to read your recent column in which you seem to approve of a man who consumed three or four beers a day. Geez, isn't this alcoholism? If my husband were drinking that quantity, I'd certainly be alarmed. Do four highballs pose a problem? Even a medically untrained person would conclude that four beers a night is unhealthy, if not downright dangerous. You don't have to drink up your paycheck to know this is alcoholism. What is your problem? Your column ought to be chucked.

DEAR READER: In my column to which you refer, a woman asked if her husband's three or four nightly beers constituted a hazard to his health. I responded that they did not, providing that was all he was drinking. The healthy adult liver can safely metabolize up to four ounces of hard liquor a day — but no more. This translates into a couple of cocktails, three or four beers, or about three glasses of wine.

Note, please, that I am referring here ONLY to the physical effects of alcohol, not to the problem of alcoholism, which depends on the additional factors of attitude (why someone drinks) and consequences (what happens when someone drinks).

If our reader's husband returns home every night, plops himself down on the couch and chugalugs four beers one after the other in 30 minutes, and then — while under the influence — abuses his wife and children, he is obviously drinking alcoholically.

On the other hand, if he sips a couple of beers before dinner, engages in appropriate activities with his children, has a beer with dinner, and then — with the kids in bed — has another beer while watching TV, I would have a hard time labelling this problem drinking, because the attitude and consequences of the above scenarios are so different. Without further information about the beer-drinking husband, I could not in good conscience address any "problem," so I chose to answer the wife's specific inquiry from a strictly medical viewpoint. There is no standard official definition of alcoholism, although most health professionals recognize alcoholism when it is present. I am sympathetic to the beer drinker's wife's concerns. If she believes that her husband is an alcoholic, she should obtain professional help to resolve the issue.

I come down hard on alcoholics both in print and in my office. I have patients who believe that a six-pack a day is some sort of minimal daily requirement. In my view, it's a problem. Other patients lie about their consumption. Some swear that beer "doesn't count"; they're "not alcoholics" because they don't drink hard liquor. Again, a problem.

Four beers a night is not, on face value, a health hazard — but this pattern of drinking certainly could be a problem in specific contexts. Attitude and consequences must be taken into account. Clearly, someone who drinks every day could be considered to be a heavy drinker and may, depending upon additional factors, be drinking alcoholically.

DEAR DR. GOTT: How did my husband and I get crab lice? We read that they are transmitted by sex, but we swear that we have not been with anyone outside the marriage, although we do go to a lot of bars. Those critters cost us a bundle of money to get rid of.

DEAR READER: Crab lice, unlike body lice and head lice, prefer to live in pubic hair. They feed on blood, lay their young ("nits") on the hair shafts, have a grand old time, cause itching and are usually spread during sexual contact, but not always.

However, the sexual mode of transportation is so prevalent that when I see a patient with pubic lice, I almost always check the person for other sexually transmitted diseases. In any case, lice are spread from one person to another by direct contact.

I'm surprised that your treatment was so costly. Ordinarily, inexpensive medicated shampoo (Kwell and others) will kill the adult lice and nits in one or two applications.

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Q&A

What are MIP penalties?

In response to the growing concern among parents, educators and other affected members of our community, Snyder Daily News in cooperation with the Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this weekly column to readers' questions and concerns about the increasing threat of substance abuse in our community.

"My son was arrested recently for minor in possession (his first offense), and we are unclear as to what his punishment will be. Can you give us some specifics?"

In order to answer your question, it is important to first note the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code regulations and other state laws related to minors.

First of all, it is a crime (first offense fine of $25-$500) to misrepresent that you are 21 years of age or older to a person that is selling alcoholic beverages. In the event that false identification is shown it is considered a Class C misdemeanor and you can be fined up to $500.

Attempted purchase, purchase, consumption, or possession of alcoholic beverages is also a crime. The penalties for any of the offenses are as follow:

A. First Offense: Fine of $25-$200.

B. Subsequent Offense:

Attempt to Purchase: $250-$1,000; Purchase $250-$1,000; Consume: $500-$1,000; Possess: $500-$1,000.

It is now mandatory for a minor to take a state approved alcohol awareness class in all cases. It should also be noted that the state approved course must be taken and completed within 90 days of the conviction. In the event that the course has not been completed the minor could have their driver's license revoked for a period of 6 months.

