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Home Of Brittany Miller

By TXDoT...

Comments sought on road projects

The Texas Department of Public Transportation will conduct a public meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday to discuss planned future highway projects.

The meeting will be held at Snyder Savings & Loan, and highway department officials are seeking citizen input.

According to local TXDoT engineering specialist Jerry Beard, purpose of the meeting is to discuss the draft of the Transportation Improvement Program, a three-year plan developed for 13-area counties, including Scurry.

The session will allow opportunity for citizens to comment on two upcoming projects, including plans to widen Snyder's 37th Street east of College Avenue.

Beard also said the highway department needs public input on the possibility of building an overpass at the intersection of Huffman and U.S. Hwy. 84, the site of numerous accidents.

Another purpose Beard said, is to allow county and city officials to address their roadway needs.

A public meeting will also be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in Hamlin.

The TIP includes a priority list of projects and project segments that will be carried out within the three-year period, and a financial plan that demonstrates how the TIP can be implemented.

Those desiring to make oral comments or presentations may register starting at 6:30 p.m.

Interested persons may appear and offer comments, either orally or in writing.

A 10-day comment period following the public meeting will permit other persons to submit written comments to William L. Hale, district engineer at P.O. Box 150 in Abilene.

A comments must be received in Abilene by noon, March 29.



TOP VOLUNTEER — Carla Thompson, right, director of the Senior Citizens Center, congratulates Cary Patrick, the top volunteer for 1998-1999. Cary volunteered a total of 2,024.75 hours. See story, page 4A. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Six counties...

County eyes area economic development

Scurry County Commissioners Court, meeting at 10 a.m. Monday, will consider joining five other counties in a regional economic development alliance.

Jones, Fisher, Nolan, Howard and Mitchell counties have already joined the alliance, which is being described as a "Texas, Mexico and Orient Corridor."

According to State Rep. David Counts' office, a bill has been filed that will amend the 1979 Development Corporation Act and give bonding authority to the six-county alliance. Currently, the Act only gives that type of authority to individual entities.

According to Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey, Rep. Counts is carrying the bill on the House side and State Sen. Troy Fraser, a Marble Falls Republican, is carrying it in the senate.

Fraser's district includes Mitchell and Nolan counties.

Calling it a "neighbor helping neighbor" project, Trevey said he believes the alliance has potential.

"This is too big for Scurry County to take on by itself, that's why we need each other. I am firmly convinced we can make this thing fly."

Some 17 are people showed at a March 5 exploratory meeting held to rally support for the alliance.

What the group hopes to do by creating the six-county alliance is to make this area of West Texas a "distribution hub" for major companies transporting out of Mexico and from the West Coast port areas.

Scurry County Judge Ricky Fritz said the intent of the group is to create jobs.

"It's our opinion that if there is an opportunity for jobs and tax base for Scurry County, then we need to be a part of it."

Fritz said the group plans to proceed with caution, and that at this point, the venture is not going to cost the county anything.

"First there has to be a legal entity with articles of incorporation, bylaws and policies and procedures for us to give funds to. Those have to be approved by each county. Then we want to make sure there is accountability and a reason to spend the money," Fritz said.

Initial planning called for funding to be based on $1 per capita, making Scurry County's annual share approximately $19,000. Combined, the six-county area has a population of 100,000.

Commissioners also have four other items to consider, including the resignation of Marge Sealy, director of the Scurry County Welfare office. She has been with the office 21 years.

Sealy's resignation will be effective June 30.

The court is also expected to open bids for computer cable replacement throughout the courthouse. Fritz said the project will bring the courthouse another step closer to being Y2K compliant.

Commissioners are also expected to sign a proclamation declaring next week National Inhalant and Poison Awareness Week and consider an agricultural resolution supporting laws and policies that will create programs to aid suffering farmers and ranchers.

No deadline set...

Three apply for chief's job

So far, three applications have been received for the position of Snyder police chief.

The chief's job became open on Feb. 12 when 26-year police veteran Lannie Lee submitted his resignation to City Manager John Gayle.

Gayle has said that he has not set a time frame for hiring a new chief.

"It'll all go through regular personnel channels," Gayle said.

"A short list will be compiled by our personnel office from a scoring list. Then I'll make the choice."

The police chief position is a direct-hire of the city manager and does not require city council approval.

The city is advertising in five newspapers at this time for the position, and also in the magazine published by the Texas Municipal League. The opening is also being advertised on the city's web page.

"It's really too early to be receiving a lot of applications," said city secretary Jeanne Johnson. "Most of the newspapers did not start the ad until after March 2," Johnson added.

When Lee was hired as police chief in July, 1991, the city received 35 applications.

Currently, Lt. Steve Warren is serving as interim police chief.

Chamber to meet Monday

Board of directors of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce will meet at noon Monday to welcome five new members and hear the 1998 financial report by CPA Ben Murphy.

Linda Sellars, chamber secretary, will give an update on the progress for the annual Western Swing Festival to be held at the coliseum in June.

In addition, a report is expected on last month's Snyder Day in Austin attended by more than 50 Snyder citizens.

Executive director Donna Fowler will present plans for a Junior Leadership week-long course to be offered to students third grade through high school.

The board will also hear plans for several upcoming coliseum events.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "You know you need to go on a diet when you buy a rowing machine — and it sinks."

The diet must work, 'cause most two-year-olds are trim. It's called the Toddler Miracle Diet.

Day one:

For breakfast: scrambled egg, piece of toast with grape jelly. Eat two bites of egg using fingers, dump rest on floor. Take one bite of toast, smear jelly over face and clothes.

Lunch: 4 crayons (any color), a handful of potato chips, glass of milk (3 sips only, spill the rest).

Dinner: 1 dry stick, 2 pennies, 1 nickle, 4 sips of flat Sprite.

Bedtime snack: Throw cracker on kitchen floor.

Day two:

Morning: Pickup stale cracker from kitchen floor and eat it. Drink half bottle of vanilla extract or vial of vegetable dye.

Lunch: One-half tube of pink lipstick and handful of Purina Dog Chow (any flavor), and one ice cube, if desired.

Afternoon snack: Lick all day sucker until sticky, take outside, drop in dirt. Retrieve and continue slurping until clean. Then bring inside and drop on carpet.

Supper: A rock or an uncooked bean, which should be thrust up left nostril. Pour grape Kool-Aid over mashed potatoes and eat with spoon.

Day Three:

Breakfast: 2 pancakes with lots of syrup. Eat one with fingers, rub in hair. Glass of milk, drink one half, stuff other pancake in glass. Fetch yesterday's sucker from carpet, lick off fuzz, put on cushion of best chair.

Lunch: 3 matches, peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Spit several bites onto floor. Pour glass of milk on table and slurp up.

Dinner: Dish of ice cream, handful of potato chips, fed punch. Mix together and share with Spot.

Final day:

Breakfast: tube of toothpaste, bite of soap, an olive. Pour glass of milk over bowl of corn flakes, add half cup sugar. Once cereal is soggy, drink milk and feed cereal to cat.

Lunch: Eat bread crumbs off kitchen floor. Find sucker and continue eating it.

Dinner: Glass of spaghetti and chocolate milk. Leave meatball on plate. Have stick of mascara for dessert.

It's guaranteed to lose weight.

New warden tried to put folks at ease

By Wade Warren
Managing Editor

When a new warden arrives at a prison unit, it's not unusual for the staff, and even the inmates, to be somewhat apprehensive about what changes might occur.

Both inmates and staffers are curious about the management style of any new warden.

So, it didn't come much of a surprise to Warden Wilhelmenia Howard that some of the local staff had touched base with employees at the Neal Unit in Amarillo about what to expect.

Even some of the inmates at the Price Daniel Unit had corresponded with inmates at the Amarillo unit about the new warden.

"A prison staff, just like a business staff, is always apprehensive about changes. They really didn't know what to expect from me, a female warden," said Mrs. Howard. "I believe my first meeting with the group at the Price Daniel Unit Tuesday helped put aside any questions about my position here.

"I think they felt a sense of relief," said the first woman warden at the local unit.

"I believe in an open-door policy with a lot of communication," said Mrs. Howard, whose friendly and out-going personality might betray the fact she is a prison warden in charge of supervising some 1,300 inmates.

"I do think my personality helped put folks at ease this week."

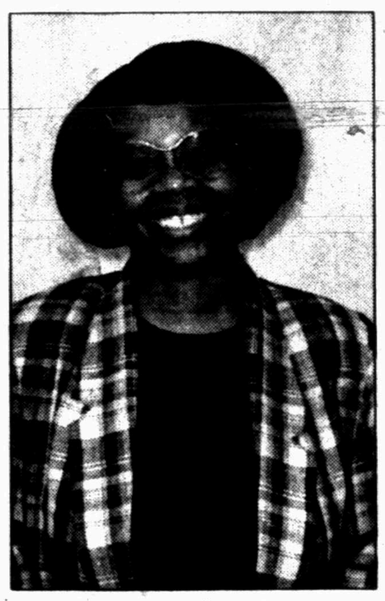
A 14-year veteran of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Howard brings a wealth of experience to the local unit.

Besides having served as the senior warden at the Amarillo Neal Unit since 1993, her degree in psychology has enabled her to work with a group that few TDCJ employees ever do.

"I once worked with the male offenders who were on death row in Huntsville," said Howard. "I was involved in support therapy. I heard lots of stories because many of the offenders went into great detail about their crimes after reaching death row."

Howard also worked with the family of murder victims in providing support therapy.

"This was important as the execution date drew closer," said Howard. "I was actually providing support therapy for the person to be executed and the family of his victim."



Wilhelmenia Howard

Howard has also worked with women on death row in Gatesville.

Perhaps the most noted woman on death row in recent years was Karla Faye Tucker.

Tucker was executed on a murder charge, but had gained much support for a life-sentence due to her finding religion after spending time in prison.

"I worked with her for a long time while she was on death row," said Howard. "And I really believe she was sincere in her religious beliefs.

"She was definitely remorseful about her crime."

Howard said Tucker led several other inmates to God, getting them to go to church services and to school.

"She really set a standard for other inmates as far as worship and prayer went," added Howard.

Howard left the female unit in Gatesville in 1993, transferring to the Amarillo unit. At that time, it was a unit for female offenders, said Howard.

Howard is a firm believer in community squad workers.

"We had a community squad when we opened up the Neal Unit. We did all kinds of jobs around Amarillo."

Howard said she feels doing work around the community gives the offenders a sense of pride.

"It is one way they can give back to the community," emphasized Howard.

Howard said many inmates in Amarillo worked closely with the Texas Department of Transporation in maintaining trees and shrubbery.

"They were a big help, plus they learned skills which they could use after they got out."

"Community work is very important to me," said Howard.

She and her husband, have two children.

Horatio is in the fourth grade at East Elementary, and Kasey is in the second grade at Stanfield.

Tony is also with TDCJ, serving as supervisor of internal affairs in the area.

"We're excited to be in Snyder," said Howard. "People have been extremely friendly to us. We look forward to being a part of the community."

ASK US

Q-When the fiberoptic line was cut Tuesday, why did cell phones not work?

A-Bell's Alicia Sankar said cell phones work through circuitry involving cell towers, fiberoptic line and the phones themselves. The cut cable fed a cell tower that services Snyder, and the circuit was broken.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 46 degrees; low, 35; 7 a.m. Saturday, 35; .03 of an inch precipitation; total for 1999, 1.45 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, clearing, cold. Low, lower 20s. N wind 5-10 mph. Sunday, sunny. High near 60. NW-W wind 5-10 mph.



Christian Tippens
Sunny

Sunset:
6:50 p.m.
Sunrise:
6:55 a.m.
Of 71 days in 1999, the sun has shone 67 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Action must be taken at once; There is no time to be lost."

Miguel Hidalgo

Lawmakers hit deadline to file bills

AUSTIN (AP) — The deadline came as no surprise to lawmakers. Still, their staffs bustled about the Capitol Friday trying to beat it.

It was the last day to introduce a bill unless it has limited regional effect, is declared an emergency or lawmakers get the permission of their colleagues.

"I'm filing about 20 bills today, including legislation that would enable the state to provide additional protections for people living in nursing homes," said Rep. Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin, who will have filed about 80 bills overall this session.

"Most of the bills I'm filing today weren't drafted in their final form by the drafting arm of the Legislature — the Legislative Council— until this week," Naishtat said.

Not that he's criticizing, he said. "They had so many bills to draft."

At the Legislative Council, the hectic pace driven by the approaching deadline had given way to relative calm Friday, said Steve Collins, general counsel.

A sense of "hopelessness" had set in, he said, "as far as getting additional bills done on the last day."

The council had asked lawmakers to submit requests for bills by Feb. 22 if they wanted them done by the deadline, said Collins. But he said requests continued to pour in and things were frantic up until Thursday.

"We've never failed to provide a member with something to introduce by the deadline if they wanted it by the deadline," said Collins, who has worked in the office for more than 22 years.

Some bills, including those being drafted Friday, amounted to "shell" measures containing a lawmaker's ideas but few specifics, Collins said. Those bills serve as place holders until more complete legislation can be drafted, he said.

Under the Texas Constitution, bills may be introduced in the first 60 of the Legislature's 140-day-long regular sessions. After that, introducing a bill requires an emergency designation, a four-fifths vote or an issue that's local.

"You will occasionally see bills that are filed after the deadline, but it's taken very seriously — a four-fifths vote is not easy to get," said Naishtat.

Or perhaps it is.

"There is a long tradition of the Senate of suspending the rules" to allow late introduction of bills, said Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo. "It's not been a big issue in the past."

Bivins said he may file some bills past the deadline.

"I am working on a school funding bill and I am not sure when it's going to be filed or if," Bivins said.

Yet some lawmakers went to extraordinary lengths to meet the deadline.

Calling from his car just outside Austin mid-afternoon Friday, Sen. Jeff Wentworth said he was returning from his home in San Antonio to make sure that his last five bills were submitted by 6 p.m.

He had gone home Thursday for a parent-teacher conference. The quick return will mean that Wentworth will have filed 100 bills this year — a record for the Republican.

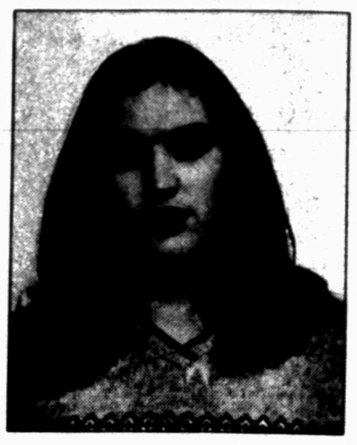
Wentworth said while House and Senate members have allowed bills to be filed past the deadline, it's not always the best strategy.

"Logistically it gets more and more difficult to get bills passed if you wait much longer," he said.

By late Friday, lawmakers had passed the 5,500 mark with 1,793 bills filed in the Senate and 3,740 in the House. That was expected to rise by the end of the day.

That would be in line with previous sessions.

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Rachel Huddleston

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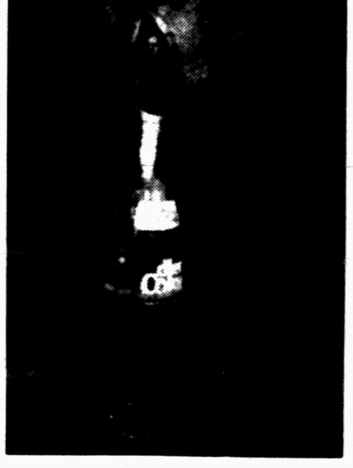
Rachel Huddleston, a senior and fourth year computer science student at Snyder High School, is currently involved in an independent study of computer graphics. Wynola Early is her instructor.

Huddleston entered a graphics composition in the 1998-1999 Imation Computer Arts Scholarship Contest will be awarded one of 25 $1,000 scholarships to be presented during a trip (hosted by Imation) to St. Paul, Minn. for the National Awards Ceremony events, April 23-25.

Some one-thousand-and-fifty schools from across the U.S. each entered a student's graphics. Huddleston received word that she had been chosen for the National Merit finalist list of 100 students in mid-February.

Judges included children's author and illustrator Tomie dePaola and Isaac Kerlow, the director of digital talent and development for the Walt Disney Company as well as the president of NAEA (National Art Education Association.)

Huddleston's work will reward her school as well: SHS will receive an Imation SuperDisk Drive in her honor.



Huddleston graphics design

Hotel pulls plug on prom ad for meal, limo and bedroom

VICTORIA (AP) — It probably sounded like a heck of deal to some prom-bound students in this South Texas town: A local hotel offered a package deal to share dinner, a limousine and a bedroom on prom night.

The Ramada Inn had advertised the $199 Prom Night Package in Friday's edition of The Victoria Advocate, sparking dozens of calls to both the newspaper and the hotel. But the inn pulled the promotion later that day amid the protests.

Rosie Arguellez, the hotel's sales coordinator, said Ramada Inn was trying to address the problem of underage drinking and driving when it offered the special.

But the offer hit the equally sensitive topic of teen-age sex, which some parents and community leaders say is a prom-night problem.

"We weren't trying to promote sex," Arguellez told the newspaper. "The original intention was to keep it a safe prom night. Drug-free and alcohol-free ... We're trying to keep them off the street."

The plan was to use the hotel's limousine to shuttle six students to the prom at a time while others ate dinner in the ballroom, she said. Security officers in the dining room would be on hand to make sure students did not try to drink, and there would be no alcohol in the car, Arguellez said.

Victoria Independent School District Superintendent Jack Clemmons said he does not approve of teen-agers sharing hotel rooms, but said drinking on prom night is a big problem that parents also need to face.

"No date on the calendar suddenly makes young people better able to handle alcohol," Clemmons said.

Some school districts go as far as offering all-night after-prom parties to keep students away from their cars.

Victoria schools have such programs on graduation night, but Clemmons said it is too expensive and time-consuming for parents to do twice a year.

After listening to the complaints, Arguellez called The Advocate to change to ad. The new one lists a $149 package that includes dinner and limousine service, but no hotel room.

More than 50 parents, teachers and community members called the hotel Friday morning to complain, Arguellez said.

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Probation is given in district court

Two probated sentences were handed down Friday in 132nd District Court.

Robin Christina Thurman, 21, of 2711 Ave. O pleaded guilty to possession of a controlled substance.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced Thurmond to serve 10 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated for 10 years. Thurman was also fined $750 and ordered to participate in a court-approved substance abuse program.

Luis Moya Salazar, 23, of Colorado City was given a 10-year probated sentence for a 1992 charge of burglary of a building.

Originally, Salazar has been assessed a five-year probated sentence and deferred adjudication. A driving while intoxicated conviction in 1996 was the basis of the revocation along with failure to report to his probation officer and failure to make court-ordered payments.

Senior District Judge Gene Dulaney adjudicated the 1992 conviction by assessing a 10-year term in prison, probated for 10 years.

Teacher cleared by grand jury

DALLAS (AP) — A substitute teacher in North Texas accused of choking one student and swinging two others by their arms has been cleared by a grand jury.

Deena Murdoch, 52, had been charged with three felony counts of injury to a child stemming from allegations leveled against her while she worked in a Carrollton elementary school. A Denton County grand jury declined to indict her.

"The grand jury were people that listened and heard," Ms. Murdoch said. "They were wise enough to know the truth."

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NATO's count is nineteen

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — The first new entrants into NATO since the end of the Cold War have swelled the alliance's ranks to 19 — and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright says more may be on the way.

"NATO enlargement is not an event but a process," Albright said Friday after the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland — all members of the now-defunct Soviet-led Warsaw Pact — joined the alliance at a ceremony at the Harry S. Truman Library.

Just when new entrants will be invited is not clear. That issue will be discussed at a NATO summit next month in Washington.

Hopefuls waiting in the wings for the next round of enlargement are Slovenia, Romania, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia.

"It is our common purpose, over time, to do for Europe's east what NATO has already helped to do for Europe's west," Albright said. "Steadily and systematically, we will continue erasing — without replacing — the line drawn in Europe by Stalin's bloody boot."

In a statement, President Clinton welcomed the three new members, saying their presence in the organization "will make America safer. It will make NATO stronger."

"For years they struggled with dignity and courage to regain their freedom. And now they will help us defend it for many years to come," Clinton said.

Joining Albright at Friday's induction ceremony were foreign ministers Jan Kavan of the Czech Republic, Janos Martonyi of Hungary and Bronislaw Geremek of Poland.

Truman's library was chosen as the site for the event because it was during his presidency that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization was founded on April 4, 1949, just under 50 years ago.

In assessing the new applicants for membership, the allies examine criteria such as democratic development and whether they meet minimum military requirements.



TO SPEAK — Drs. Jerry and Judy Horton, founders of Down Home Ranch, will speak at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 21. From left are Jerry Horton, Terry Pundsack, Jim Pitts and Judy Horton. This photo was taken at the ranch last summer. (Contributed Photo)

Down Home Ranch directors will speak

Drs. Jerry and Judy Horton, directors of Down Home Ranch, will be speaking at the First Presbyterian Church, 26th and Ave. R., Sunday, March 21, at 12:30 p.m., following the monthly fellowship dinner at noon.

The Hortons are the founders of Down Home Ranch, Inc. a country home and workplace for adults with disabilities.

The mission of Down Home Ranch is to build a rural, self-reliant community for adults with disabilities, such as mental retardation. They offer training, housing, recreation and dignified employment, as well as opportunities for growth in mind, body and spirit.

The Hortons were inspired to create Down Home Ranch when their daughter, Kelly Horton, was born in 1984 with Down Syndrome. In 1989, the ranch was incorporated. In 1992, the day program started. Ranch Camp was started in 1995 and five greenhouses were erected in 1997.

The camp center was also erected in 1998. Last summer, there were three one-week sessions at the ranch Camp with about 90 campers total. In addition, 100 pecan trees and a donkey herd have been established.

The Hortons say about three percent of the population has mental retardation and most can be productive, useful and semi-independent citizens. There is, however, a scarcity of good housing, real jobs and a supportive community.

Any family member who has been affected by mental retardation is invited to come and hear the Hortons.

Money will go to AIDS work

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Elton John knows exactly what he's going to do with the $150,000 check he received for headlining at the official opening of Hard Rock's showcase concert hall.

It will go to the Elton John AIDS Foundation, he said at Friday's fund-raising concert, attended by about 2,000 people — an intimate crowd by rock standards.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Occupational therapy helps after stroke

DEAR DR. GOTT: In a recent column about stroke victims, you mistakenly stated that physical therapy assists patients in regaining the skills for dressing, bathing and so forth. Actually, it is occupational therapy that is the most useful in helping patients to cope with the activities of daily living. Occupational therapists also focus on improving upper body strength, cognitive skills, energy conservation and a host of other activities. Please print a retraction. Occupational therapists are a valuable and integral part of any rehab program for stroke patients.

DEAR READER: You're absolutely right. I incorrectly oversimplified the important role of occupational therapists in assisting stroke patients to learn new skills and maintain independence. Thank you for writing.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am anticipating having facial plastic surgery. The procedure should take about an hour and a half. My surgeon is leaving the choice of a general or local anesthetic up to me. What is your opinion?

DEAR READER: The choice of general or local anesthetic is a very personal one and depends on the type of surgery, the length of the operation and your tolerance to pain. I believe that this issue is best left to your discretion, with the advice and counsel of your surgeon. As I'm sure you are aware, the risk of complications from anesthesia is far greater with general than with local. Therefore, most patients prefer the latter, all things being equal. On the other hand, some patients "don't want to be awake" during any kind of surgery; for them, general anesthesia is a more appropriate option. You should thoroughly discuss this problem with your surgeon — and, of course, with the anesthesiologist. Based on their expertise and experience, you can then make an informed decision.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Does a low white blood cell count reflect a serious disease?

DEAR READER: White blood cells are the body's infection fighters; therefore, any reduction in their number is cause for concern. There is a day-to-day variation in white cell counts, and some innocuous viral infections, such as mononucleosis, are associated with a temporary deficiency in the count. Nonetheless, physicians take very seriously any severe or longstanding low white cell count, because such a reduction can make the patient extremely vulnerable to any and all infections. In my opinion, a persistently low cell count requires medical evaluation.

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

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DEAR DR. GOTT: My daughter has been using a homemade nasal spray, consisting of a combination of hydrogen peroxide, spices, chili and pickling juices. She has gradually been losing her sense of smell and has constant headaches and nasal congestion. She has had examinations and tests, but never tells the doctors about her home remedy. I'm very concerned about this problem. She says that since she's not using commercial sprays, she doesn't have to worry about becoming dependent on this one. Help!

DEAR READER: From the sound of your letter, I'd say that your daughter is pickling her nose, and the nerves of smell as well. The strong components of her spray may certainly cause tissue damage. It's curious why she refuses to divulge her secret to the doctors. Perhaps she is experiencing secondary gain by being miserable and overtested. This is not appropriate. Try to convince her to give up her kitchen-medicine proclivity and put herself in the hands of a capable ear-nose-and-throat specialist.

People do not become dependent on commercial nose sprays. Rather, the problem is that many of these preparations cause a condition called "rebound": After about a week of constant use, the sprays cause (instead of relieve) nasal congestion. To counteract this complication, patients often increase the use of the sprays, thereby subjecting themselves to a vicious cycle of yet more nasal irritation and congestion. I'm sure that your daughter can be helped by stopping her homemade spray and 'fessing up to a specialist.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Which is safest for children: sugar, NutraSweet or saccharine?

DEAR READER: This disarmingly simple question is actually quite complex.

Many nutritionists believe that Americans consume too much sugar. Although the substance itself is safe for general use, a problem may arise because of quantity. Among other effects, sugar provides unnecessary ("empty") calories that contribute to overweight.

Some authorities question the safety of heavy reliance on aspartame (NutraSweet or Equal) in children's diets. Again, the question is one of quantity. In addition, aspartame must not be used by people who have the genetic disorder called phenylketonuria (PKU). Similarly, saccharine is probably best limited to small doses.

I believe that moderation is the best approach, although all three substances are probably harmless in the quantities ordinarily consumed. Potential trouble may arise if both natural and synthetic sweeteners are ingested in excessive amounts.

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

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Park otters are spared

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Fatty, Chrissy, Blinky and Big-Um can continue to frolic in their lagoon after being granted a stay of execution.

One of the four otters nipped 17-month-old Rachael Gold of New York City during a visit earlier this month to Flamingo Gardens, a nature park north of Miami.

They were spared Friday when Rachael's parents decided to go ahead with rabies shots without having the animals killed and tested first.

"They weren't going anywhere without a big fight," activist Maria Lopez said of the otters.

Lopez was one of about 40 protesters who assembled at the entrance to the park before word of the reprieve. Protesters carried signs saying "Save the Otters" and "Honk" in support.

Rachael's parents could have demanded that the otters be tested for rabies — which requires that the animals be killed — to determine whether Rachael really needed to undergo the regimen of five rabies shots.

But amid protests from animal lovers, Rachael's parents decided to go ahead with the shots.

Mourners gather

LONDON (AP) — Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman and Steven Spielberg were among the mourners who gathered Friday to pay their last respects to legendary movie director Stanley Kubrick.

Kubrick died Sunday at age 70, before the release of his last film, "Eyes Wide Shut," which stars Cruise and Kidman.

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COT GRADS — Correctional Officer Training Class 53-A of 18 students completed the course at Western Texas College Wednesday. They include (from left) first row, David Boyd, Wingate; Ramona Embry, Huntsville; Cherri Ginkinger, Colorado City; Hal Guess Jr., Weinert; Robert Hardin, Sweetwater; Matt Harris, Sylvester; Tracy Lewis, Snyder; Brad Phillips, Lubbock; Dana Reynolds, Hermleigh; Leticia Rios, Snyder; Jesse Rutherford, Stamford; Johnny Smith, Hamlin; Royce Stanaland, Jayton; Kenneth Stanton, Lamesa; Amador Torres, Lamesa; Jamie Walraven, Clyde; Drex Walthall and Bennie Weatherly, both of Colorado City; Leanord Dodgen, COT instructor; and Judy Bartels, secretary. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Ex-wife claims wildlife agent 'poached' by female partner

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — This was a sting operation that Janice Peck says stung too close to home.

The Utah Division of Wildlife assigned her husband, Randal, and a female agent to set up house and pose as lovers in order to bring down a poaching operation.

But the "cloak-and-dagger deal," she says, also took down a family with two college-age children — all for the sake of a few elk and moose.

"You just don't put a woman and man together in that kind of environment and expect nothing to happen," Janice Peck said, calling the state the "biggest culprit" in the breakup of her 23-year marriage.

The undercover couple fell in love, the Pecks divorced, and Janice Peck has sued the division and agent Jodi Becker for alienation of affection.

The state agency went overboard, she maintains, by assigning the fish-and-game officers to an extended "James Bond" mission against a small band of gritty poachers in the remote Uinta Mountains of northern Utah.

Peck and Becker openly hugged, kissed and shared the same bed in a camping trailer over six months while befriending the group.

The state argued it had no responsibility for the romance that took root in a beat-up, 1963 trailer parked at Mud Lake. A judge agreed and dropped the agency from the lawsuit.

The judge is being asked to reconsider the state's complicity, even as there was some movement this week toward an out-of-court settlement.

But for now, it's Janice Peck vs. Jodi Becker, who has been married to Randal Peck, 49, for three years now.

"I assumed a man that old can make up his own mind," Becker said. "I didn't pursue him any more than he pursued me. I met him at work — and that's unfortunate."

Becker, 33, kept her job even as her new husband was forced to retire, and the couple is raising a daughter.

She counts herself unlucky to live in Utah, one of the few states that still allows legal claims for alienation of affection — a common-law throwback to a time when women were considered the property of men that is now being used in reverse.

State attorneys say that Janice Peck, 50, should have taken up any legal cause for betrayal in her 1995 divorce, which was settled amicably.

For his part, Randal Peck was pressured to retire with a pension "for bringing discredit on the agency," said J. Wesley Robinson, an assistant attorney general.

Robert F. Elswood, the division's law enforcement chief, said pairing undercover agents as intimate couples is a common practice even for fish-and-game officers — "and we don't expect them to have affairs."

The sting led to as many as nine convictions, including the ring's leader, Eugene "Shorty" Banks. Banks had been suspected of poaching since the 1970s, Elswood said.

But Peck, state officials say, carried his assignment too far.

"The sleeping arrangements were never discussed. There are two bunks in that trailer at opposite ends. Randy decided they had to sleep together to maintain their cover," Robinson said. "We don't buy that."

The way Peck explained it in a pretrial deposition, the poachers could have barged into their camp trailer any time. Locking the door only raised suspicions, and the poachers had even accused Peck of being an undercover game officer.

Price increase decried

Movie tickets cost more in New York

NEW YORK (AP) — Despite a plunging crime rate, some New Yorkers say there's one place where they're still getting mugged — at the movies.

Ticket prices have hit $9.50, and City Council Speaker Peter Vallone is calling for a movie boycott and a federal investigation into theater giant Loews Cineplex Entertainment.

"Let's hit them where it hurts most," Vallone said Friday. He wants moviegoers to skip flicks on the first Friday of each month, and says they should bring their own munchies the rest of the time.

He's not alone. A New York Times columnist suggested that moviegoers bring their own paper cups into theaters to abuse the free refill policy.

New Yorkers tend to be resigned to paying a premium on just about everything. After all, Broadway tickets top off at $85 each, and a dinner for two in Manhattan can easily run $100.

But Vallone and others worry climbing movie prices will soon put a trip to the silver screen out of reach for some families.

The $9.50 price tag — which the City Council says is the highest in the nation — is just the latest benchmark. In the last five years, movie ticket prices in the city have risen by 27 percent, more than twice as fast as the cost of living.

In comparison, tickets in Oklahoma City and Honolulu cost $6.50; Omaha, Neb. $7; Detroit, $7.50; and Los Angeles, $8.50.

During his tenure in the 1980s, then-Mayor Edward I. Koch tried to organize a picket against rising movie prices, but the campaign had little success.

"Movies are the opiate of the people," he said. "No picket line will succeed. The only thing that will succeed is competition."

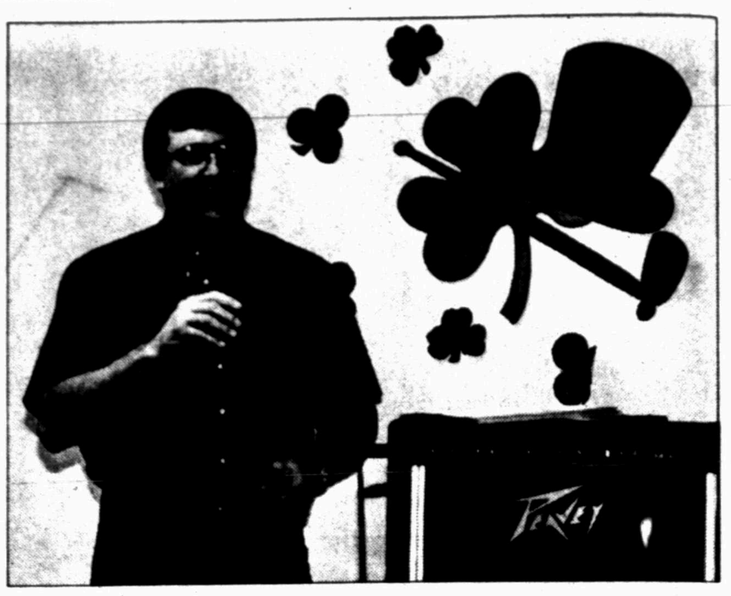
Sony Corp. of America and Cineplex Odeon announced in 1997 that they would merge their theater businesses to form the world's largest movie theater company, with more than 2,600 screens in North America. The new company, Loews Cineplex, controls about half of the screens in New York City.

In letters to the Justice Department and the state attorney general, Vallone asked the government to look into Loews Cineplex in light of last month's 50-cent price increase to $9.50. He also said the Council would open hearings.

Loews Cineplex officials did not return several calls for comment Friday.

Outside a Sony theater at Lincoln Square, some moviegoers shrugged at the price increase. Others bemoaned the high prices that are part of life in New York.

"It's absolutely too high, especially for children. It used to cost $5 for them and now it's $6," said Liz Callahan, 32, who was taking her two nieces, aged 8 and 7, to a matinee.



ENTERTAINMENT — Ken Northcott of Colorado City sang religious songs Friday night during the 20th annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet at the Senior Citizens Center. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Volunteers recognized at Senior Center event

Volunteers were recognized Friday night at the Senior Citizens Center. The occasion was the 20th annual Recognition Banquet.

The Top 15 volunteers for 1998-1999 are Cary Patrick, 2,024.75; Martha Schiebel, 2,000; Gloria Browning, 1,976.75; Bill Schiebel, 1,800; Thadine Harless, 1,681.50; Dessie Harvel, 1,425; Dorothy Duncan, 975.25; Marie Armstrong, 907.50; Margaret Clevenger, 879; Juanita Ellington, 855.75; Treva Quinney, 778.75; Opal Wigington, 756.50; Edna Laster, 715.75; Mae Brush, 676; Nate Pyburn, 647.

Total volunteer hours for the just completed year are 45,644.

Valerie Drum presented a special award to Curtis Brown, an under 60 volunteer who helps with the Home Delivered Meals program which serves from 130-140 meals each day.

Several volunteers are also eligible for new pins. They include: Mae Brush, Maxie McNew, Gloria Browning, Texa Ball, Blanche Arnold, Opal Wigington, Dessie Harvel, Benn Nachlinger, Thadine Harless, Cecil Fulks, Sue Trice, Betty Boyd, Betty Kellum, Ernest Shifflett, Evelyn Shifflett, Edna Laster, Cary Patrick, Dot Stokes, Lois Leech, Mildred Pevehouse, Margaret Stubblefield, Dorothy Duncan, Wayne Eubank, Nate Pyburn, Margaret Clevenger, Dena Stirling, Marie Walton, Lou Wiman, Duke Ball, Jo Flynn, Peggy Fowler, M.J. Merritt, Martha Schiebel.

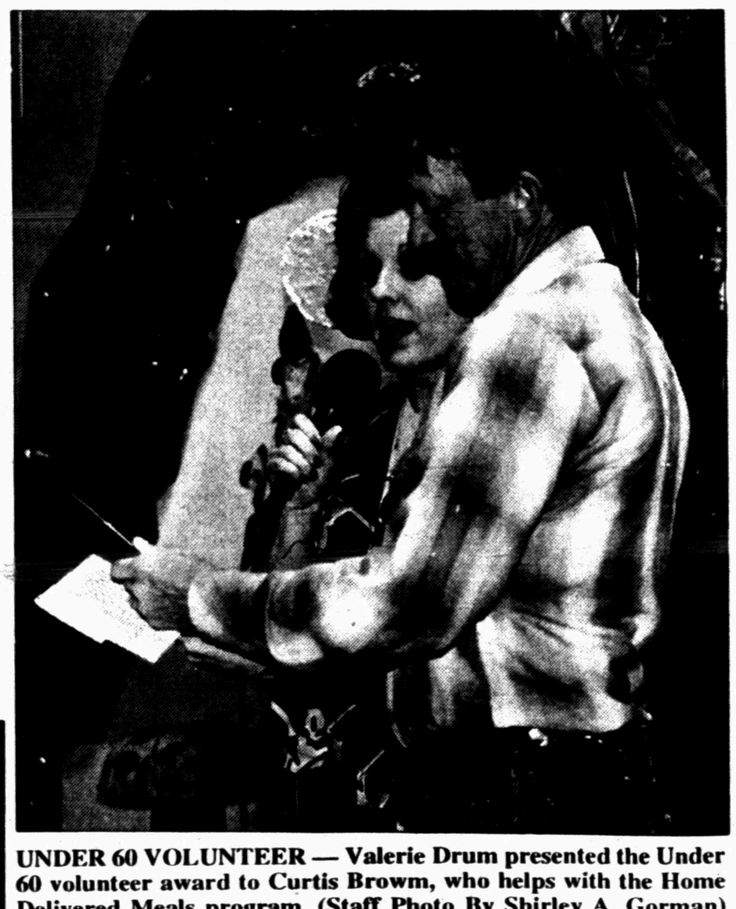
Also, Marie Armstrong, Juanita Ellington, Cecil Lankford, Francene Noah, Ben Odorizzi, Treva Quinney, Bill Schiebel, Anna Sears, Evalyn Tate, Warren Badger, Opal Cooper, Ruby Gregory, Dorothy Hill, Mildred Rogers, C.J. Smith, Edna Smith, Emerson Armstrong, Nell Baker, Furman Branson, Geneva Burk, Cleo Clare, Virginia Johnston, Jean McCommas, Izora Milliken, Dorothy Norwood, Una Orms, Bill Pollard, James Quinney, Juanita Raborn, Natalie Sallee, Gradine Sterling.

Carla Thompson, director, gave the welcome and recognized special guests. Rob Robinson gave the invocation. Ken Northcutt of Colorado City sang gospel music.

Valerie Drum presented the special awards, Pamela Fenton and staff handed out volunteer pins, and Thompson and Fenton presented the door prizes.

The St. Patrick Day's theme was carried out in the decorations.

Members of Western Texas College's Phi Theta Kappa fraternity helped served the meal.



UNDER 60 VOLUNTEER — Valerie Drum presented the Under 60 volunteer award to Curtis Brown, who helps with the Home Delivered Meals program. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Whooping cranes migrating

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Two whooping cranes that followed a biologist in an ultralight plane on a southward migration from Idaho to New Mexico in 1997 are migrating northward once again on their own.

The two rare white birds flew out of the Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge south of Socorro on Thursday, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist John Taylor said at the Bosque.

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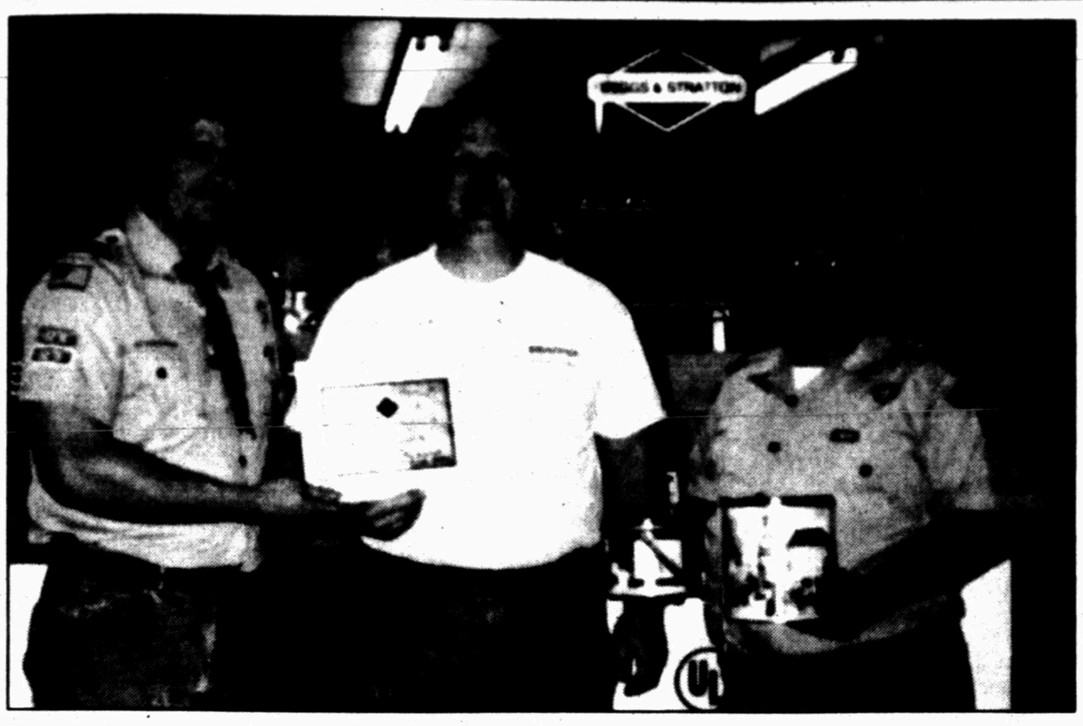
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CERTIFICATE PRESENTED — Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts presented Kerry Bredemeyer, owner of the Rental Store & More, with a certificate and popcorn for letting them use a trailer to pickup the popcorn that the boys sold for a fund-raiser. Pictured from left, James Garvin of Pack 177, Breedemeyer, Glen Burns of Troop 27. (Contributed Photo)

For Oklahoma bombing...