PROPERTY TAX PROTEST AND APPEAL PROCEDURES
THE SCURRY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT
WILL MAIL NOTICES OF APPRAISED VALUE IN MAY, 1997

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these procedures if you have a concern about:

- the value placed on your property;
- exemptions that may apply to you;
- cancellation of agricultural appraisal
- whether your property is taxable;
- which local governments should be taxing your property; or
- you think the appraisal district has done something else that adversely affected you.

INFORMAL REVIEW: Taxpayers are encouraged to make an appointment with an appraiser to discuss their property value. This may be done by calling 573-8549. They should bring information to substantiate why they feel that their property value is incorrect. The appraiser will discuss their property and may recommend an adjustment to the Appraisal Review Board. If the taxpayer is satisfied with the adjustment, he does not have to appear before the ARB.

REVIEW BY THE APPRAISAL REVIEW BOARD: If you can't resolve your problem informally with the appraisal district staff, you may have your case heard by the Appraisal Review Board.

The Appraisal Review Board (ARB) is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals and other concerns listed above. They have the power to order changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a NOTICE OF PROTEST) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notification of the time, date, and place of the hearing. The hearing will be informal. You and the appraisal district representative will be asked to present evidence about your case. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the Appraisal Distict office at 2612 College Avenue, or the Appraisal District in your county.

NOTE: YOU SHOULDN'T TRY TO CONTACT APPRIASAL REVIEW BOARD MEMBERS OUTSIDE OF THE HEARING. THE LAW REQUIRES BOARD MEMBERS TO SIGN AN AFFIDAVIT SAYING THAT THEY HAVE NOT TALKED ABOUT YOUR CASE BEFORE THE ARB HEARS IT.

REVIEW BY THE DISTRICT COURT: After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. If the Appraisal District has appraised your property at $1,000,000 or more, you must file a notice of appeal with the chief appraiser within 15 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

MORE INFORMATION: You can get more information by contacting your Appraisal District at 2612 College Avenue, Snyder, TX 79549 (915) 573-8549 or the Appraisal District in your county. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the Appraisal District or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, TX 78711-9831

DEADLINE FOR FILING PROTEST WITH THE ARB
(the deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday)

USUAL DEADLINE: On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a Notice of Appraised Value was mailed to you whichever is later)

LATE PROTEST: (If you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.) Late protests must be filed before the day the ARB approves records for the year. Contact the Appraisal District for more information.

SPECIAL DEADLINES:

CHANGE OF USE: (If the Appraisal District has informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land.) Change of use protests must be filed before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

ARB CHANGED: (If the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed.) ARB change protests must be filed before the 30th day after the notice of determination was mailed to you,
If you believe the Appraisal District or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, May 18, 1997

In the year ahead you might make some significant changes in your social circles. You will retain loyal, old pals, but acquire some exciting new ones as well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you fail to be methodical in the ways you manage your tasks today, there is a chance you'll work hard and long but produce very little. Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Even though you'll be in a convivial mood today, if you go to a gathering where there is someone you don't like, he or she might rain on your parade.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today, if you're too complacent and easygoing, someone who doesn't have your best interest at heart might try to do your thinking for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Avoid discussing ideas that you feel are positive with a full-blown pessimist today, or your enthusiasm could be considerably subdued.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Before assuming any debts, you'll be better off if you first clear up old obligations. Being a spendthrift at this time carries penalties.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There are always two sides to every issue, so try to appreciate your mate's point of view today. Both of you could be partially correct.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You are not likely to lack industriousness today, but you might create additional work for yourself by using the wrong tools or procedures.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Fortunately you're the type of person who has many friends, so it's best not to impose yourself on a small clique where you're not appreciated.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If possible today, avoid competitive career encounters. This could be one of those days where the odds may be tilted in the other person's favor.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Today might be one of those days when you'll hear only what you want to hear. Avoid focusing on negative statements and taking them out of context.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Be careful that money does not slip through your fingers today. Be prudent in your financial affairs where shopping is concerned.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A partnership arrangement might not work out too well for you today, because you and your cohort may pull apart instead of pulling together.