Nichols challenges sentence

DENVER (AP) — Terry Nichols has requested an appeals court to consider his claims that improper guidelines were used when he was sentenced to life in prison without parole for conspiracy in the Oklahoma City bombing.

In a petition filed Friday, Nichols argued that a three-judge panel at the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals erred two weeks ago when it rejected his claim that the federal sentencing guidelines were flawed.

Nichols also said it was unfair to order him to pay $14.5 million for his role in the April 1995 bombing, which killed 168 people. Nichols asked that a full panel of the 10th Circuit reconsider the decision.

Nichols, 43, was found guilty of conspiring to bomb the building and of eight counts of involuntary manslaughter.

Co-defendant Timothy McVeigh was convicted of first-degree murder, conspiracy and weapons-related charges and sentenced to death. His sentence was recently upheld by the Supreme Court.

Nichols also said the judge erred in his instructions to the jury during his trial.

The defense said U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch should have told the jury that Nichols could not be sentenced to life imprisonment unless he had "a specific intent to kill."

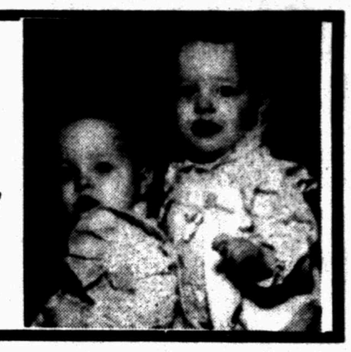
The jury acquitted Nichols of first-degree murder and using a weapon of mass destruction, and the defense argued that in the absence of guilty verdicts on those charges he should have received a lighter sentence.

Expands holdings

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hustler publisher Larry Flynt is expanding his media holdings by launching "Code: The Style Magazine for Men of Color."

"It's a true style magazine," said A.G. Britton, who will help launch the monthly magazine.

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If form holds, venerable B-52 bomber will be flying at age 80

WASHINGTON (AP) — If the Air Force has figured right, its 4-decade-old B-52 bombers will still be flying at 80 years old, meaning the oldest plane in the U.S. bomber fleet is only now in middle age.

The granddaddy of long-range bombers is nowhere near retiring. In fact, the Air Force said Friday, it will remain a mainstay of the strategic bomber fleet until a new generation arrives in about 2037.

Most pilots who fly B-52s today were not yet born when their planes entered service in the early 1960s. And those same planes will be flying well into the 21st century with pilots of a generation yet to come.

That speaks highly of an airplane that already has more than tripled its original life expectancy.

"Structurally, they are in great shape," Lt. Gen. Ron Marcotte said in an interview. As commander of the 8th Air Force at Barksdale Air Force Base, La. — home to 47 B-52s — Marcotte flies the bombers regularly and said that with the help of exceptionally good maintenance the planes are "doing extremely well."

Some of the 8th Air Force's B-52s are standing by in England for possible use in NATO-led airstrikes in Yugoslavia, and others are on the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia, poised to act against Iraq.

The first B-52s began their Air Force duty in June 1955; the ones flying now were built in 1961.

"It's amazing," said Glenn Buchan, a Rand Corp. expert on strategic bombers. "The B-52 is one of the most remarkably successful airplanes every built." Indeed, Buchan said in an interview, the B-52 might be the best model on which to develop the next generation of long-range bombers — a large plane capable of carrying a wide array of modern weapons and firing them from a great distance.

Local workers qualify for TAA program

The Texas Workforce Commission announced Friday that all workers of Weaver Services, Inc. in Snyder, dba WSI Cased Hole Specialist, who lost their jobs due to lack of work on or after Jan. 6, 1998 are eligible for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA).

Under petition number TA-W-35,531, which was certified on Feb. 2, 1999, and will expire Feb. 2, 2001, workers who were partially separated from employment with Weaver Services, Inc. of Snyder, dba WSI Cased Home Specialist, will also qualify for assistance.

TAA is available to workers who lose their jobs or whose hours of work and wages are reduced as a result of increased imports. TAA includes a variety of benefits and reemployments services to help unemployed workers prepare for and obtain suitable employment.

Workers may be eligible for training, a job search allowance, a relocation allowance and other reemployment services. Additionally, weekly trade readjustament allowances may be payable to eligible workers following their exhaustion of unemployment benefits.

Workers should contact the nearest Texas Workforce Commission office for assistance in filing for the following services: weekly trade readjustment allowance, job placement, employment counseling, vocational training and financial assistance for job search and job relocation.

Chicago hospital fined $40,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Chicago hospital that did nothing to help a young gunshot victim dying just outside its doors has agreed to pay $40,000 to settle a federal complaint.

Ravenswood Hospital Medical Center also agreed to remind the community that it accepts all patients with emergency medical conditions. It promised to buy two quarter-page advertisements over the next year in Sunday editions of the Chicago Sun-Times declaring that Ravenswood examines patients "without delay and regardless of their ability to pay."

Federal law requires hospitals that accept Medicare payments to screen and stabilize all patients who show up at their emergency rooms. The maximum fine for violations is $50,000. The law also prevents hospitals from transferring, or "dumping," undesirable patients to other facilities if they need immediate attention.

The agreement was signed last week by lawyers for the inspector general of the Department of Health and Human Services, which is charged with enforcing this law. A copy of the agreement, signed by hospital president John E. Blair late last month, was obtained Friday by The Associated Press.

Under the settlement, the hospital — which could still face private lawsuits — admits no wrongdoing.

The hospital also faced loss of Medicare payments, but the HHS agency that runs Medicare determined that it had adequately revised its emergency room policies.

Police say 15-year-old Christopher Sercye was an innocent bystander in a gang shooting last May, shot while playing basketball in an alley near the hospital.

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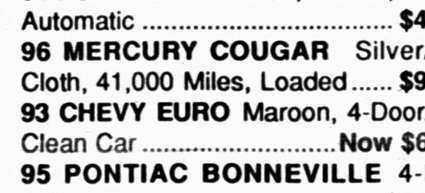
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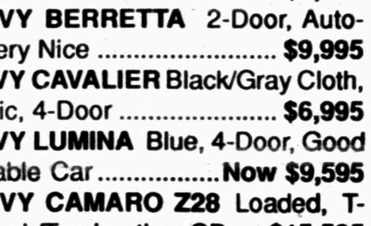
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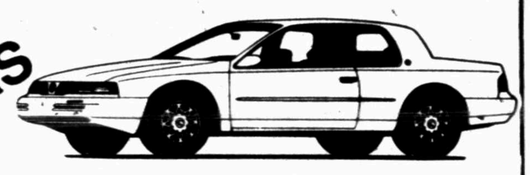


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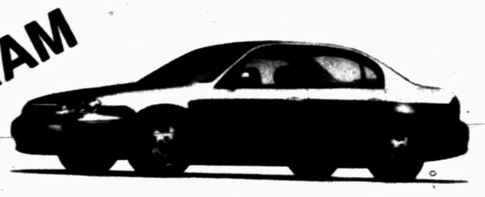


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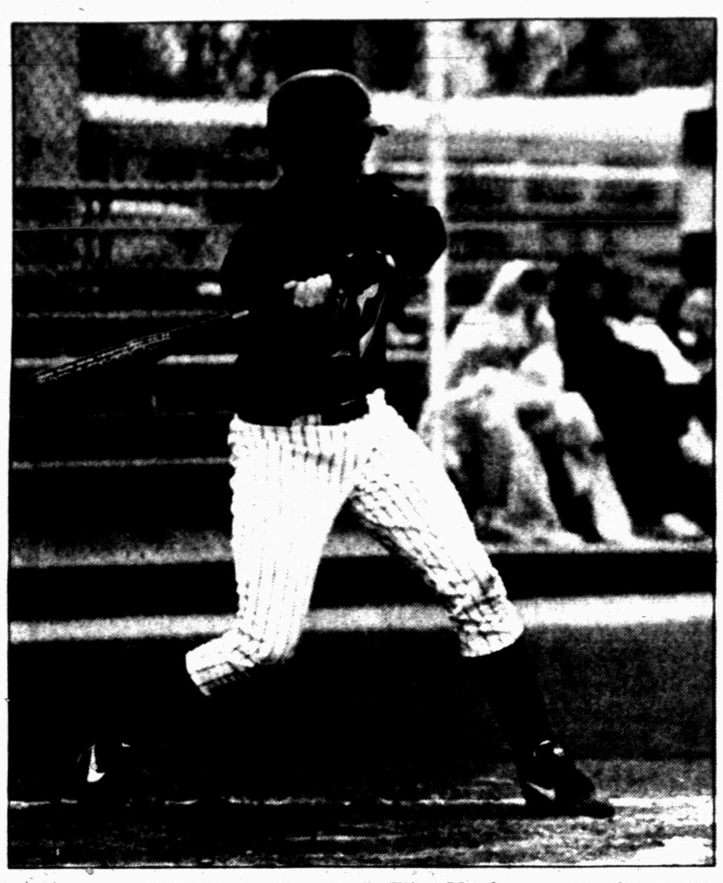
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SPORTS



CLEAN-UP HITTER — Snyder's Clint Hook concentrates on an incoming pitch during the Tigers' 12-6 win over West on Friday. Snyder faces Perryton for the tourney title at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tiger rally nets finals berth

The solid defense and timely hitting, which were evident for Snyder on Thursday, vanished for five innings during Friday's semi-finals of the Snyder Baseball Tournament.

But in the final two frames, the Tigers found something else to pull them through — patience.

Snyder rallied from a 6-3 deficit in the sixth inning with nine runs on six hits, four walks and two errors to knock off West High School, 12-6.

The victory moves the Tigers into Saturday night's championship against the Perryton Rangers at 7:30 at Moffett Field.

With a shot at the title game on the line, Snyder failed to capitalize on scoring opportunites through the first five frames, while giving the Trojans extra chances with six errors.

"We should have taken advantage of some situations early in the ballgame, but we didn't get it done," Snyder coach Roland Herrera said. "West did a good job of keeping pressure on our defense and waiting for us to make mistakes. Then when we made the mistakes, they made the most of them."

Two Tiger errors in the fifth and sixth innings allowed West to jump on top, 6-3, before Snyder put together its comeback in the bottom of the sixth.

Matt Rodgers and Clint Hook both reached base to begin the rally, followed by a James Shields' drive to center field, scoring Rodgers.

Matthew Grimmett then drove in Hook, and Sam Bedell singled. West's second error of the inning on a Banks Alexander ground ball loaded the bases for Josh Ward.

The junior third baseman came through for the Tigers, unleashing a double down the left-field line to bring in Grimmett and Bedell.

Now holding a 7-6 lead, the Tigers continued their barrage.

The next four Snyder batters' patience at the plate, which had been missing earlier in the ballgame, drawing four consecutive walks to extend the margin to 10-6.

Shields capped the scoring by driving in a pair of runs with his second single of the inning.

With the Trojans down to their final three outs, Snyder's defense closed the door with a game-ending double play.

"This was a big win for us," said Herrera. "In the sixth inning, the kids started showing more patience at the plate and it put the pressure on West's defense. I'm really proud of how our kids came back. They never gave up."

Johnny Pena went the distance on the mound for Snyder, despite throwing a total of 140 pitches. The right-hander struck out 12 Trojans, while giving up five hits and four walks.

"Johnny pitched a good game, but he was throwing a lot of pitches," Herrera remarked. "We had Wes (Wilson) warm in the bullpen if we needed him, but Johnny hung in there and got the job done."

West controlled the action early on, posting the games first two runs in the top of the opening frame.

Pena responded in the bottom of the first with a lead-off home run, closing the gap to 2-1.

Snyder took a 3-2 lead in the fourth, before the Trojans answered with three runs in the fifth to reclaim the advantage.

West added one run in the top of the sixth, leading to the Tigers' rally.

Snyder's opponent in the championship, Perryton, advanced to the title tilt by slipping past Pecos on a tie-breaker.

The two squads finished the game knotted at 12-12. Both teams had left two runners on third base, so the Rangers took the victory by holding a 3-2 advantage in stranded runners at second base.

West	ab	r	h	bi
Ferguson rf	4	2	1	1
Matus ss	3	2	0	0
Holecek cf	4	0	2	0
Croll p	3	0	0	0
Kolar c	3	0	2	2
Macik dh	4	0	0	0
Owens 3b	3	0	0	0
Graham lf	3	1	0	0
Keel 2b	2	1	0	0
Totals	29	6	5	3

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Pena p	2	1	1	1
Gonzales cr	0	1	0	0
Martinez 2b	3	2	0	1
Rodgers ss	3	3	2	1
Hook 1b	2	1	0	1
Shields dh	4	0	2	3
Grimmett cf	4	1	3	2
Bedell lf	2	0	0	0
Jones ph	2	1	0	0
Alexander rf	3	1	2	0
Ward 3b	3	1	1	2
Totals	28	12	11	11

West.....2 0 0 0 3 1 0 — 6 5 3
Snyder.....1 0 0 2 0 9 x —12 11 6

DP - Snyder 1. LOB - West 5, Snyder 4. 2B - Holecek, Kolar; Rodgers, Ward. HR - Pena.

West	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Croll	5	8	6	4	2	4
Matus	1-3	2	3	1	0	0
Ficke	0	0	3	0	3	0
Ferguson	2-3	1	0	0	1	1
Snyder	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pena	7	5	6	4	4	12

OU nets upset; Duke advances

By The Associated Press

Once again, a highly seeded Arizona team was knocked out in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Ryan Humphrey's tip-in with 21 seconds left lifted Oklahoma over the fourth-seeded Wildcats 61-60 Friday at the Midwest Regional in Milwaukee.

After Eric Martin missed a 3-pointer for 13th-seeded Oklahoma (21-10), Eduardo Najera followed with a layup attempt. While Najera says his shot was good, Humphrey admits he got a hand on it, and it was Humphrey who got credit for the basket in the official play-by-play.

Arizona (22-7) had a final chance, but Terry missed a fallaway 10-footer with three seconds left. Richard Jefferson then missed a tip-in, got the rebound and missed another shot as he fell in the lane at the buzzer.

MIDWEST
At Milwaukee

UNC-Charlotte 81, Rhode Island 70, OT

Marlon Thomas scored five of his 13 points in overtime as fifth-seeded North Carolina-Charlotte rallied to beat No. 12 Rhode Island.

Galen Young scored 17 points for the 49ers (23-10), while Lamar Odom had 16 points and 12 rebounds for Rhode Island (20-13).

Miami, Ohio 59, Washington 58

Wally Szczerbiak scored a career-high 43 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and blocked Washington's last-second shot.

Washington (17-12) called a timeout with 23.2 seconds left with a chance to set up for a potential game-winning shot. The Huskies couldn't get the ball to Donald Watts, who finished with 28 points, and Greg Clark's shot was blocked by Szczerbiak, who sank five 3-pointers for Miami (23-7).

Kansas 95, Evansville 74

T.J. Pugh had 15 points and 10 rebounds, and sixth-seeded Kansas dominated the boards against Evansville.

Kansas (23-9) outrebounded Evansville 45-15 and shut down the Aces' high-scoring offense in the second half. Evansville hit only 37 percent from the field after halftime, including 4-of-16 from 3-point range. Marcus Wilson led Evansville (23-10) with 34 points on 13-of-19 shooting, but he didn't get much support from his teammates.

EAST
At Charlotte

Duke 99, Florida A&M 58

Duke, the prohibitive favorite to win the national championship, began its quest for the title with a rout of Florida A&M.

The Blue Devils (33-1) shot 66 percent in the first half and extended their school-record winning streak to 28. Florida A&M (12-19) was the only squad in the 64-team field with a losing record.

SW Missouri St. 43, Wisconsin 32

Southwest Missouri State held Wisconsin to the lowest point total in an NCAA tournament game since the introduction of the shot clock in 1986.

Danny Moore had 12 points and 13 rebounds for the Bears, (21-10), who got their first victory ever against a Big Ten team and their first NCAA tournament victory since 1987. Wisconsin (22-10) scored only 12 points in the first half and shot 26 percent from the field for the game.

Cincinnati 72, George Mason 48

Pete Mickeal scored 18 points and Cincinnati held George Mason to its worst shooting game of the season.

Cincinnati (27-5) took control over the last 10 minutes of the first half, using a 26-6 run to take a 41-17 lead. Jason Miskiri scored 13 points for George Mason (19-11), which had its 10-game winning streak snapped.

Temple 61, Kent 54

Rasheed Brokenborough and Pepe Sanchez each scored 15 points as Temple beat Kent.

The Owls (22-10), playing in their 10th straight NCAA tournament, took control with a 17-2 run that gave them a 50-33 lead with 10:22 left. Kent (23-7), playing in its first NCAA tournament, was led by John Whorton's 13 points.

Horns bow out in first round

BOSTON (AP) — Purdue took a strange path to the second round of the NCAA tournament: lose five of six games and win its first-round game on a shot by one of its low scorers.

Cameron Stephens, averaging just 3.3 points per game, broke a tie on a jumper from the right corner with 4.8 seconds left and the Boilermakers beat Texas 58-54 Friday night.

"It feels great that we sort of figured out what was wrong with us and did something about it," Purdue coach Gene Keady said.

The Boilermakers (20-12) advanced to Sunday's game against second-seeded Miami, Fla., which beat 15th-seeded Lafayette 75-54. Texas (19-13) suffered just its fifth loss in its last 21 games.

The 10th-seeded Boilermakers overcame 21 points and 14 rebounds by 7-foot Chris Mihm, who had his 16th double-double in 21 games. But after Stephens took a pass from Tony Mayfield, Mihm had a hand in the shot that beat the seventh-seeded Longhorns.

"Their guard drove. I came out and he kicked the ball out," Mihm said. "I actually got a piece of the ball. It was a good, clutch shot and sometimes it goes."

It was only the second basket of the game by Stephens, who took three shots and scored four points in 22 minutes.

"Tony gave him a great pass," said Jaraan Cornell, who led Purdue with 18 points, including four in a row that turned a 51-50 deficit into a 54-51 lead with 36 seconds to play. "His form looked good so I thought he had a great shot at hitting it."

After Stephens connected, Texas' Gabe Muoneke, who had 12 points, threw the inbounds pass off teammate Kris Clack, and Mayfield finished the scoring with two free throws with 4.1 seconds to play.

"We just mishandled the ball," said Texas coach Rick Barnes, whose team made three bad passes in the last 38 seconds. "If we threw it in, they would have fouled us."

The Longhorns' last slim chance ended on another inbounds pass by Muoneke that failed to reach a teammate. Brian Cardinal, who had 14 points, intercepted that after Mayfield's free throws and threw the ball toward the ceiling as time ran out.

"We knew coming into the game that their inside players (Mihm and Muoneke) were great," Cardinal said. "If we could control them and contain them, we'd have a chance of winning."

"They made it tough," Mihm said. "I was able to score, but it was difficult."

The game was close throughout as neither team led by more than four points in the last 27 minutes. And there were four lead changes in the last six minutes.

Texas lost in the first round for just the second time in nine NCAA appearances since the tournament field expanded to 64 teams in 1985. And Purdue, despite having the lowest seed in its NCAA tournament history, reached the second round for the sixth straight season.

"We only have one goal in mind," Purdue guard Alan Eldridge said. "We understand that it's going to take everybody to do it and I think that showed up here tonight."

THE ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR

EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 12
At Charlotte Coliseum
Charlotte, N.C.
Tennessee 62, Delaware 52
Southwest Missouri State 43, Wisconsin 32
Duke 99, Florida A&M 58
Tulsa 62, College of Charleston 53
At The FleetCenter
Boston
Cincinnati 72, George Mason 48
Temple 61, Kent 54
Miami 75, Lafayette 54
Purdue 58, Texas 54
Second Round
Sunday, March 14
At Charlotte Coliseum
Charlotte, N.C.
Duke (33-1) vs. Tulsa (23-9), 12:10 p.m.
Tennessee (21-8) vs. Southwest Missouri State (21-10), 30 minutes after first game
At The FleetCenter
Boston
Cincinnati (27-5) vs. Temple (22-10), 2:20 p.m.
Miami (23-6) vs. Purdue (20-12), 30 minutes after first game

SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 11
At The RCA Dome
Indianapolis
Oklahoma State 69, Syracuse 61
Auburn 80, Winthrop 41
Ohio State 72, Murray State 58
Detroit 56, UCLA 53
At Orlando Arena
Orlando, Fla.
Maryland 82, Valparaiso 60
Creighton 62, Louisville 58
St. John's 69, Samford 43
Indiana 108, George Washington 88
Second Round
Saturday, March 13
At The RCA Dome
Indianapolis
Auburn (28-3) vs. Oklahoma State (23-10), 4:38 p.m.
Ohio State (24-8) vs. Detroit (25-5), 30 minutes after first game
At Orlando Arena
Orlando, Fla.
St. John's (26-8) vs. Indiana (23-10), 12:10 p.m.
Maryland (27-5) vs. Creighton (22-8), 30 minutes after first game

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 12
At The Bradley Center
Milwaukee
North Carolina Charlotte 81, Rhode Island 70, OT
Oklahoma 61, Arizona 60
Michigan State 76, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 53
Mississippi 72, Villanova 70
At The Superdome
New Orleans
Utah 80, Arkansas State 58
Miami, Ohio 59, Washington 58
Kansas 95, Evansville 74
Kentucky 82, New Mexico State 60
Second Round
Sunday, March 14
At The Bradley Center
Milwaukee
Oklahoma (21-10) vs. North Carolina Charlotte (23-10), 2:15 p.m.
Michigan State (30-4) vs. Mississippi (20-12), 30 minutes after first game
At The Superdome
New Orleans
Utah (28-4) vs. Miami, Ohio (23-7), 2:30 p.m.
Kentucky (26-8) vs. Kansas (23-9), 30 minutes after first game

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 11
At McNichols Arena
Denver
Iowa 77, Alabama-Birmingham 64
Arkansas 94, Siena 80
New Mexico 61, Missouri 59
Connecticut 91, Texas-San Antonio 66
At Key Arena
Seattle
Gonzaga 75, Minnesota 63
Stanford 69, Alcorn State 57
Florida 75, Pennsylvania 61
Weber State 76, North Carolina 74
Second Round
Saturday, March 13
At McNichols Arena
Denver
Connecticut (29-2) vs. New Mexico (25-8), 2:20 p.m.
Arkansas (23-10) vs. Iowa (19-9), 30 minutes after first game
At Key Arena
Seattle
Stanford (26-6) vs. Gonzaga (26-6), 4:30 p.m.
Weber State (25-7) vs. Florida (21-8), 30 minutes after first game

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Track: Snyder boys and girls host Canyon Reef Relays, Tiger Stadium.

Baseball: Snyder Tigers vs. Perryton, championship of Snyder tourney, Moffett Field, 7:30.

Snyder JV at Frenship tourney.

Snyder freshmen at Coahoma JV, 10:30 a.m.

Softball: Snyder varsity vs. Coahoma, semifinals of Snyder tourney, Cates Field, 1:30.

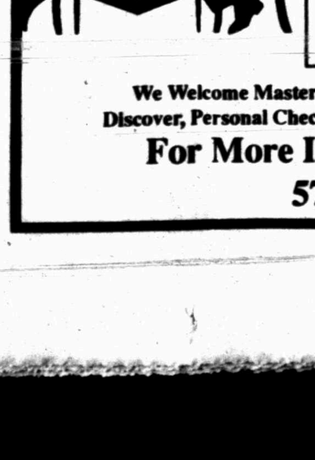
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Snyder Lady Tigers at Andrews tourney.

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SPORTS

SHS girls eye chance at title

On a cold, blustery day, the Lady Tigers took it upon themselves to heat things up at the Canyon Reef Softball Tournament.

Snyder posted a no-hitter, a grand-slam home run and a five-run rally over two contests Friday to earn a spot in the semifinals.

The Lady Tigers were to have squared off with Coahoma Saturday afternoon, with the tourney championship slated for 7:30 Saturday night.

Snyder advanced to the third round by deflating Lubbock Monterey, 9-0, before knocking off Winters, 5-2.

"The girls played extremely well today," Snyder coach Carmen Bohannon said. "We've played so much on the road that playing at home is a big boost for us. To win this tournament would be beyond big. It would be such a huge momentum builder for the rest of the season."

Kristin Martinez and Starla Davis made sure the Lady Plainsmen wouldn't derail Snyder on its path to the semifinals. Martinez pitched six hitless innings and Davis belted a bases-loaded home run in the fourth inning to provide SHS with all the offense it would need.

"Kristin is really doing well for us," said Bohannon. "She's always been one of my pitchers, but now with the injury to Courtney (Rinehart) she's the only one. She's on her own and she's doing a great job."

Martinez fanned six Monterey batters and walked only three.

Leading 1-0 in the fourth, Snyder's Jennifer Newman stole home for a 2-0 tally. Then after Amber Haarmeyer, Whitney Webb and Cameron Mackey all reached base, Davis drove them in with a towering blast.

Snyder added three runs in the fifth inning for the 9-0 final score.

After cruising to their first-round victory, the Lady Tigers were forced to buckle down against Winters.

The Lady Blizzards broke a scoreless tie in the third frame with a pair of unearned runs on a Snyder error.

But in the fourth, the Lady Tigers answered with another offensive outburst.

Davis and Martinez both singled to begin the rally, before Darcee Purcell drove them in with a triple to even the score.

Purcell came in on a single by Ricks, who later scored on a passed ball. Base hits by Webb and Angie Shoemake capped the five-run rally.

we were down," Bohannon remarked. "These kids are extremely unselfish and will do whatever it takes to win ball-games. Each girl is doing her part to help this team win."

Following the five-run fourth inning, Martinez and the Lady Tiger defense held Winters scoreless to preserve the victory.

In other action, Snyder JV was forced to forfeit its remaining tourney games due to injuries. The SHS junior varsity has also cancelled its match-up Tuesday with Lake View.

Monterey	0 0 0 0 0 0 — 0
Snyder	1 0 0 5 3 x — 9

Snyder: Starla Davis, home run and single; Whitney Webb, three singles; Cameron Mackey and Amber Haarmeyer, double and single; Christy Tomlinson, Kristin Martinez, Darcee Purcell and Jennifer Newman, single.

Kristin Martinez: 6 IP, 0 H, 3 BB, 6 SO.

Winters	0 0 2 0 0 0 — 2
Snyder	0 0 0 5 0 x — 5

Snyder: Whitney Webb, two singles; Darcee Purcell, triple; Christy Tomlinson, double; Starla Davis, Kristin Martinez, Amy Ricks and Angie Shoemake, single.

Kristin Martinez: 6 IP, 5 H, 1 BB, 10 SO.



HUSTLE BACK — Snyder senior Matt Rodgers heads back to the dugout after visiting with asst. coach Charlie Bollinger during Friday's action at the Snyder Baseball Tournament. (SDN Staff Photo)

Spurs survive Suns' scare

PHOENIX (AP) — After frittering away an 18-point lead, the San Antonio Spurs needed a buzzer-beater by Sean Elliott to beat the Phoenix Suns.

Elliott hit a 21-foot jumper at the buzzer as the Spurs edged the Suns 99-97 for their sixth straight victory.

Steve Kerr got the inbounds pass to Elliott, who ducked under George McCloud and hit the game-winner.

"Really, I'm about the last resort on that play," said Elliott, who scored 16 points. "We knew they were going to make a run at us, but we didn't know it was going to be so furious."

Tim Duncan scored 26 points for San Antonio, which hadn't won in Phoenix since a Christmas Day victory in 1995.

Tom Gugliotta scored a season-high 33 points for the Suns, who lost for the fifth time in seven games.

"We battled back, but we just keep putting ourselves in those positions pretty consistently," Gugliotta said.

Clifford Robinson, making his fifth start of the season, added 20 points and Jason Kidd had 14 points and 15 assists.

The Suns have lost four straight at home for the first time since opening the 1996-97 season with six straight home losses.

"That is a tough game to lose when you make a spectacular run like that at the end," Suns coach Danny Ainge said. "That is pretty passionate basketball and from my perspective I can't ask for any more than that."

The Spurs led by as many as 18 points and still held a 91-86 lead with 1:57 remaining. Phoenix rallied, pulling to 91-90 on Danny Manning's 15-foot jumper with 1:35 to go.

Elliott hit a 3-pointer and the Spurs added three free throws to take a 97-93 lead. But Kidd hit a 3-pointer with 5.4 seconds remaining, stole a pass by Mario Elie and threw up a shot that was tipped in by Danny Manning to tie the game with 2.1 seconds to go.

"Jason Kidd is a royal pain in the butt," Spurs coach Greg Popovich said. "He was a pain in the butt in high school, too. He's been a pain in the butt forever. He worries you to death. But they might be saying the same thing about Sean over there as I'm saying about Kidd."

Duncan scored four points and Elie added a 3-pointer as the Spurs ran out to an 11-2 lead. But Gugliotta scored 10 points and Robinson added five as the Suns outscored the Spurs 23-11 the rest of the way to take a 25-22 first-quarter lead.

"It's a big thing for us to come out and start strong," Duncan said. "I think in some past games we came out really lax."

NBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	15	5	.750	-
Orlando	14	7	.667	1½
Philadelphia	12	8	.600	3
NewYork	11	9	.550	4
Washington	8	12	.400	7
Boston	7	11	.389	7
NewJersey	3	16	.158	11½
Central Division				
Indiana	14	5	.737	-
Milwaukee	12	6	.667	1½
Detroit	12	8	.600	2½
Atlanta	10	9	.526	4
Cleveland	8	9	.471	5
Toronto	6	11	.353	7
Charlotte	6	12	.333	7½
Chicago	6	14	.300	8½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	16	4	.800	-
Minnesota	13	7	.650	3
Houston	12	8	.600	4
SanAntonio	12	8	.600	4
Dallas	7	14	.333	9½
Denver	5	15	.250	11
Vancouver	4	16	.200	12
Pacific Division				
Portland	15	4	.789	-
L.A.Lakers	16	6	.727	½
Seattle	10	9	.526	5
Phoenix	10	10	.500	5½
GoldenState	9	11	.450	6½
Sacramento	9	12	.429	7
L.A.Clippers	1	17	.056	13½

Friday's Games

Philadelphia 100, New Jersey 93, OT
Indiana 109, Milwaukee 104
Charlotte 92, Washington 83
Detroit 93, Boston 83
Chicago 76, New York 63
San Antonio 99, Phoenix 97
Utah 91, Portland 77
L.A. Lakers 89, Golden State 78
Minnesota 101, Sacramento 95

Saturday's Games

Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Orlando at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

New Jersey at Miami, Noon
Boston at Indiana, Noon
Milwaukee at Washington, 2:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Seattle, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Wetteland stays focused

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — When John Wetteland finished his first outing of the spring Friday, he wanted to talk about results — a line-drive single, two lineouts and a called strike three.

He didn't want to talk about how he felt.

After suffering silently through serious arm trouble last season then hurting his right ankle last month, Wetteland wanted to focus only on his 12-pitch performance in Texas' 6-1 victory over Toronto.

"I threw the ball well, I threw strikes," Wetteland said. "I had decent velocity and no one pulled it."

Wetteland was proud that he threw strikes with his three main pitches — fastball, curve and slider — and he impressed himself with a changeup he threw Alex Gonzalez.

Rangers manager Johnny Oates said he was so impressed with Wetteland's outing, "that if we were playing (the season opener) tomorrow, he'd be closing the ninth."

"Why not?" Wetteland said. "I threw an inning on the 12th and threw decent. It's obviously not where I would like to be for opening day, but I can get most people out."

Car show names winners

A pair of Snyder residents received claim for their exhibits recently at the Snyder Wheels Car Show.

Robert Roland took first place in two different automobile classes, while Graham Kerry grabbed third place with his motorcycle entry.

Roland's 1968 Chevy Camaro was tops in the race car classification, while his 1969 Corvette was best in the sports car division.

Kerry took his honors in the custom motorcyle class with his 1999 Harley-Davidson.

1999 Snyder Wheels Car Show
Automobiles

Best of show: 1963 Chevy 409, Dan Kuss, Lubbock.

People's choice: 1969 Ford Mustang, Ben Bothwell, Odessa.

Street rod 1929-34: 1934 Ford Sudan, Robert Ashley, Abilene. 2. 1934 Willis Coupe, Tom Cameron, Levelland. 3. 1933 Plymouth Coupe, Frank Edwards, Big Spring.

Street rod 1935-39: 1. 1937 Ford Sudan, Don Centers, Roswell, N.M. 2. 1939 Chevy Coupe, Roland Boswell, Lubbock.

Street rod 1940-49: 1. 1946 Mercury Coupe, Lynn O'Conner, Levelland. 2. 1940 Ford Coupe, Dale Cook, Lubbock. 3.(tie) 1948 Ford Anglia, Jeff Brooking, Midland; 1949 Ford Sudan, James Delarosa, Hobbs, N.M.; 1947 Ford Sudan, Dale Henden, Lubbock.

Muscle car, Chevy: 1. 1968 Z-28, John Whitney, Lubbock. 2. 1969 Chevelle, Rick Pierce, Midland.

Muscle car, Ford: 1. 1969 Mustang, Ben Bothwell, Odessa.

Street machine: 1. 1996 Honda Civic, Mike Aranda, Hobbs, N.M. 2. 1972 Ford Mustang, David Lamar, Big Spring.

Race car: 1. 1968 Chevy Camaro, Robert Roland, Snyder.

Sports car: 1. 1969 Chevy Corvette, Robert Rolland, Snyder. 2. 1974 MGB, Tracy Jones, Colorado City.

Open class: 1. 1967 Toyota Land Cruiser, Rick Jarvis, Odessa. 2. 1923 Ford T-Bucket, Tharen Alley, Odessa. 3. 1959 Chevy Panel Wagon, Green Auto, Olten.

Pick-ups: 1. 1942 Chevy, Wayland Clark, Sweetwater. 2. 1953 Chevy, Johnny Leija, Brownfield. 3. 1950 Chevy, Mike King, San Angelo.

Classic 1950-54: 1. 1951 Ford two-door, Don Johnson, Lubbock. 2. 1954 Chevy Belair, Charles Beckmeyer, Lamesa.

Classic 1955-59: 1. 1957 Chevy Belair, Don Dabbs, Shallowater. 2.(tie) 1957 Chevy belair, Ed hays, Midland; 1958 Chevy Impala, Marvin Pierce, Levelland; 1957 Ford T-Bird, Mary Johnson, Lubbock. 3. 1956 Pontiac Star Chief, Gary Williams, Lubbock.

Classic Chevy 1960-72: 1. 1963 Chevy 409, Dan Kuss, Lubbock. 2. 1972 Chevy Malibu, Bobby Wood, Sweetwater. 3. 1969 Chevy Camaro, Al Buseno, Lubbock.

Classic other 1960-72: 1. 1967 Ford Mustang, Charles Goodlight, Colorado City. 2. 1967 Oldsmobile, Gary Tomlin, San Angelo. 3. 1964 Pontiac, Bill Scott, San Angelo.

Motorcycles

Modified: 1. 1998 Bourget, Dan Centers, Roswell, N.M. 2. 1999 Bourget, Dan Centers, Roswell, N.M. 3. 1999 Harley, Mary Johnson, Roswell, N.M.

Custom: 1. 1997 Harley, Rick Jarvis, Odessa. 2. 1997 Harley, Paul venturo, Roswell, N.M. 3. 1999 Harley, Graham Kerry, Snyder.

Holyfield predicts KO in third round

NEW YORK (AP) — Evander Holyfield boxed himself into a corner even before he and Lennox Lewis enter the ring to unify the heavyweight title tonight at Madison Square Garden.

Holyfield put himself there with a promise of a third-round knockout — and a claim that he has no backup plan if his prophecy doesn't come to pass.

"I don't have a Plan B, so Plan A has to work," Holyfield said.

If Holyfield finds Lewis still standing after the bell sounds to end the third round of the scheduled 12-round fight, he'll have only a minute or so to figure out what to do the rest of the night.

Holyfield risks his WBA and IBF versions of the heavyweight title when he meets Lewis, holder of the WBC crown. The first unification of the sport's most prized crown will take place sometime around 11:30 p.m. EST before a sellout crowd of some 20,000 people who paid anywhere from $100 to $1,500 for the right to witness a slice of history.

Women's NCAA Tournament

Women's NCAA Basketball Tournament

EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 12
At ODU Fieldhouse
Norfolk, Va.

Maine 60, Stanford 58
Old Dominion 74, Tennessee Tech 48

Saturday, March 13
At Thompson-Boling Arena
Knoxville, Tenn.

Boston College (21-7) vs. Ohio State (17-11), 6:45 p.m.
Appalachian State (14-14) vs. Tennessee (28-2), 9:30 p.m.

At Cassell Coliseum
Blacksburg, Va.

St. Peter's (25-5) vs. Virginia Tech (26-2), 6:30 p.m.
Auburn (19-8) vs. Texas (16-11), 9 p.m.

At Cameron Indoor Stadium
Durham, N.C.

Tulane (24-5) vs. St. Joseph's, Pa. (22-7), 6 p.m.
Holy Cross (21-7) vs. Duke (24-6), 30 minutes following first game

MIDEAST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 12
At Gampel Pavilion
Storrs, Conn.

Connecticut 97, St. Francis, Pa. 46
Xavier 85, Florida International 71

At Hilton Coliseum
Ames, Iowa

Oregon 65, Cincinnati 56
Iowa State 74, Santa Clara 61

At LittleJohn Coliseum
Clemson, S.C.

Illinois 69, Louisville 67
Clemson 76, Florida A&M 45

Saturday, March 13
At Stegeman Coliseum
Athens, Ga.

Toledo (25-5) vs. Southern Methodist (19-10), 6 p.m.
Liberty (21-7) vs. Georgia (23-6), 30 minutes following first game

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 12
At Charmichael Auditorium
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Alabama 80, Grambling 68
North Carolina 64, Northeastern 55

At Louis Brown Athletic Center
Piscataway, N.J.

Arizona 87, Florida 84, OT
Rutgers 84, Dartmouth 70

Saturday, March 13
At Mackey Arena
West Lafayette, Ind.

Marquette (21-7) vs. Kansas (22-9), 6 p.m.
Oral Roberts (17-12) vs. Purdue (28-1), 30 minutes following first game

At Lubbock Municipal Coliseum
Lubbock, Texas

Mississippi State (17-10) vs. North Carolina State (16-11), 6:30 p.m.
Stephen F. Austin (17-11) vs. Texas Tech (28-3), 30 minutes following first game

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 12
At Thomas Assembly Center
Ruston, La.

Penn State 82, Virginia 69
Louisiana Tech 90, Central Florida 48

At Moby Arena
Fort Collins, Colo.

Southwest Missouri State 72, UC Santa Barbara 70
Colorado State 71, Cal State Northridge 59

Saturday, March 13
At Pete Maravich Assembly Center
Baton Rouge, La.

Notre Dame (25-4) vs. St. Mary's, Calif. (26-6), 7 p.m.
Evansville (19-10) vs. Louisiana State (23-7), 30 minutes after first game.

At Pauley Pavilion
Los Angeles

Kentucky (20-10) vs. Nebraska (21-11), 9:15 p.m.
Wisconsin-Green Bay (19-9) vs. UCLA (23-7), 12 mid.

Sports Briefs

Soccer early registration

Snyder Soccer Association will hold an early sign-up session Sunday at Snyder Lanes from 1-4 p.m. All players must be at least 4-years-old and be accompanied by a parent.

Registration fee for one player is $30, then $20 for each additional family member. Players must bring a copy of their birth certificate.

Senior league registration

Snyder Senior Little League is now taking applications for managers. Senior-aged players will be divided into a 13/14-year-old league and a 15/16-year-old league.