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Your Birthday

Monday, May 19, 1997

Exciting times romantically could be in the offing for you in the year ahead. Stronger bonds will be forged with a person who is already near and dear to your heart.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you're a trifle slow getting underway today, it could be due to the fact that you're not likely to put forth the necessary effort unless it's for a labor of love. Major changes are ahead for Taurus in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do not lord it over a friend today if something good has happened for you, especially if things haven't been going too well for him or her.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Put everything back in its proper place today around your house and office. If not, later when you search for something important, you might not find it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be very careful today about passing on information that is not corroborated by a dependable source. Listeners may put too much stock in your idle chatter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Generally you're an effective, prudent manager of your resources. Today, however, extravagant urges might overpower your rational judgment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Flattery is an ineffective ploy today that will not enable you to manipulate others. Instead, use flattery for a strong impact.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) There might not be anyone around today to bail you out of a self-inflicted, negative development. You will have to unravel it on your own.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Debit spending could create complications for you today. Wait until you have a better cash flow before assuming new obligations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) In matters that bring you before the public today, do not do anything that could reflect unfavorably upon your honor or credibility.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your initial impressions might not be wholly reliable today, so do not rush to judge in matters that involve others as well as yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There might be a replay today if you do business with a firm you feel didn't treat you properly in the past. The leopard doesn't change his spots.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It could be smart today if you avoid making commitments that conflict with your interests in order to pacify a sensitive friend's emotions.

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Latest creations are both functional as well as frivolous

MONROEVILLE, Pa. (AP) — Nothing stinks like a wet dog, and getting rid of that damp doggy odor is tougher than preventing it.

So Michael Amato came up with a solution — a plastic parasol that attaches to Stinky's harness and goes wherever he does.

Amato showed off his Canine Canopy at the Invention-New Products Exposition in suburban Pittsburgh.

"The beauty of this is the dog holds his own umbrella, so to speak," said Amato, a teacher from New York City.

For really foul weather, the well-dressed pooch can wear transparent snap-on side curtains and a plastic breastplate and belly guard, all aimed at ensuring a virtual bubble of dryness.

"No more running for a towel when the dog shakes off and makes a mess of the living room," Amato said Thursday.

He was one of about 400 workshop tinkerers who displayed their wares at the expo, billed as the world's premier trade show for inventors.

Like most of the tinkerers surveyed, Peter Schurink of Hoogeveen, Netherlands, said he was more interested in financing future projects than in becoming ultra-rich. One of his latest designs is a plastic mold that forms a shot glass from ice.

"It's an unbelievable sensation," he said. "The ice is melting a little bit on your lips together with the drink."

Some of the most promising inventions had the humblest origins.

The Hair-Do Saver grew from Carol Houston's disgust at paying $125 each month for coiffures that never survived one night of sleep on a traditional pillow.

"I'd wake up and my hair would be flat. My style would be gone," said Houston, who was sporting a carefully crafted mound of curls.

The Hair-Do Saver, a dumbbell-shaped foam pillow, elevates the head without squashing the hairstyle. Houston, a law enforcement supervisor from Miami, said she has almost halved both her beauty salon bills and the amount of time it takes her to get ready for work each morning.

Another inveterate tinkerer, retired engineer Walter Madurski of Warren, Mich., demonstrated the Suitcase Barbecue Grill, an 8½-pound gas-powered stainless steel cooker with folding legs.

College students keep trying to buy his prototype to use in tailgating parties, said Madurski, who used to build B-29 bombers and cars.

He sees beauty in the grill's simplicity.

Mother charged with obstructing following accident

VIERA, Fla. (AP) — Cecil Fielder's wife says if concern for your loved ones is a crime, she's guilty.

Stacey Fielder was found guilty of obstruction for refusing to heed warnings from deputies to move away from a car accident involving her 10-year-old son. Brevard County deputies said Mrs. Fielder cursed at officers and called them "a bunch of rednecks."

She was sentenced Wednesday to attend an anger management seminar and ordered to pay a $500 fine and $615 in court costs. She had faced up to a year in prison and a $1,000 fine.

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CONTEST ENDS JULY 11, 1997

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Secret to man's trim waist no mystery among women

DEAR ABBY: I am a 42-year-old happily married man. About six years ago, my wife bought me a panty girdle to help me look a little trimmer. I had been trying to lose 15 or so pounds for almost a year without any success. My wife searched for a support garment designed for men and couldn't find anything, so she finally purchased a long-leg panty girdle with a high waist. I was reluctant at first, but eventually tried it on. It made a remarkable difference, holding in my potbelly and smoothing my love handles.

I now wear a panty girdle virtually every day and own several different brands. My wife is very helpful when I need to buy a new one. We both agree that it greatly improves my appearance.

So why do I have to worry so much that someone will discover my secret? Why is it OK for an overweight woman to wear something under her clothes to look trimmer, but for a man, it is weird?