Managers should indicate on the application which age division they would prefer. Applications can be picked up at Caprock Securities located at 2517 College Ave.

Player registration will begin March 29 and run through April 1, with late sign-ups April 5-6. Registration fee for players has dropped to $35 this season, and competition could be extended to include games against Sweetwater and Colorado City.

For more information, contact Mickey Nunley at 573-5883, Tommy Green at 573-2646 or Kaprece Bedell at 573-8169.

Pitching clinics scheduled

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

Softball umpires needed

Snyder Umpire Association needs umpires for girls' softball games. Anyone interested should call Russell Fisk at 573-3438 or 575-2043.

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DirecTV...

Satellite TV customers can keep getting network shows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Customers of America's largest satellite TV company who aren't entitled to receive CBS, NBC, ABC and Fox programs by satellite will keep getting them that way for awhile under a deal announced Friday.

DirecTV and the National Association of Broadcasters, whose members include the four major broadcast networks, have agreed to settle a lawsuit over which viewers can watch network programs sent to them by satellite.

A federal judge in Miami who has been hearing the copyright dispute would have to approve the deal.

Federal law lets DirecTV and other satellite companies provide customers with "distant" network signals — which come from other broadcast areas — only if those customers cannot receive their local stations using rooftop antennas.

But the satellite and broadcasting industries have been at odds for years over how to interpret the arcane legal test that determines when a satellite customer can't get a local signal and thus is eligible to receive network programming by satellite.

Under the deal, many viewers who now get their network shows from satellite TV will still have to make the switch and obtain local affiliates' network programs by antennas. But the timetables for those transitions are pushed back, both sides said.

In the interim, DirecTV and the networks will check viewers' eligibility to determine who can get network programs via satellite. DirecTV has agreed to give a discount on antennas to give consumers who must switch.

The deal calls for some viewers — those living closest to their local TV stations as determined by a technical test involving the stations' coverage areas — to lose their current satellite signals for CBS, Fox, ABC and NBC programs on June 30, no matter how good or bad their reception of their local TV signal is.

Customers living on the edges of the stations' coverage areas will lose that network programming on Dec. 31.

Consumers who will lose their service will get advance notice in writing, the two sides said.

DirecTV spokesman Bob Marsocci wouldn't specify how many people the settlement would affect, but others close to the matter estimated it would be hundreds of thousands.

Angry satellite customers have prompted Congress to get involved.

The settlement was hailed by House Commerce Committee Chairman Thomas Bliley, R-Va., who had urged the parties to work out a deal. He said it clears the way for the House to advance a broader bill that would, among other things, let satellite customers, for the first time, receive their local TV signals via satellite.

DirecTV still will push for such legislation, Marsocci said.

Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., who chairs the Commerce Committee's telecommunications panel, said the settlement could ease the need for the House to provide temporary relief to satellite customers losing Fox and CBS programs.

Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John McCain, R-Ariz., also welcomed the settlement, but said he'll still pursue his legislation that would let illegally hooked-up satellite TV customers continue to receive network programs through the end of this year, and provide all customers with local signals.

Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., who helped write McCain's bill, worried that the settlement "cuts off too many satellite subscribers too soon" and said it underscores the need for Congress to act.

The copyright lawsuit in a Miami federal court concerns the conditions under which viewers who get their TV from satellite can watch network programs.

About 700,000 satellite TV customers already have lost Fox and CBS signals under an order from that federal court. Another order by the same court would have cut off 1.5 million more customers from CBS and Fox signals by April 30. All four networks had sought to extend that cutoff order to ABC and NBC programs.

Some of DirecTV's customers who have lost Fox and CBS programs may qualify under the settlement to receive those signals via satellite again. People close to the dispute say it would only be a small number.

The settlement doesn't involve two other big satellite TV companies: EchoStar and PrimeTime 24. PrimeTime 24, under a separate court order, is required to cut off customers from CBS and Fox programs by April 30. The networks have sued EchoStar to try to force it to cut off illegal customers.

And, as many as 500,000 customers who own big backyard satellite dishes aren't covered by the agreement and could still lose network signals on April 30, said Tauzin's spokesman Ken Johnson.



THOMPSON HONORED — Gerald Thompson, center, was honored recently with a retirement reception in Snyder at the Scurry County maintenance section office. Thompson, a maintenance equipment operator, retired from the Texas Department of Transportation following a 13-year career. Among the many guests wishing him well were his wife, Lila, and Jack Talley, right, Scurry County maintenance supervisor. (Contributed Photo)

From TxDOT...

Thompson retires after 13 years

ABILENE - Gerald Thompson of Snyder has retired from the Texas Department of Transportation with 13 years of service.

Thompson began his TxDOT career in April 1986 as a maintenance mechanic I.

At the time of his retirement, Thompson was a maintenance technician IV and maintenance equipment operator. His 13 years with the department were all served in the Abilene district at the Scurry County maintenance section.

A large crowd including retirees from the department, employees, friends and family were on hand to witness his retirement and to wish him and his wife Lila the best in their future endeavors.

Jack Talley, Scurry County maintenance section supervisor, said during the ceremony that he and the department were going to miss Thompson. Among other accolades, Talley stated Thompson was a very dedicated employee who was always willing to do any job assigned him. Talley went on to say that he was very proud of Thompson being able to retire and enjoy what he likes to do.

Another employee said of Thompson, "His friendly attitude and sincere love of life, has been a morale booster for the section."

Bill Hale, Abilene district engineer, presented the retiree with a certificate and gold watch. Thompson also received several farewell gifts including two cane poles complete with bobbers, which were later replaced with a brand new rod and reel.

Asked what he planned doing upon retirement, Thompson said, "Work on the house and fences, fish, hunt and hopefully do some traveling as well as visiting our children."

With the exception of one son, Jerry, who lives in Snyder, The Thompsons' children, grandchildren and great grandchildren live in or near Redding, Calif.

The Thompsons have four children, Sandi Houch, Barbara Hagen and twins Sherry and Jerry, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

The California native served with the Army National Guard from June 1949 until June 1952 in Company M of the 184th Infantry.

In parting, Thompson said he has made many friends that he will always remember. Some, he said, have left TxDOT and others have passed on, but they will never be forgotten. He made special mention of the office managers who said he appreciated and enjoyed working with. After all, Thompson concluded, "They put up with me and my teasing for years."

Justice Dept. won't oppose merger

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department has cleared the way for America Online's proposed $4.3 billion merger with Netscape Communications Corp.

In a statement Friday, the department's antitrust division said it also would not challenge an alliance proposed between AOL and Sun Microsystems, Inc.

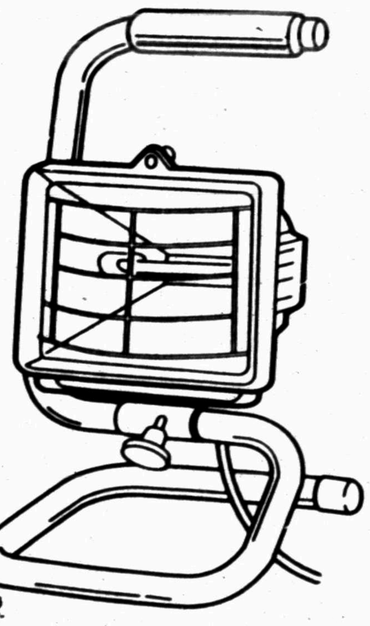
"The division has decided that it will not challenge the transactions, having concluded that neither the merger nor the alliance violate the antitrust laws," the government said in the statement announcing it had closed its investigation.

The purchase of Netscape by AOL, the world's largest online service provider, would create a single Internet company with remarkable reach across the high-tech world — and challenge Microsoft Corp.'s dominance in key areas.

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By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, March 14, 1999

There could be some major changes in your philosophy and outlook in the coming year that will have a beneficial affect on all of your affairs. This new positive direction will bring you much success.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A low estimation of yourself today may cause you to behave in such a manner to fulfill your own self-prophecy. Concentrate on your positive attributes and act those out instead! Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refurid form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be open and upfront with all those you encounter today. This is especially important if you're cutting a deal with anyone for the agreement to withstand the test of time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If there isn't harmony of purpose, it isn't likely that teamwork can be effective today. This is true whether you're involved in a team sport or simply working side by side with your mate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) When it comes to doling out responsibilities and tasks today, much to your shock and dismay, you could discover it all stops with you if you start trying to pass the buck.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It is quite foolish to attempt to buck unreasonable odds going into anything today. Don't take a chance on anything you can't fully maintain or control.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't think you can harvest something that isn't yet fully grown or completed. Be patient, cooperative and wait things out until they have had time to develop.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In order to get your way today, don't attempt to lay it on thick by using flattery. Cohorts will see right through any ploys of manipulation and lose respect for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) When you go shopping today, make sure it's your wallet you're carrying and not a sieve. The latter will let money slip through your fingers like water.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The source of your motivational drive will determine success or failure for you today. If it stems out of spite, nothing good can come of it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Try not to make life tougher on yourself than it actually already is, since the only kind of problems you might encounter today are those you bring onto yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be realistic today about what you're capable of promising, especially if you make any pledges or commitments that could severely tax your financial resources.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be extremely careful not to offend associates in the process of pursuing an ambitious objective today. In your zest to accomplish your goal, you may unintentionally make an enemy along the way.

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Monday, March 15, 1999

Although you might work harder by choice, you'll also reap the benefits and rewards this labor produces in the year ahead. The result may be many years of financial security.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Because you'll take all of your responsibilities seriously today, others will be encouraged to conduct themselves in a similar fashion. You set the example they need to follow. Major changes are ahead for Pisces in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You could feel a need today to do your part when and where you can be helpful to those who ask. This is well and good, but be practical at the lengths to which you're willing to go.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today might be one of those days when friends will lean on you to help solve a problem they can't cope with. This is because you always seem to be able to resolve things for them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) The margin of success is a rather slim one today, so even though you might sense you have a slight edge over your adversaries in competitive situations, don't push your luck too far.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Something mutually advantageous could result today by getting in touch with an old friend who lives at a distance from you. Reestablish communication, because there's a gem in the exchange.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't shelve any important matters which can easily be taken care of today, because it's possible that you'll have a much more difficult time getting things done tomorrow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If a decision has to be rendered today regarding a matter of mutual concern to both you and your mate, be attentive to what he or she has to say. Chances are your spouse will have the answer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Something you're presently involved with in the work place has promising potential, but everybody must exercise patience. The anticipated rewards might be slow in coming.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Opportunities that appear small in scope should not be discarded today. There's a strong probability that one of them might mushroom into something quite substantial.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Primarily because of your abilities to deal with whatever is thrown at you today, things in general appear promising for you. You can accomplish anything with skill and a good attitude.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Maintain control of an arrangement you're better equipped to handle than others you're involved with today. Their input could prove to be undesirable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It'll be your innate business acumen that could put you in the profit margin today whether you're involved with watching the pennies of others or your own.

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First hand transplant to throw ball

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The recipient of the nation's first hand transplant will use his famous new left hand to throw out the ceremonial first pitch at the Philadelphia Phillies' home opener April 12.

The team picked Matthew Scott, 37, after the Absecon, N.J., man said he hoped to use his new hand to play catch with his two sons.

Scott's hand was blown off in 1985 while he was playing with a powerful illegal firecracker.

He is gaining strength in his new hand. His physical therapy includes swinging a light bat, picking up balls and grasping foam objects.

Bullard's Computer Solutions to add 40 56K V.90 modems

Bullard's Computer Solutions, Inc. is installing 40 56K V.90 modems to meet the growth of its Internet service. Twenty-four of these are in the process of being activated at present.

"We have been steadily growing," said Drew Bullard, president, "and usually add about ten modems at a time when we're sure that they are needed. This time we are going to bite the bullet and put out a substantial investment all at once."

"We've found that our customers want two things from an ISP (Internet Service Provider). One is reliable busy free service and the other is help every once in a while if things go wrong. They like talking to someone they know. During certain periods of rapid growth due to snags in getting the equipment installed, our customers might get a busy signal for a short period of time, but we always add modems to keep up with demand. We started out with 29 modems and now have well over a hundred," added Bullard.

"When the Internet doesn't work, sometimes it is not the ISP's equipment but rather the user's computer or software or a noisy telephone line. Since we're a local computer store as well as an ISP we can figure out the problem and either walk you through it or physically check your computer out. This is a big advantage over talking to someone you don't know at a distant location. We handle 98% of the questions brought to us. For the other 2% we can refer the customer to specialists. One way or the other we get the problem solved," said Bullard.

Computer Solutions is a locally owned computer store that sells new computers, software and supplies and can upgrade older computers as well as provide computer related advice. Their courteous staff invites you to come by at 3405 College Ave. or call at 573-4801.

GOP governor says...

Clinton hijacked new education bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Touching on a partisan sticking point in the education debate, Republican Gov. Ed Schafer of North Dakota derided President Clinton Saturday for trying to "hijack" recently passed legislation to pay for his proposal to hire teachers.

In the weekly GOP radio address, Schafer praised the so-called ed-flex bills, which passed in both the House and Senate on Thursday, for increasing states' flexibility in spending federal education money. He said the measures recognize the distinct challenges each state faces in educating its children.

But he accused the administration of injecting partisan politics into the education debate. Democratic lawmakers and the president protested a provision in the Senate version of the bill that shifts to special education programs the money that was supposed to help pay for Clinton's new-teachers plan this year.

"The president and his Democrat allies in the Senate should not have tried to hijack this important bill for his poll-driven plan to have the federal government pay for 100,000 new teachers in local schools," said Schafer, who is vice chairman of the Republican Governors Association.

Schafer said the goal of Clinton's proposal — to reduce average class sizes to 18 pupils in early elementary grades — is already being realized in some states, including his own.

The governor asked rhetorically whether the federal government would fund extra classrooms and extra support staff along with the teachers. "You know the answer to that: Of course not," he said.

He insisted that teachers and schools would prefer to have the money to spend on special education.

Republicans complain that the federal government, while dictating the rules that states must follow on special education, provides only 7 percent to 12 percent of the costs of those programs. Current law allows the federal government to contribute a maximum of 40 percent of a state's special education budget.

"Republicans believe it is irresponsible to launch new, expensive federal programs without adequately funding existing programs first," Schafer said.

He called the administration's plan endemic of the very problem that the ed-flex measures try to eliminate: Washington's simplistic approach to education.

"It doesn't take into account the day-to-day realities of how schools really operate," the North Dakota governor said.

Reports are true

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lynn Redgrave's estranged husband, John Clark, has admitted that reports in the National Enquirer and London's Daily Mail are true — he did indeed father a child eight years ago with another woman.

That woman later married Ben Clark — the son of the Miss Redgrave and John Clark.

Townspeople too nice for company

FROSTBURG, Md. (AP) — People in western Maryland are apparently too nice to be telemarketers.

Unitel Corp., which helps businesses sell things over the telephone, said Friday it is moving about 100 jobs from this small town to Florida in hopes of finding more aggressive salespeople.

"The culture and the climate in western Maryland is one of helping your neighbor and being empathetic and those sorts of things," Unitel vice president Ken Carmichael said.

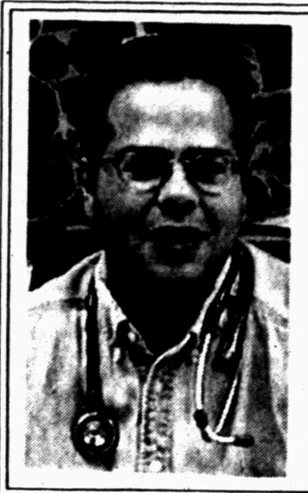
Frostburg, about 150 miles west of Baltimore, is a town of 8,100 in sparsely populated Allegany County where thousands of manufacturing and coal mining jobs have disappeared over the years. Telemarketing has been a new source of jobs.

But the friendly nature of the townsfolk is getting in the way.

"If you get someone that's busy or whatever, you have to try to make your sale," Unitel worker Gay Winterstine said. "Sometimes that's hard, like if you can hear a child crying in the background and you still have to try to overcome and make your sale."

Mayor John Bambacus is not too displeased.

"We would rather be nice than aggressive," he said. "Frostburg is not the Bronx. We pride ourselves on being a very neighborly community."



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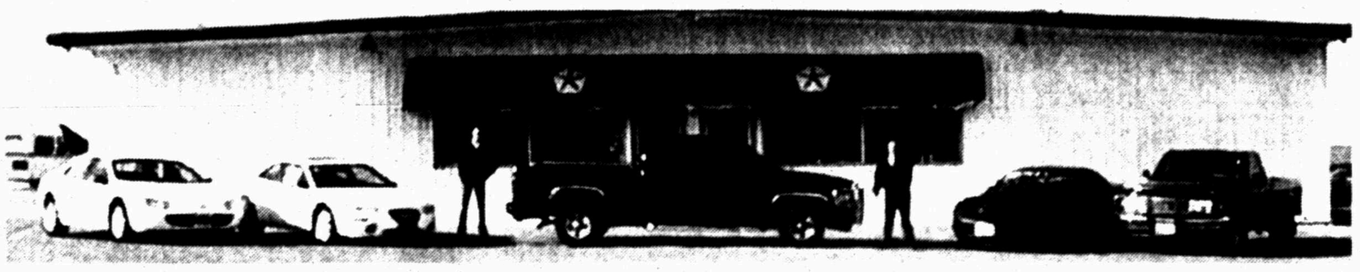


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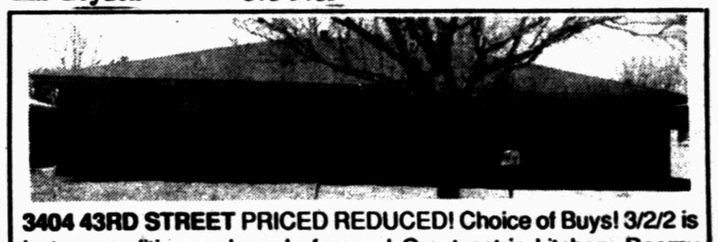
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of GUS STERLING, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,503:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the Estate of GUS STERLING, Deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by Ricky Fritz, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 11th day of March, 1999, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to JEAN STERLING, P.O. Box 54, Ira, Texas 79527, within the time prescribed by law.

Executed this 11th day of March, 1999.
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Additional information, if necessary, can be obtained from Betty Woodard, Admitting and Hospital Information Management Manager at D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital, Snyder, Texas. Proposals will be accepted in the Administration Office of Cogdell Memorial Hospital, 1700 Cogdell Blvd., Snyder, Texas 79549 through Friday, March 29, 1999 at 12:00 Noon. D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals

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Answer will be given on Kosovo peace plan

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Preparing to depart for Kosovo talks, a senior rebel leader said Saturday the guerrillas would give a "definite answer" on a U.S.-backed peace plan when the negotiations begin in France. Other ethnic Albanian delegates said the answer would be "yes" — providing it included NATO troops.

But Yugoslavia's defiant president, Slobodan Milosevic, is standing firm in rejecting foreign troops. Following a meeting Friday with Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, Milosevic said he would send a delegation to talk about self-rule for Kosovo but not the presence of 28,000 NATO-led troops to enforce it.

At a secret location west of Kosovo's capital, Pristina, senior Kosovo Liberation Army leader Hashim Thaci appeared before reporters Saturday to say the rebels had reached an agreement among themselves on the peace plan, which grants self-rule but not the independence the insurgents seek.

"The definite answer will be given in Paris," said Thaci, flanked by two other commanders. "We are going to Paris with the best intentions to make this work."

Although Thaci stopped short of declaring the rebels would sign, other ethnic Albanian delegates said they would.

"Our intention is to go and sign the agreement and talk about the implementation," the delegate, Veton Surroi, said. Rexhep Qosja, another delegate, said there was a "consensus" among all groups in the 15-member delegation to accept the deal.

Another ethnic Albanian delegate, Hidajet Hyseni, said that without NATO troops, his delegation would not sign.

"We are firm that the document is acceptable only as a whole," Hyseni said. "We would have serious objections" if the final agreement does not provide for NATO troops.

"That would open a problem and we would not agree to such games," he added.

More than 2,000 people, mostly ethnic Albanians, have been killed and an estimated 300,000 displaced since Milosevic launched a crackdown a year ago against ethnic Albanians seeking independence from Serbia, the main republic of Yugoslavia.

About 90 percent of Kosovo's 2 million people are ethnic army said troops were pursuing the rebels.

Elsewhere, heavy weapons fire was heard this morning south of Kosovska Mitrovica, about 45 miles northwest of Prizren, according to international monitor Heinz Nitsch.

A French plane arrived here at mid-day to take the delegation to Paris. But the delegation's five KLA members have been charged with murder.

"If there is an arrest warrant out there for someone, you know what is done in those cases," Serb Information Minister Aleksander Vucic said Friday.

Last month, Yugoslav authorities barred three KLA delegates from leaving for the first round of talks in Rambouillet, France, but relented a day later under pressure from the United States and the five European powers — France, Britain, Germany, Russia and Italy — who convened the talks.

The negotiations were suspended Feb. 23 without the United States being able to convince the ethnic Albanians to sign the peace plan.

That undermined American efforts to pressure Milosevic to sign or face NATO airstrikes.

Since then, the rebels have repeatedly hinted their readiness to sign but have held back, either because of divisions in their ranks or to bargain for better terms.

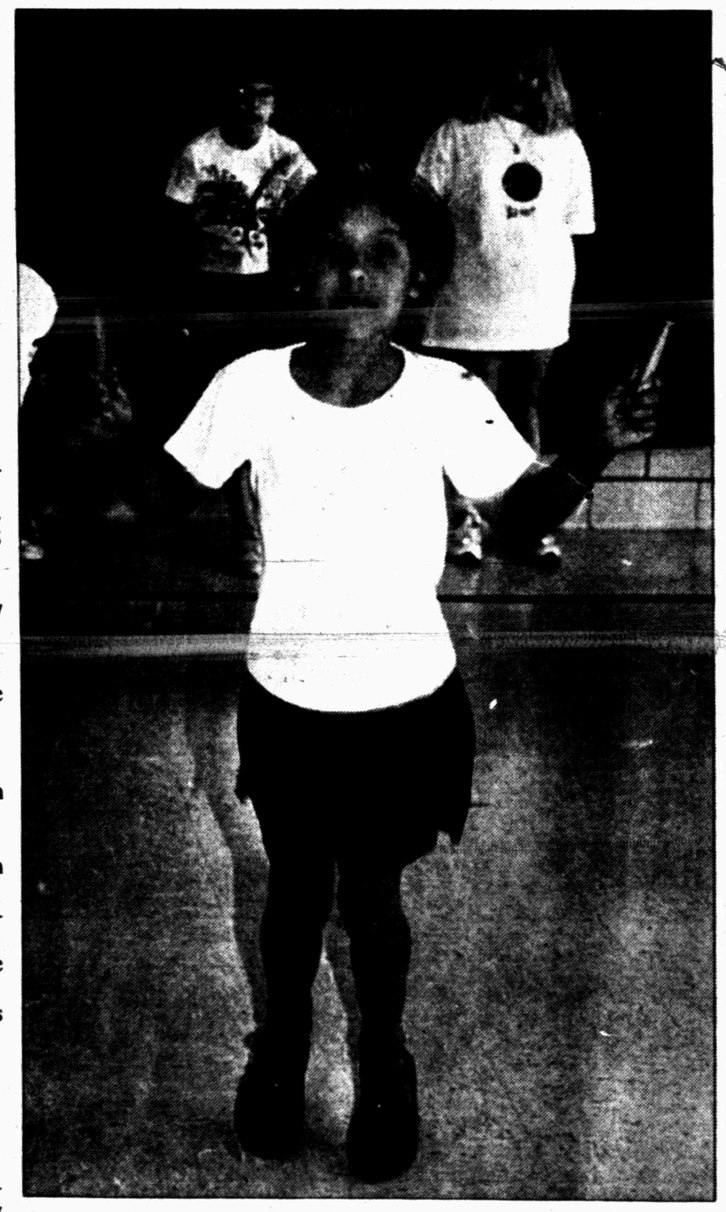
In a statement Friday on Albanian state television, Thaci said the rebels had delayed a decision on the plan to allow for consultations among the rank-and-file. Some commanders had reportedly opposed parts of the plan, including the requirement for the KLA to surrender its weapons and transform into a political party.

"I am glad that the agreement is being understood correctly by a large part of the Kosovo Albanian people," Thaci said Friday. "I hope the opinion of the headquarters will be acceptable and in accordance with the public opinion in Kosovo."

There was less doubt, however, where Milosevic stood.

"Yugoslavia does not accept the presence of international troops in Kosovo," Milosevic said after the meeting.





STANFIELD JUMPERS — Stanfield students recently raised money for the American Heart Association through its annual Jump Rope For Heart. Chassidy Sterling is shown at top and Lolita Ramos at bottom. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Two subjects jailed Friday, early Saturday

Two subjects were taken into custody Friday afternoon and early Saturday morning.

Officers arrested a 17-year-old male at 12:39 p.m. in the 3700 block of Avondale for misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

At 6:31 Saturday morning, a 19-year-old male was jailed for public intoxication. Officers took him into custody in the 1600 block of 27th Street.

In other activity Friday, an officer was requested at the STAR boot camp program at 7:14 a.m. in reference to an assault. An offense report for Class A assault was filed.

A woman requested an officer at 11:54 a.m. Friday in reference to her son not going to school. Officers escorted the woman to the 3700 block of Avondale. Her son, however, was not at the residence.

Officers did locate three other juveniles at the residence and they were transported to the police department and later released to their parents.

At 5:27 p.m., an officer was requested at Wal-Mart in reference to a shoplifter. An offense report for Class C theft was submitted.

A hit and run accident report was filed at 1:49 p.m. in reference to a Chevrolet pickup striking a railroad crossing sign at 24th Street and Avenue E and leaving the scene.

Polynesian Gardens will get new home

Polynesian Gardens, currently located in the Varsity Square Shopping Center, will soon have a new home.

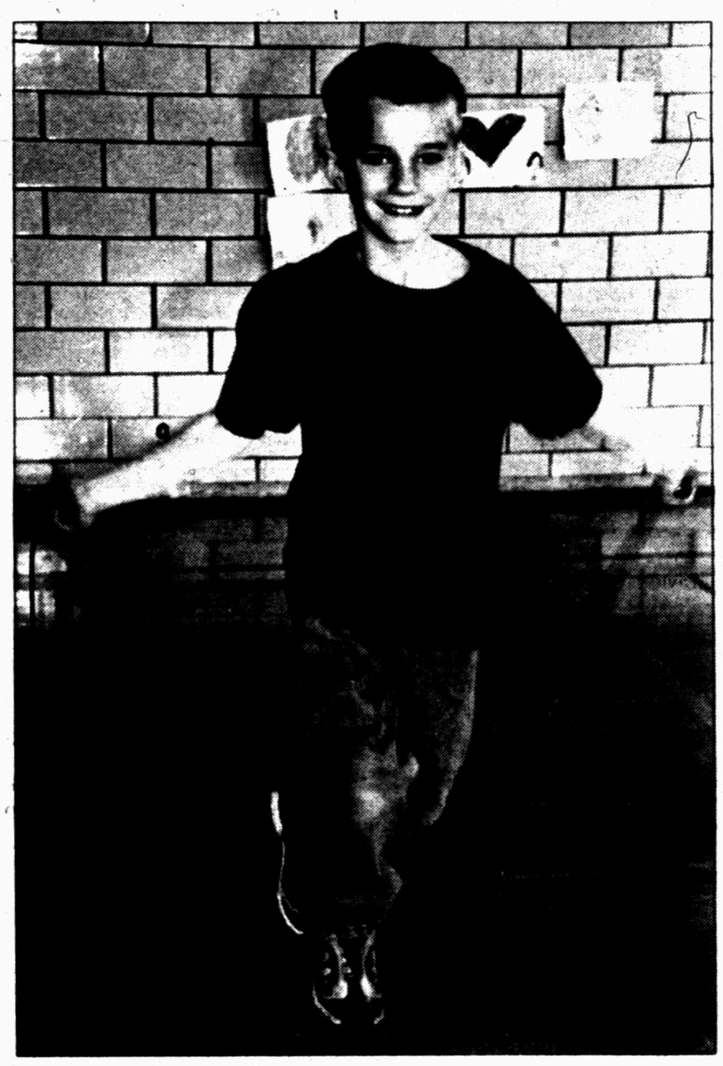
The restaurant will relocate in the Snyder Shopping Center next door to Nancy's Art Style.

According to owner Kimseng Chhuor, the new location should be ready by the end of March or early April.

Once the approximatley 3,000 square-feet facility is finished, the restaurant will be closed three days.

The current facility seats approximately 60 people. Chhuor said a meeting room will be added at the new location and the seating capacity will increase.

No menu changes are planned.



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART — Kaden Billingsley of Central recently participated in the Jump Rope For Heart fund-raiser. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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March 13, 1999

Today is the 72nd day of 1999 and the 83rd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1781, Sir William Herschel discovered the planet Uranus.

On this day in 1868, President Andrew Johnson's impeachment trial began in the U.S. Senate. He was later acquitted by one vote.

On this day in 1930, astronomer Clyde Tombaugh discovered Pluto.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Joseph Priestley (1733-1804), chemist; Percival Lowell (1855-1916), astronomer; Oswald Garrison Villard (1872-1949), editor-journalist; Janet Flanner (1892-1978), journalist; L. Ron Hubbard (1911-1986), religious leader-writer; Neil Sedaka (1939-), singer-songwriter, is 60; Dana Delany (1957-), actress, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1961, heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson retained his title by knocking out Ingemar Johansson in the sixth round.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To please people is a great step towards persuading them." — Lord Chesterfield

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (March 10) and new moon (March 17).

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Today is the 73rd day of 1999 and the 84th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent on his cotton gin.

On this day in 1940, the motion picture "My Little Chickadee," starring Mae West and W.C. Fields, was released.

On this day in 1972, Ronald Reagan, the governor of California, pardoned Merle Haggard, who had served three years in San Quentin.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Lucy Hobbs Taylor (1867-1910), dentist-rights activist; Albert Einstein (1879-1955), physicist; Frank Borman (1928-), astronaut-airline executive, is 71; Michael Caine (1933-), actor, is 66; Quincy Jones (1933-), musician-composer, is 66; Wes Unseld (1946-), basketball player-coach, is 53; Billy Crystal (1947-), comedian-actor, is 52; Kirby Puckett (1961-), baseball player, is 38.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1987, Katarina Witt won the world figure-skating championship for the third time.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "While there's life, there's hope." — Cicero

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (March 10) and new moon (March 17).

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Lewis testifies

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — Recounting "the horror, the terror" his family endured for years, Jerry Lewis appealed to Nevada's lawmakers to toughen the state's anti-stalking law.

In 1995, a stalker pleaded guilty after allegedly threatening to kill the comic and his 7-year-old daughter.

"Stalking is not unlike Alzheimer's or cancer," Lewis told the state Assembly on Thursday. "You never know how long you've got."

The Assembly convened a special session just to hear Lewis' testimony on a bill to increase the maximum penalty for aggravated stalking from six to 15 years.

Witty, sexy posters record fall of Soviet power

WASHINGTON (AP) — A collection of 45 brightly colored posters from Russia and Eastern Europe, celebrating the end of Soviet power a decade ago, went on display for the first time this week with an exuberant demonstration of the new freedom in wit, sex and politics.

The show at George Washington University here coincides with three of the former satellites — Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic — joining NATO. In 1989 they still belonged, unwillingly, to the Soviets' Warsaw Pact.

"Good-bye Comrades" from Romania shows a back view of a man in overcoat and fur hat carrying two suitcases: one marked with the Soviet hammer-and-sickle, the other obviously packed in haste with pieces of clothing hanging out.

The Hungarian version of the Soviet departure concentrates on a big image of the bristly hair on the back of a Soviet officer's neck. The text: "Comrades—The End."

From Russia itself comes an almost life-size calendar photo of a scantily clad pop singer. The letter "c" on the English word "rock" has a little hammer drawn in humorously, making that, too, a hammer-and-sickle.

In a Russian cartoon, the Soviet emblem takes the form of a wall crumbling into rubble. One panel mocks it by drawing a couple up against the wall, in a pose that many Western publications would self-censor as pornographic. It would never have gotten past earlier Communist Party censors.

James G. Hershberg, who teaches history at George Washington, collected more than 200 posters on trips to Eastern Europe.

Many residents of the former communist nations believe it was cultural things, like Western music and magazines, that led to the downfall of the Soviet bloc, Hershberg said.

The exhibit is on view at the university's Gelman Library until Dec. 30.

It includes posters from Poland, from what was then Czechoslovakia and from Lithuania, Estonia, Bulgaria and Armenia, along with other memorabilia

Lawmaker:

FCC needs to be less regulatory

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal agency responsible for overseeing television and telephone companies needs to be revamped to have a competitive rather than regulatory mission, one of the House's top telecommunications lawmakers said Friday.

The House Commerce telecommunications subcommittee is holding a hearing on the Federal Communications Commission next week. The panel's chairman, Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., said he hopes to have a bill drafted by June detailing some changes in the FCC's mission and structure.

For now, Tauzin said he doesn't have many specifics and is open to suggestions. FCC Chairman Bill Kennard has said he's interested in working with lawmakers to help the agency run effectively into the 21st century.

Kennard said Friday that he will present at the hearing a blueprint for restructuring the agency that would be open to public comment. He said that by the fall he would like to have a final plan, some of which the FCC could implement on its own and other parts that would require congressional action.

Kennard indicated he would be open to further reorganization and streamlining, but the plan wouldn't reduce the number of FCC commissioners, currently five.

"We need change, but we don't need chaos," Kennard said, adding that it's important that the agency's work not be interrupted by the restructuring debate.

Republicans in the GOP-controlled Congress have criticized the FCC for acting too regulatory, particularly in its implementation of a 1996 law freeing cable, local and long-distance companies to get into each other's business. But it's not clear whether any measure to overhaul the FCC could pass Congress and be signed into law.

"Their role is not to meticulously regulate; their role is to find every way not to do that — but every way to find the competitive alternative," Tauzin told reporters after giving a speech to telecommunications analysts.

Kennard's blueprint will include a goal that in five years, with the FCC's guidance, the telecommunications market will be fully competitive and free of many regulations that now apply to dominant telephone companies.

Kennard said he hopes the debate over revamping the FCC doesn't become "a backdoor attempt to rewrite the 1996 act," which he called "fundamentally sound."

Tauzin expressed concerns that the FCC takes too much time to decide various requests made by businesses, including requests for corporate mergers. As a result, his bill could include "reasonable time limits" for the FCC to act on such applications.

Kennard said his blueprint deals with how to speed up FCC decisions.

Tauzin, meanwhile, didn't rule out trying to limit the FCC's authority to review mergers.

Activities in summertime may include Lions Camp

KERRVILLE — As the school year draws to a close, parents begin searching for summertime activities for their children. Often, the range of choices may seem limited for parents whose children have disabilities. However, thanks to the Lions Clubs of Texas, many children with physical disabilities can look forward to a summer experience that all children enjoy and dream about — going to summer camp. The Texas Lions Camp offers special camping programs that serve children who have physical disabilities and diabetes.

This summer, six one week camping sessions and a day camp will be offered by the Texas Lions Camp for children ages 7-16 years who have physical disabilities. Prospective campers should have some self-help skills in the areas of dressing, eating, toileting and bathing. The camp offers a wide variety of activities for the enjoyment of campers, including arts and crafts, field sports, riding horses, swimming and camping out overnight.

The Texas Lions Camp also offers a specially designed summer camp session for children who are diabetic, ages 8-15. In addition to the recreational activities which make camp life fun, a medical team joins the camp staff in helping campers learn to control their diabetes. Individualized attention in health care encourages control of diabetes while children learn to eat properly, monitor their blood sugar, and give their own insulin injections.

"Diabetic children face a challenge to take proper care of themselves and take an active role in controlling their disease. Our goal is to assist them with these needs," says Stephen Mabry, executive director. Parents are also provided with instructions to help them continue to assist and encourage their children after camp is over.

Since its first session in 1953, the Texas Lions Camp has provided over 40,000 children with physical disabilities and diabetes with opportunity to learn from and enjoy the outdoors. The camp is a nonprofit organization, funded by Lions and private donations. Children attend the camp at no cost to themselves or their families.

Further information and camper applications may be obtained by contacting a local Lions Club in your area, or by contacting the Texas Lions Camp at P.O. Box 247, Kerrville, TX 78029-0247, 830-896-8500 V/TDD. Also, look for us on the web at www.lionscamp.com.

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Bradley says...

Democrats shouldn't write off Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — Democrats shouldn't write off Texas next year just because of favorite son Gov. George W. Bush, Democratic presidential hopeful Bill Bradley said Friday.

Bradley, who said he raised about $100,000 with fund-raising events in the Republican governor's back yard of Austin, said there's a long way to go until the 2000 elections.

"If the governor were the (Republican) nominee, I don't think Democrats should write Texas off," Bradley said.

Bush last week formed a presidential exploratory committee, and several national polls have designated him the front-runner in the GOP presidential field.

Bush ousted popular Democratic Gov. Ann Richards in 1994 and breezed to re-election with 69 percent of the vote last November. But Bradley, a former U.S. senator from New Jersey, said he isn't intimidated by that record.

"I think Texas is no different than any other state in the union when it comes to a presidential race. People are saying who do I trust with my life, who do I trust with my job, and who has a set of values that are similar to mine?

"In that regard, I think you should make the case directly to the people ... and you have as good a chance in Texas if you're a Democrat as you do in other states," he said.

Bradley said he is more interested in his own race against Vice President Al Gore and wouldn't try to handicap the Republican field.

"I'll play it as it lays," he said. "What I think is not going to have much impact on the Republican primary."

He did say that Elizabeth Dole, who this week formed her own exploratory committee, is a strong candidate, along with several other GOP hopefuls.

"Libby Dole's presence in the race clearly gives the Republican race a different dimension and a very interesting dimension," he said.

Bradley also said he would make it a campaign issue if Bush didn't support an anti-hate crimes bill now pending in the Texas Legislature. That bill is a result of the East Texas slaying in which a black man was dragged behind a pickup truck.

Customs, fed agencies issue warnings to Spring Breakers

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Attention Spring Breakers: Be careful when you cross the border, and leave your switchblades and steroids in Mexico.

Officials on both sides of the border are preaching safety and prudence to those who cross back and forth between Mexico and the United States. During Spring Break, about 150,000 more tourists visit the area, which translates into about 20,000 people crossing the bridge every day.

"We want these kids to go over, have a good time, come back, and stay out of trouble," said U.S. Customs Chief Inspector Ernest Tijerina. "We want them to be informed."

Awareness that college students on Spring Break can face real danger has increased in the 10 years since a University of Texas college student was abducted in Matamoros, Mexico. Mark Kilroy vanished early March 14, 1989, while returning from a night of bar-hopping with three friends.

Kilroy's remains were found among those of 15 others a month later, all victims of a drug-smuggling cult that performed ritual sacrifices in a bid to protect their illegal activities.

This year, the city of Matamoros is preparing for Spring Break with a beefed-up police presence. One hundred additional officers join city police, tourist police, and mounted police in patrolling the main tourist area of the city just across the river from Brownsville.

Twenty patrols will be keeping an eye on main tourist thoroughfares day and night, said Matamoros spokeswoman Virginia Castillo. In 1989, when Kilroy disappeared, that was not the case.

"There wasn't this much security," she said. "There was no control on the sale of alcohol."

Matamoros' new administration has cracked down especially hard on alcohol sales since January. Stores may not sell alcohol after 10 p.m. Dance clubs are allowed to serve alcohol on their premises until they close at 2 a.m. Monday through Thursday and at 3 a.m. on the weekends.

Tourists also are being given pamphlets.

Obituaries



Ruby Ruth Hart

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1914-1999

Service for Ruby Ruth Hart of Snyder is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Dr. Tommy Cullwell, minister of Colonial Hill Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Hart, 84, died Friday, March 12, in Snyder Oaks Care ter after a lengthy illness.

orn on Dec. 9, 1914 in Freder- Okla., she married W.S. Hart uly 26, 1934 in Frederick. He May 31, 1979. Mrs. Hart ved to Snyder in 1950 and ked in the Cogdell Memorial spital, Ladies' Auxiliary Snack from 1971-92. A homemaker, was a member of Colonial Baptist Church.

urvivors include one daughter her husand, Jo Evelyn and ter Smith of Granbury; three s and two daughters-in-law, b and Janice Hart of Snyder, chard Hart of Granbury and ry and Tarzie Hart of Harris- g, Mo.; one sister, Lillie Lind- of Longview; 10 grandchil- n, Robbie Smith, Karen Smith ontz, Ginger Smith, Kathy , Kim Hart, Debbie Johnson, ky Hart, Lance Meeks, Shana t and Brad Hart; and eight at-grandchildren.

amily visitation is set for 4-6 . Sunday at the funeral home.

W. Nettles

1917-1999

W. Nettles, 81, of Ira died ay, March 12, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Service is set for 2 p.m. Sunday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Rocky Alexander, pastor of the Ira Church of God, officiating. Burial will follow in the Ira Cemetery.