I am not gay, and neither am I a cross-dresser, but I do wear what is considered a woman's undergarment. Either the manufacturers should start marketing a man's foundation garment or market their existing girdles for both men and women. I shouldn't have to be embarrassed by the fact that I need a little extra support to look good. I am sure I'm not the only man in the world who wears a panty girdle. What do you think?

R.J. IN N.Y.

DEAR R.J.: If you feel secure wearing a panty girdle, more power to you. What people wear under their clothing is their business — and nobody else's.

I have never heard of foundation garments for men, but you make a convincing argument in their favor.

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DEAR ABBY: May I air a few gripes? Maybe someone will take notice.

I cringe when I see someone throw trash on the ground, or dump it out of a car window. I saw a lady in a new Mercedes dump her filled ashtray out the window at a stoplight. I honked my horn and gestured, but she ignored me and drove off.

I hate seeing people scream and hit their kids in public. I always wonder if they do that in public, what will they do when no one is looking?

Why can't schools teach courses in kindness, patience and manners?

Why do people buy dogs, then never take them on walks, never take them in the car when they go out, and make them languish in lonely backyards? Don't they know that dogs are pack animals who crave companionship and get bored just like humans?

Finally, I wish schools would start early on teaching kids that having babies is not the same as playing with dolls. Teach the difficult aspects. Show them how much money flies out the door when you have kids; teach them how exhausting it can be; let them see that if you have a kid when you are a kid, you are kissing your free-spirited, fun childhood goodbye, and saying hello to years and years of hard work.

BIBI IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR BIBI: Lessons in kindness, manners, consideration for others and self-control should be taught in the home long before a child sets foot in school. But it may please you to know that in some high schools they are attempting to teach teens the responsibilities that parenthood entails. They "handcuff" automated dolls to students who are required to care for the "babies" day and night for one week. The dolls are programmed to cry at unpredictable intervals. I'm told that the program is very successful.

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DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, my husband's sister had a sonogram to check for a possible gynecological problem. What the doctor discovered was an abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) that was large enough for mandatory surgery.

Her doctor told her to notify any siblings that they, too, should have a sonogram. The unexpected result of my husband's examination stunned us all. Bill, too, had an abdominal aortic aneurysm!

Bill was monitored for one year, until the aneurysm surged significantly. The operation followed a month later. The doctor's insight about the genetic factor probably saved Bill's life.

Abby, please tell your readers that this type of aneurysm is hereditary. If a parent or sibling has had an aortic aneurysm, then all siblings and offspring should be examined. We have been advised that our son must be tested when he reaches age 50 and should continue to have a sonogram every five years thereafter.

The cause of aneurysms is unknown, although several risk factors — notably hypertension, smoking and atherosclerosis — could possibly contribute to their development and growth. They have been found to occur more frequently in males than in females. Abdominal aortic aneurysms are silent and usually deadly if not discovered before they rupture. Ruptures are preventable with continued use of ultrasonography and CT scanning.

I hope my letter will be a red alert to anyone whose family has a history of aneurysms. Check with your doctor. Don't put it off! And physicians who are unaware of this should consider including "family history of aneurysms" on their new patient forms. It could save lives.

BARBARA AND BILL GOLDSMITH, SAVANNAH, GA.

DEAR BARBARA AND BILL: I'm sure your warning will serve as a wake-up call to anyone who has a family history of aortic aneurysms. And another plus is the fact that the test is painless and non-invasive. Thank you for a letter that is sure to be a lifesaver.

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DEAR ABBY: For my mother-in-law's birthday, my husband and I gave her what I considered a nice gift.

A week later, she came to my office, handed me the gift and said, "You can have this back. I already have one."

I was dumbfounded, but managed to ask her if she didn't want to exchange it and pick out something else. She replied, "I'll think about it," and left with the gift.

That was two months ago, and so far I haven't heard another word about it. I think her behavior was another example of rude, covert emotional abuse — always delivered with a smile — which seems to be her pattern with me.

Do you think I am overreacting because I am angry about this situation?

HURT

DEAR HURT: Whether you are overreacting or not depends on how much of yourself you invested in selecting a gift for a woman you think is emotionally abusive. Her behavior was certainly rude.

Since you don't know how your mother-in-law resolved the problem, ask her how she handled it. And on gift-giving occasions in the future, consider presenting her with a gift certificate enclosed in a lovely card. That way there will be no further duplications or disappointments.

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