Born on June 12, 1917 in Moran, he married Eula Pearl Taylor on June 16, 1952 in Ira. He was a roustabout and pumper in the oilfield. A resident of Scurry County since 1948, he was a member of the Ira Church of God.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Edith Marie Nettles; two brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Eula Pearl Nettles of Ira; a son, Eddie Nettles, also of Ira; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Florence Davies

1909-1999

NEW HOME — Florence Davies, the mother of Ann Walton of Snyder, died Thursday, March 11, at University Manor in Lubbock.

Funeral service for Mrs. Davies, 89, was set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the New Home Baptist Church with the Rev. Morris Pruit officiating.

Burial was to follow in the Tahoka Cemetery under the direction of White Funeral Home.

Born July 17, 1909 in Stratford, Indian Territory, Okla., her family moved to Lynn County around 1915. She attended South Ward.

She married T. Cowan in 1927. She then married Winston Davies on Jan. 1, 1949 and he died in 1987.

In her early years, Mrs. Davies worked for the Santa Fe Railroad and for Gaignet Hardware and Implement in Tahoka.

Later, Mr. and Mrs. Davies owned and operated Davies Gro ery and Appliance and served as the postmasters for the New Home community. They also operated an antique shop.

She was a contributing writer for the Lynn County News for more than 50 years. She was an active member of the New Home Baptist Church, also for more than 50 years.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Dwain Cowan in 1936 and Dan Cowan in 1991.

Survivors include a son, Don Cowan of San Benito; a stepson, Carlton Davies of Ruidoso, N.M.; two other daughters, Billie Jo Freeman of Lubbock and Sue Booth of Odessa; a brother, Travis Inman of Tahoka; two sisters, Nora Belle Wood of Tahoka and Mary Ellen James of Lubbock; 20 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

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Voters nix eradication plan; state agency tries to regroup

LUBBOCK (AP) — Researchers predicted earlier this year that, left unchecked, the boll weevil would rampage across the South Plains this summer, destroying millions of acres of cotton and costing farmers millions of dollars.

That prediction wasn't enough to convince enough cotton farmers in the region to vote for a state eradication program. The program, which needed a two-thirds vote to pass, failed this week.

Of the 3,669 ballots counted this week, 62.68 percent of the growers voted to create a boll weevil eradication zone, while 37.32 percent opposed the plan.

Lindey Patton, director of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, said he was stunned by the decision.

"We were obviously very disappointed in the election," Patton said. "So many growers indicated that they wanted a boll weevil eradication plan — we had banks and all sorts of associations and the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce all supporting this. We had a strong majority, just not the two-thirds we needed. We would have won a political election handily."

By voting for the program, farmers would have agreed to pay $12 per acre for irrigated land and $6 for dryland to eradicate the weevil, starting with a chemical spraying. It would have been followed with in-season treatments for several years.

The state demands that a two-thirds majority of the farmers in a region agree to an eradication program because, if approved, all farmers in the region must pay for his or her property to be chemically treated.

"The problem with doing it bit by bit is that if your next door neighbor isn't spraying his property, the boll weevils will migrate back to your property," Patton said.

South Plains cotton farmer Joe Rankin says he didn't support the measure because he believes eradication is too expensive and would destroy beneficial bugs that eat another bane of the cotton farmer — the aphid.

"If you look what happened near San Angelo, you'll see that a couple of years ago the people were almost run out of business by the aphid because eradication killed some of the beneficial insects that eat it," Rankin said. "We need a more thought out eradication system that doesn't leave us vulnerable for that kind of thing. Times are also too tough to commit to this plan."

Patton argues that the eradication system has been reformed since then, but was not solely to blame for the aphid population in 1995.

"There were several areas that didn't have an eradication program but still had a problem with aphids that year," Patton said. "We've made a lot of changes since then so I'm really not sure that is a valid criticism."

John Meller, a Lubbock area cotton producer said he felt the region had lost out by not approving the program.

"I don't know what it's going to be like this summer when the boll weevil is eating us alive," Meller said. "I really think we needed this program."

The region can vote again on an eradication program next year.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

AARP meeting

The Scurry County AARP will meet at noon Monday at the senior center. Tommy Cotton, head coach of the Snyder Special Olympics team, will be the guest speaker.

Postal Service entrance exam

The examination for data conversion operator for the U.S. Postal Service will be open to the public from starting Monday through March 26 at the remote encoding center in Abilene. Applications and additional information are available at the Snyder post office.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "The '3 Bears' of Galatians 6," followed by "His Needs, Her Needs."

Parkinson's support group

Parkinson's Disease community support group will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room. A video entitled, "Practical Pointers for Parkinson's Patients," will be shown.

Free tax aid service

Free tax help is available every Wednesday at the Senior Center. Help is also available for shut-ins. Call 573-3822 or 573-4035.

SHS tennis boosters

SHS Tennis Booster Club will meet at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 21, at Snyder Savings and Loan. For more information, call 573-2400.

Choir booster club

The SHS Choir Booster Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 22, in the choir room to discuss the choir banquet. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Garage sale items needed

Lighthouse Assembly of God, 1900 Trinity Blvd., is accepting items for their garage sale to benefit the church building fund. Funiture, appliances and other items are appreciated. Clothes are not needed at this time. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947 for pickup.

Windbreak trees available

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has extra windbreak trees, both hardwood and evergreens, available.

Aggie scholarships

The Rolling Plains Texas A&M Mothers' Club will award two scholarships to a high school senior and a current A&M student. Students in Fisher, Mitchell, Nolan and Scurry counties are eligible. Applications are available at the high schools and postmark deadline for applications is April 1.

Townhall meeting

State Rep. David Counts, along with Mayor David Holt, will conduct a townhall meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at Snyder City Hall.

Public hearing for bomber training

The Air Force will hold a public hearing on the proposed Realistic Bomber Training Initative (RBTI) on Wednesday, April 7, from 5-9 p.m. at Snyder High School.

Adult education classes

Adult basic education classes that can lead to a GED are underway at Western Texas College. Students may enroll at any time in Room 209 of the WTC library. Both day and evening sessions are held Tuesday and Thursday. Call 573-8511, Ext. 322, for more information.

Road to Recovery program

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

Support groups

Four different support groups meet the second Thursday of the month at the First Baptist Church. The groups include divorce recovery, canc - grief support group, a group for parents of teens and a group for adult-children caring for elderly parents. Child care is provided.

Texas million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
22-25-64-99

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
10-24-32-37-39

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
9-6-1

Desegration settlement approved

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A settlement approved in a long-standing school desegregation case will allow busing to continue but frees the St. Louis school district from court supervision.

U.S. District Judge Stephen N. Limbaugh Sr., who approved the settlement Friday, said it represents "a fair, reasonable and adequate resolution to this historic case."

The same old deal...

Pyramid schemes in cyberspace

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's an age-old racket getting a second wind on the Internet.

But federal regulators warn that cyberspace versions of these so-called pyramid schemes are no better than the traditional ones. In the end, people will still end up throwing money into ventures that rarely live up to their promises of big returns.

The Federal Trade Commission along with a number of state officials announced Thursday 33 law enforcement actions against 67 defendants promoting such Internet pyramid schemes. The commission also launched a sweep of the World Wide Web to locate sites that might be hosting illegal multilevel marketing scams.

"We're committed to taking on the con artists who think they can use the Internet to promote illegal schemes," said Jodie Bernstein, director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection.

The Internet has helped breathe new life into the schemes. A consumer merely has to type "get rich quick" into an Internet search engine and Web sites appear guaranteeing huge profits if they invest some of their money and can sign on others to do the same.

"The first couple people may make money, but two or three levels down, the pyramid topples," said Holly Cherico, a spokeswoman for the Council of Better Business Bureaus in Arlington, Va.

What distinguishes pyramid schemes from legitimate multilevel marketing ventures is that they focus on recruiting new members, not on selling products, she said.

In one pyramid operation cited by the FTC, Five Star Auto Club Inc. of Poughquag, N.Y., promised online consumers an opportunity to lease their "dream vehicle" for free while earning anywhere from $180 to $80,000. All they had to do was pay an annual fee and $100 in monthly payments and recruit others to join.

But the commission alleged that those who signed up received no free lease on a car and no earnings from the deal. The FTC has filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court in White Plains, N.Y., against the Five Star Auto Club Inc. seeking a permanent injunction and consumer redress. A federal court already has temporarily shut down the operation.

"Basically, these schemes take your money to pay off some other people," said Cleo Manuel, of the National Consumers League. "Ultimately, someone is going to be left holding the bag."

Manuel said con artists try to reassure consumers that the scheme is legitimate by using "shills" — decoys who are paid by the company to say they made huge profits in the scheme.

Officials warn that the Internet makes it easy for such fraudulent operations to hide, shut down or move when someone begins to catch on. Well-constructed Web sites might also give the appearance of legitimacy and be more convincing than newspaper advertisements making the same false claims.

NRCS Report

By Kevin L. Wright, Resource Team Leader
Scurry, Fisher, & Borden counties

The Natural Resources Conservation Service has set the ranking deadline for the 1999 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). The first ranking deadline for the 1999 program year is March 31. And a second ranking deadline is set for July 1.

Applications from individual landowners interested in participating in the EQIP during the 1999 program year received before March 31 will be ranked for program eligibility during April and those received after March 31 will be ranked after the July 1 deadline.

Producers who did not qualify for the EQIP program during the March 31 ranking period may request a deferment from their local Farm Service Administration (FSA) office and be eligible to be re-ranked during the July 1 ranking period.

It should be noted that applications received after the July 1 deadline, as part of the EQIP continuous program sign-up provisions, will be held until the 2000 program year ranking period.

Private landowners should be aware that EQIP provides technical educational and financial assistance to eligible farmers and ranchers to address soil, water and related natural resource concerns on their lands in an environmentally beneficial and cost-effective manner.

EQIP is a voluntary progam and is designed to assist farmers and ranchers with placing natural resource conservation practices on their property. Cost share is provided to program participants to achieve the goals of a conservation plan designed with the assistance of local NRCS staff.

Cost share practices include placement of appropriate structural or vegetative practices, such as animal waste management facilities, irrigation management equipment, vegetative buffers and wildlife habitat enhancement, to name a few. Eligible practices will depend on the location of the farm or ranch on which the practice is to be installed and the major resource concern to be addressed in that particular area. Information on eligible cost share practices and major resource concerns of an area can be secured from your local NRCS field office.

Contracts for eligible producers are made for a period of five to ten years and include incentive payments to assist with implementation of land management practices, such as nutrient management, pest management and grazing land management. It should be noted that program funds target natural resource concerns of farmers, as well as, livestock producers.

To learn more about EQIP or to submit an EQIP contract application, contact your local NRCS field office. Local NRCS field offices are listed in the U.S. government section of the white pages of your phone book under United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS)

James May on Dean's List

MIDLAND — James May of Snyder has been named to the Dean's List at Midland College for the 1998 fall term.

The Dean's List is for students who have compiled at least a 3.50 grade point average for 12 hours or more.

Snyder student on TSU list

STEPHENVILLE — Heather D. Plaisance of Snyder has been named to the Distinguished Students List at Tarleton State University for the fall 1998 semester.

Distinguished students include freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and juniors and seniors who have a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C and are in good standing.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
German sausage, blackeye peas, boiled okra, tossed salad, apple cutie pie.

TUESDAY
Liver and onions, mashed potatoes, green beans, jellied citrus salad, peach pizza

WEDNESDAY
Chicken spaghetti, asparagus, sliced beets, lettuce salad, bread pudding

THURSDAY
Beef stew, fried okra, mixed fruit Jello, cornbread, oatmeal cookies

FRIDAY
Fried fish, tater tots, mixed vegetables, creamy coleslaw, chocolate pudding

Senior Center News

MONDAY
Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. AARP will meet in the conference room at noon.

TUESDAY
88 play begins at 10 a.m., the Hoss Clayton Band will entertain at 11, and the Golden Kiwanis meet at noon.

WEDNESDAY
Bingo will begin at 10 a.m. Line dancers will be performing at Snyder Oaks at 1 p.m. and the Cloggers will practice at 1 p.m. Assistance in filing income tax returns is available at the Senior Center on Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. April 14 will be the last Wednesday that this service is available.

THURSDAY
The fabric painting class begins at 9 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will have this Thursday off and will visit Snyder Oaks March 25.

FRIDAY
The bridge tournament and the blood pressure clinic will begin at 9:30 a.m. 88 play begins at 10 a.m. and the sing-a-long at 11:30 a.m.

Available: The gym for seniors who enjoy walking, stationary bikes in the pool room, jigsaw puzzles, books, and magazines, transportation life line units, home-delivered meals for those who qualify, congregate meals here in the center, plus many more activities, games, parties and services.

Scurry County Senior Center is one of the best senior centers in the state, and is supported by the county, city, college, busineses and individuals. The federal nutrition program is part of the funding.

In addition, the center also conducts fund-raisers throughout the year including bakes sales, garage sales, quilt raffles and Mayday, the main fund-raiser. Seniors are encouraged to consider what they might do to help with Mayday set May 8, the second Saturday in May. Everyone is encouraged to mark their calendars.

Rostropovich doesn't like review

MOSCOW (AP) — Infuriated by a review, Mstislav Rostropovich has declared he will never play in Russia again.

"Now it is over," the cellist said in an interview in the weekly Vek, published Friday. "I will give concerts only where people want to hear me and find pleasure in this, not where they say that I am a 'has-been.'"

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In East Side Church of Christ...

Stephanie Fambro, Wayland Harrison are wed

Stephanie Fambro and Wayland Harrison, both of Austin, were united in marriage at 3 p.m. on Dec. 19 in the East Side Church of Christ in Snyder.

Dr. Thomas Minton, uncle of the bride, officiated the double-ring ceremony. He also performed the bride's parents', Densell and Jeanie Fambro, ceremony 32 years ago.

The groom's parents are Willis and Darlene Harrison of Snyder.

Guests registered in the foyer of the church. A bulletin board and a Precious Moments bride and groom depicting Stephanie and Wayland said, "Today I marry my best friend," and a Precious Moments bride and groom.

The bulletin board, designed and made by Angelea Carey and Barbara Sojourner, was resting on a dark walnut easel borrowed from Jamie Gilreath.

The front of the auditorium held three heart-shaped candelabras holding votive candles, decorated with greenery and orchid bows. Also adorning the altar area was a walnut stand with a marble top that held a white porcelain unity candle set trimmed in greenery and baby's breath. Family pews were marked with lilac and deep purple bows.

Candlelighters were Ammie Harrison of Georgetown and Kenetra James of Snyder, sisters of the groom. They wore ankle-length orchid dresses, made by the groom's mother.

Taped musical selections were played during the ceremony including "Dear Mama" and "Can You Stand the Rain," both by Boyz to Men. All attendants entered to "Thank You," by Johnny Gill, and the bride entered to "Baby You Are My Cinderella," by Joe. The unity candle was lit to "All My Life," by the Hailey Brothers. Recessional was "He Will," by Ter'ell and Soul City.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was attired in a Mori-Lee gown, by Madeline Gardener. It was a floor-length, white satin gown with a fitted bodice featuring a scoop neckline and cap sleeves. Her full box-pleated skirt tapered into a train with a pearl and bead-edged bow at the back waistline.

The neckline, sleeves and waist were edged with pearls and beads. She wore a headband veil of illusion netting trimmed in white satin ribbon designed by the bride and made by the groom's mother.

Her cascading bouquet was a silk arrangement made by AnnNita Taylor of Midland. It was of English ivy, purple tiger lilies, white rose buds, lavender astermidia and accented with pearls, double ruffles, baby's breath and stephanotis.

The bouquet was mounted on a white Bible carried by the bride's mother and sister in each of their weddings and represented something old. The bride's dress was the traditional something new. Something borrowed was a pearl necklace belonging to her sister and she wore a blue satin and lace garter. In her shoes, she carried pennies minted in the years of the couple's births.

Maid of honor was Melissa Shatney of Austin, longtime friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Robyn Wilson, sister of the bride from Odessa, and Nicole West of Dallas. They wore floor-length dark purple A-line dresses with scoop necklines and empire waistlines.

Accessories included silver beads and earrings, given to them by the bride. They carried nosegays of orchid and deep purple silk flowers with white and orchid ribbon streamers.

Flower girl Brooke Wilson, niece of the bride from Odessa, wore a tea-length orchid silk and organza gown and matching slippers. She wore a flower halo-wreath in her hair and carried a white satin basket filled with silk flower petals.

Ring bearer was Bradley Wilson, nephew of the bride from Odessa, who carried the bride's and groom's rings tied to a white satin ring pillow that was carried in his mother's and father's wedding nine years ago.

Best man was Charlie Ray Richardson of Taylor, lifelong friend of the groom. Groomsman was Melvin Jenkins of Austin. Ushers were Denny Wilson, brother-in-law of the bride of Odessa, and Matthew Fambro, brother of the bride.

The groom and his attendants wore black single-breasted tuxedos with white shirts and purple vests of Dimension I, by Oscar de la Renta.

Katina Brandon, cousin of the groom from San Angelo, registered guests. The table was covered with a floor-length white cloth and held the bride's book and silver pen in a heart-shaped base. Also on the table, were a pair of silver candle holders that were used in the bride's parents wedding which held white tapers accented with tiny purple ribbons. Completing the table decor was a tiny glass hummingbird suspended over an orchid glass flower and a picture of the couple in a silver picture frame.



Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Harrison
(Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

The reception was held in the multipurpose building. The bride's table was covered with a white floor-length ruffled and lace cloth and held crystal and silver appointments. The bride's bouquet was displayed in front of mirrored tiles which held the unity candle set and long-stemmed silver and gold goblets engraved with the couple's names and the wedding date.

The four-tiered, Italian creme wedding cake had a fondue icing and the top tier was raised on columns holding a Precious Moments bride and groom cake topper. The cake was decorated wtih purple and lilac silk flowers with a touch of greenery. Servers used an ivory-handled silver cake knife, used in the bride's parent's wedding.

The groom's table was covered in a floor-length purple cloth made by Bonnie Crenshaw, aunt of the bride, and held a gold coffee service and German chocolate cake made by the groom's mother. Table decorations include purple and white balloons and held the groom's baby picture and baby outfit along with barbells and the groom's world championship powerlifting trophy. Both tables held nuts and mints. Tiny bride and groom mints were made by Suzie Burgess, friend of the groom's mother. Chocolate cake was cut with the gold cake knife used at the bride's grandparents 50th wedding anniversary in 1981.

Serving at the groom's table were cousins of the groom, Katina and Carma Brandon of San Angelo. The buffet table was covered with a lilac cloth and held two purple tapers in gold and silver bases in a bed of English ivy and baby's breath. The bride and groom left the reception amid a sea of bubbles blown by the guests.

Out-of-town guests were from Abilene, Adrian, Lubbock, Crockett, Groveton, Gail, San Angelo, College Station, Berea, Ky., Lincoln, Neb., and Berkely, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison took a Royal Caribbean honeymoon cruise to Nassau in the Bahamas and have made their home in Austin where the groom is an engineer technician for Solectron Texas and the bride is an investigator for Child Protective Services. The groom is a 1993 graduate of Snyder High School and a 1996 graduate of ITT in Austin. The bride, a 1993 graduate of SHS, is a 1997 graduate of the University of Texas in Austin.

Plant heirlooms bid century adieu

POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — Try growing some heirlooms in your garden in this last year of the millennium. How better to salute the past than to savor a Brandywine tomato, hailed by many as the tastiest ever.

Or plant some old-fashioned petunias, pansies and violas and enjoy the looks and fragrances that delighted our forebears.

Heirloom plants have been making a comeback in the past decade. Gardeners have increasingly been willing to put up with the faults of old plants in order to enjoy their merits.

Take the Brandywine tomato. This Amish family heirloom dating back to around 1885 has poor disease resistance and is likely to develop cracks and off-shapes. It's not a cosmetic winner for the supermarket produce shelf. But many of us gardeners don't care about that. It's the flavor that counts.

Itself an heirloom, the venerable seedhouse of W. Atlee Burpee & Co of Warminster, Pa., has issued a special, beautifully illustrated 1999 catalog dedicated exclusively to old vegetables and flowers. You can order it at 800-888-1447 or see it on the Web at www.burpee.com.

Burpee is offering heirlooms not only by the seed packet but also in a selection of 61 potted flower and vegetable plants ready to go into the garden.

There are tomatoes here you may never have heard of, like Watermelon Beefsteak that get to weigh two pounds and more. Fifty seeds come at $2.95 per packet while six plants sell for $14.95. Brandywine prices: 50 seeds $2.45, six plants $14.95.

Another tomato called Mortgage Lifter is a huge, tasty beefsteak developed in the 1930s by a gardener who is said to have paid off his mortgage in six years by selling 1,000 plants a year at $1 apiece. (That's a $70,000 mortgage in today's dollars.) Fifty seeds $2.95, six plants $14.95.

Burpee first marketed a sweet pepper called Chinese Giant in 1900 and here it is again. It's described as twice as big as the largest bell pepper of that time and is still remarkable today at four inches across and four inches long. The cost: $2.95 for 100 seeds, $12.95 for six plants.

Among eggplants, Burpee has the near-centenarian Black Beauty, of course, but also the lesser-known Rosa Bianca, an old Italian variety bearing medium-sized white fruits heavily blushed and streaked with rosy purple. Thirty seeds $2.25, six plants $12.95.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Al-Anon, Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

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

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information, call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Snyder Country Club; noon.

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

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; houseshoe courts, located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information, call 573-9762; 3 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

Just For Today, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

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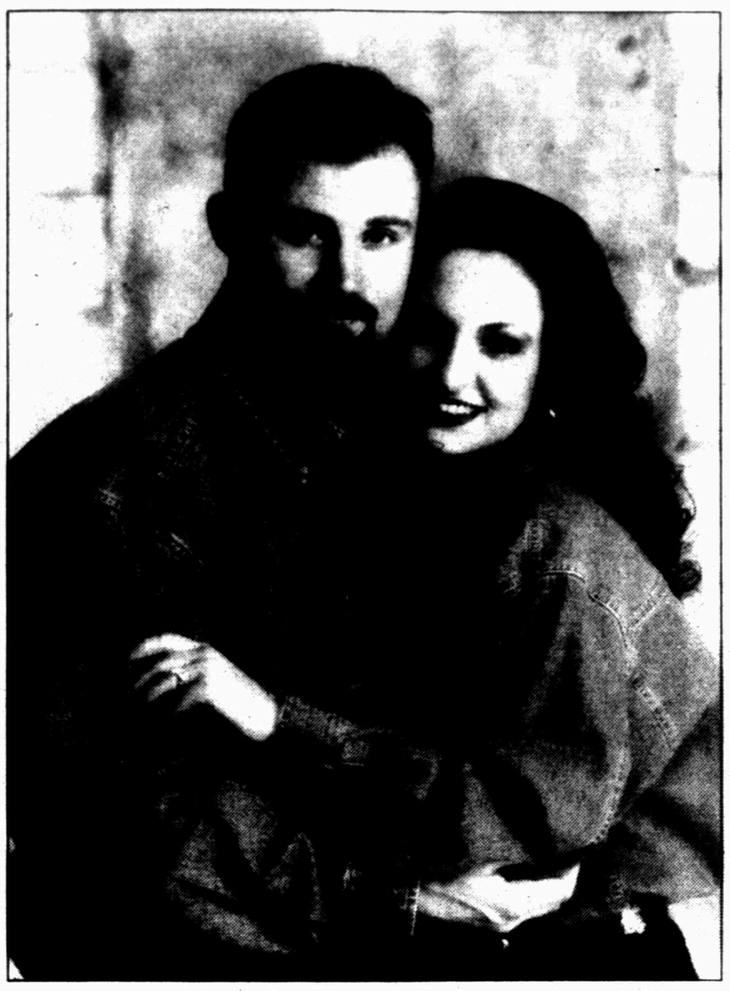
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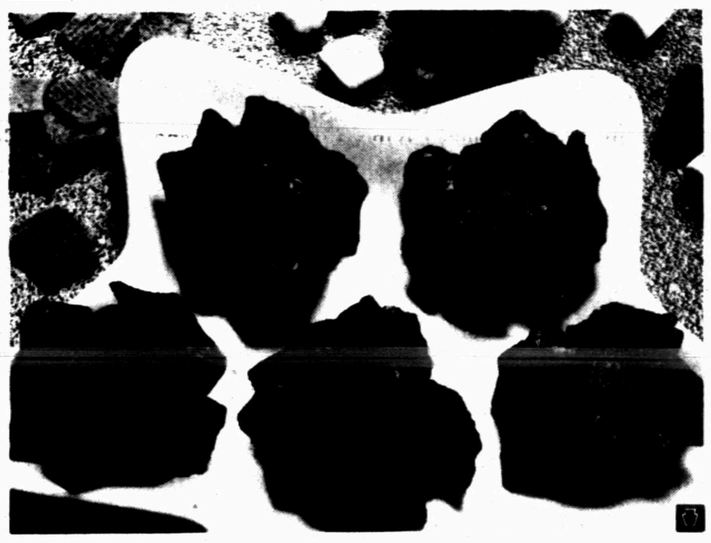


CARNES, WILLIAMS TO WED — On May 8, Charlene Rene' Carnes and Blair Thomas Williams will exchange wedding vows at First Baptist Church in San Angelo. Charlene is the daughter of Charles Carnes of California and Reba Gray of San Angelo. She graduated from Richardson High School with honors in 1994 and is currently employed by Vaughan Art and Interior in Midland as an interior designer. Blair, son of Tommy and Mary Williams of Snyder, is a 1991 honors graduate from Snyder High School and attended Angelo State University on the Carr Academic scholarship and graduated with honors in December of 1995. He is a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Social fraternity. He is employed as a District Manager with Town and Country Food Stores in North Texas. (Contributed Photo)

cooking

SIMPLE CANDIES

the microwave way



S'More Drops is a popular campfire treat transformed into a microwave snack. Sweet cooking chocolate is simply melted in just two minutes using the speed of a microwave oven. Honey graham cereal and miniature marshmallows along with a little butter for added flavor are stirred in for this irresistible sweet treat. Home economists also devised a chocolate-mint variation using chow mein noodles. Both make a great after-school snack or a delightful addition to a tray of assorted cookies.

S'MORE DROPS

(Makes about 2½ dozen. Total cooking time: 2 minutes)

6 ounces sweet cooking chocolate
1 tablespoon butter
3 cups honey graham cereal
1 cup miniature marshmallows

1. Break chocolate into pieces. Place in 2-quart microwave-safe bowl. Add butter. Microwave at HIGH (100%) for 2 minutes, stirring after 1 minute and then every 30 seconds. Stir until smooth. Add cereal and marshmallows, stirring until evenly coated with chocolate.

2. Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls onto buttered cookie sheets. Chill to harden. Keep in refrigerator or in cool dry place.

VARIATION: For Choco-Mint Noodle Drops, substitute 3 cups chow mein noodles and ¼ cup crushed peppermint candy for the cereal and marshmallows.

Commission refuses parrots

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — If Polly wants a cracker, she'd better not count on city bureaucrats.

The city's Animal Control and Welfare Commission on Thursday decided against adopting a flock of wild parrots that were fed every day by a man who is leaving the area.

"We will look after them to make sure nothing bad is happening, but we won't be feeding them or taking them to the vet," commission President Richard Schulke said. "It's good that the birds survive on their own."

Mark Bittner has cared for the 50 or so birds for the past five years by feeding them three or four times a day. He is leaving the area because his Telegraph Hill residence is being renovated.

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WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Fried Ham
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THURSDAY
Juice
Toast & Jelly

FRIDAY
Fruit
Dry Cereal

LUNCH

MONDAY
Chicken Nuggets/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Corn
Biscuits
Scoop-O-Raisins

TUESDAY
Beef Stroganoff
Buttered Spinach
Hot Rolls
Pink Applesauce

WEDNESDAY
Irish Stew
Toasted Cheese Sandwiches
Corn Bread
Blueberry Cobbler

THURSDAY
Enchiladas/Chili/Cheese
Refried Beans
Salsa Sauce
Tortilla Chips
Fruit Jello

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
French Fries
Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies
Rice Krispie Bars

Scurry County Library News & Views

Scurry County Library will have its annual book sale beginning Wednesday, March 24, through Saturday during regular library hours.

The library accepts donated books for the sale, so a wide variety of books will be available. Everyone is invited to look over the selection of hardbacks, paperbacks, National Georgraphic magazines and others.

NEW NON-FICTION

"Ringmaster," by Jerry Springer.

"Stephanie Seymour's Beauty Secrets for Dummies," by Stephanie Seymour.

"Does It Run In the Family," by Doris Teichler-Zallen.

NEW FICTION

"Lakota Dawn," by Janelle Taylor.

"Celebration," by Fern Michaels.

"Duane's Depressed," by Larry McMurtry.

"Apollyon," by Tim Lahaye.

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Wedding plans are up in the air

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The "big dance" is threatening to overshadow Leigh Runyan's wedding waltz.

Ms. Runyan, Auburn's head cheerleader, and her fiancé, Mike Hairston, started making plans for the wedding after their engagement 14 months ago. They chose a caterer, invitations, flowers and a date — March 27.

What they didn't consider was that the school's men's basketball team would win the Southeastern Conference and earn a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament. The Tigers won their first-round game Thursday, and if they keep winning would advance to the semifinals — on the same day the nuptials are slated to take place.

"I don't know whether to pull for (the team) or against them," Ms. Runyan said. "Of course, I'm joking."

Ms. Runyan — along with four of her nine bridesmaids — are supposed to be on the sidelines cheering for the team throughout the tournament. Her mother insists that basketball will take a backseat on March 27.

"There will be a wedding at 2 o'clock at Briarwood," Nancy Runyan said. "We can always have a big-screen TV on the side of the ceremony, or at least at the reception."

A. Beffel wants to do away with bathroom scales

MOUNT VERNON, Iowa (AP) — An artist wants your bathroom scale — but she doesn't plan to keep it for long.

Anne Beffel of Cold Spring, Minn., whose work is on display at Cornell College, wants people to donate their scales so she can have them crushed by a steamroller. She says that will destroy the power people give them.

"It's unempowering to wake up each morning to a negative body image," she said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 ♣	1 ♥
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 10

La piece de resistance

To end the week, a wonderful thrust and parry from a class I gave in Hobe Sound, Fla., last fall on suit-preference signals.

East might have used the Unusual No-trump, overcalling two no-trump to show at least 5-5 in the red suits (the lowest unbid suits). This has the advantage of getting both suits into the auction immediately. However, if the opponents win the auction, the extra information will probably be more valuable to the declarer.

West attacks with the heart 10. I had intended for East to cash two heart tricks before leading the heart eight, his lowest card being a suit-preference signal for clubs. A club return at trick four administers the lethal ruff. At most tables, it went exactly like that. At a couple, though, the Wests weren't watching the spots closely enough. To them, the heart eight looked high, not low. (Yes, every lower heart had already been played, but some players — not you! — just don't pay that much attention.) So, they switched to a diamond, letting the contract make.

At the table in the spotlight, Corky Cathcart, the declarer, realized what was about to happen. (This is a drawback of the teaching situation; the players know what to expect in the deals.) So, under the heart ace at trick two, she dropped her queen! Now when Martha Ford, East, continued with the heart eight, it was a winner. However, also working out what was going on, Peggy Cole trumped anyway and returned a club, giving her partner the critical ruff.

As Phyllis Roome, North, said, "Outstanding play!"

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Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

Jane Hinton directed all games at the Snyder Country Club.

FRIDAY

North-South

Section A.

1. Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever.
2. Monte West, Jane Hinton.

Section B.

1. Peggy Hardin, LaVerne Hood.
2. Doyle Fowler, J.O. Morrison.

East-West

Section A.

1. Dot Casey, Tizzy Hall.
2. Billisue Stuard, Louise Thompson.

Section B.

1. ElWanda Nall, Shirley Stewart.
2. Christine Stuard, Jean Thompson.

SUNDAY

1. TIE: Barbara Yorgesen, Nona Morrison, Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.
3. Tizzy Hall, Frances Stevenson.

TUESDAY

March 9

1. Anita Talbott, Louise Thompson.
2. Nona Morrison, Maribeth Vestal.
3. LaVerne Hood, Shirley Stewart.

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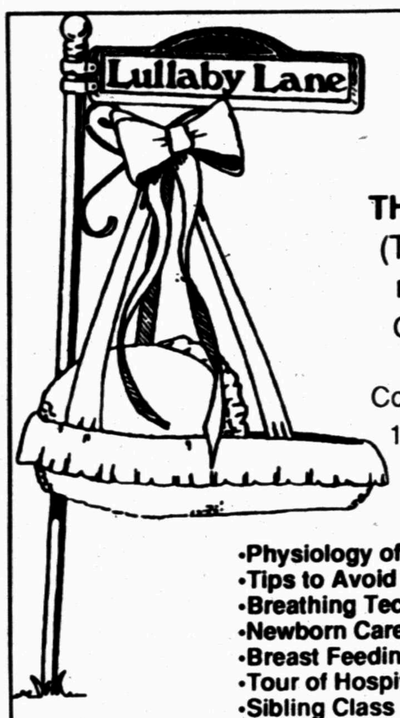
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BRIDE HONORED — A bridal shower honoring Amber Duncan, bride-elect of Darrell Campbell, was held Feb. 20 in the home of Kathy Post. From left are Dorothy Duncan, the future bride's grandmother; Lisa Steadham, the honoree's sister; Kylee Steadham, her niece; Angel Duncan, her mother; the honoree; Betty Campbell, mother of the prospective groom; and Belinda Pittman, his sister. (Contributed Photo)



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Friends of soulful pop singer mourn

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, England (AP) — Tom Jones, Rod Stewart and Elton John sent flowers and Elvis Costello, Kiki Dee and Lulu were among the mourners Friday at Dusty Springfield's funeral.

The soulful pop singer died of breast cancer on March 3 at 59.

"She was the very essence of fabness," said Neil Tennant of the Pet Shop Boys, who recorded "What Have I Done to Deserve This?" with Ms. Springfield in 1987.

Costello told the congregation at St. Mary-the-Virgin Church that Ms. Springfield's voice communicated a "sense of longing that demanded your attention."

Costello also read a tribute from American composer Burt Bacharach who said: "You could hear just three notes and you knew it was Dusty. It was such a rare and beautiful voice. I just want to add my thanks for every beautiful note Dusty sang."

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Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I have a Wurlitzer spinet piano that is approximately 30 to 40 years old. I bought it used 25 years ago, and it is still in excellent condition — except for several peeling "ivory" keys. My piano tuner tells me he can no longer get this ivory-looking piano material. Would you know of anyone who has some for sale? — **BETTY ARNOLD, Arlington Heights, Ill.**

DEAR BETTY: Actually, there are at least three companies we know of that specialize in re-covering plastic "ivory" piano key covers. However, they are very reluctant to replace just a few keys on a keyboard. The reason: Almost inevitably, the covers will not be an exact match — either in terms of color or thickness. They won't end up looking much better than the peeling keys you have.

If you care about your piano and its looks, the best solution is to have your tuner remove the entire set of white keys (in a spinet, they are all hitched together, so this isn't a huge job) and ship them off to be re-covered. If he doesn't know the name of a company that does this — though we'll bet he does — our "piano guru" recommends Rochester Piano Keys, 55 Lois St., Rochester, NY 14606. The price for the job, including removal and reinstallation of the keyboard, will probably run anywhere from $300-$400.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I have a "foster child" in Nepal. His family has to travel three miles to get wood with which to make fires. Remember those "solar cookers"? Edmund Scientific used to have them years ago, but they no longer carry them. I can only buy a frenzel lens. Where can I buy a solar cooker? — **PHILIP LEDOUX, Claremont, N.H.**

DEAR PHILIP: In the course of researching your question, we stumbled upon a terrific catalog which carries a selection of over 5,000 energy-sustainable and -renewable products, including solar cookers. For anyone who is getting nervous about the Y2K problem, this catalog is definitely a "must have."

We read your letter to a knowledgeable gent at Jade Mountain by the name of Scott Laughlin. He thinks your best bet is the Global Sun Oven (catalog number AA140), which consists of four reflecting sheets of stainless steel surrounding a cooking base. The base sits on a pendulating axis that can be rotated 80 degrees for different positioning in the sun. Heat concentrates in the base, so food cooks uniformly from beneath. The cost is $200 plus shipping.

The Jade Mountain catalog ($5) can be ordered from P.O. Box 4616, Boulder, CO 80306-4616 (800-442-1972). **If you are reluctant to spend the $5 without knowing more about the catalog, drop Jade Mountain a line with a business-sized SASE enclosed, and they'll send you a descriptive flyer for free.**

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I've forgotten how to remove scorch marks from clothes. I used to know but have totally forgotten. — **GRAMMA, Chesterton, Ind.**

DEAR GRAMMA: Sponge with a piece of cotton soaked in 3 percent hydrogen peroxide (the kind sold in the drugstore as an antiseptic). For linen and cotton, dampen a cloth with hydrogen peroxide, lay it on the scorched area and iron with a warm (not hot) iron.

Write to "Ask Anne & Nan" at P.O. Box 240, Hartland, VT 05048. Questions of general interest will appear in the column. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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EIME, ROBERTSON TO WED — Dianne Eime and Donny and Debbie Robertson announce the engagement of Sallie Brown Eime to Donald Dwayne Robertson. A 7 p.m., June 25 wedding is planned in the Trinity United Methodist Church. (Photo by Picture This).

Family pet sets house on fire

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP) — A pit bull named Ka-Le is 80 pounds of pure trouble — and he somehow knows how to spark a match.

The dog apparently got bored while in the back yard of his owner's home this week and began chewing on wooden matches left on a patio. He somehow managed to spark a fire that torched his bed before spreading up a wall to an awning.

Fortunately, the owners were at home and put out the blaze before there were any injuries or serious damage.

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Help Your Heart Recipes

This recipe is intended to be part of an overall healthful eating plan. Total fat intake should be less than 30 percent of your total calories for a day — not for each food or recipe.

Chocolate Oatmeal Cookies

- 1½ cups firmly packed light brown sugar
- ½ cup sifted unsweetened cocoa powder
- ½ cup fat-free milk
- ¼ cup light margarine, softened
- ¼ cup pureed prunes, unsweetened baby food prunes, or fat-free fruit-based oil and margarine replacement
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1¾ cups all-purpose flour
- 2½ teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1½ cups uncooked quick-cooking oatmeal

Preheat oven to 350° F.

In a large mixing bowl, cream brown sugar, cocoa powder, milk, margarine, prunes, and vanilla. In a small bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, and salt. Beat into margarine mixture. Stir in oatmeal.

Drop by teaspoonfuls onto ungreased baking sheets. (You should have about 60 cookies.)

Bake for 7 to 9 minutes, or until set in the center.

Serves 30; 2 cookies per serving.

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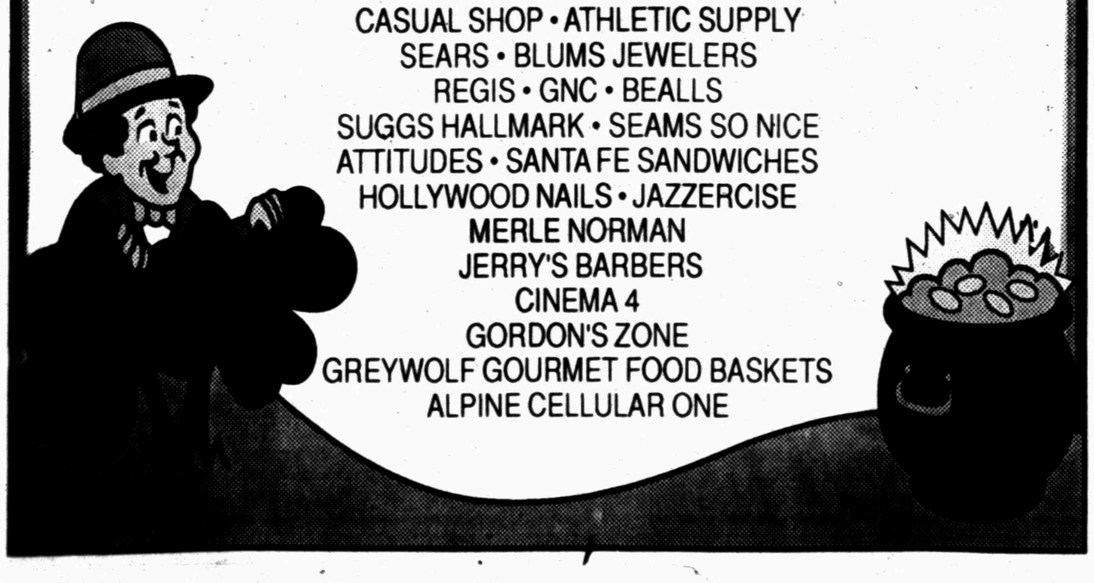
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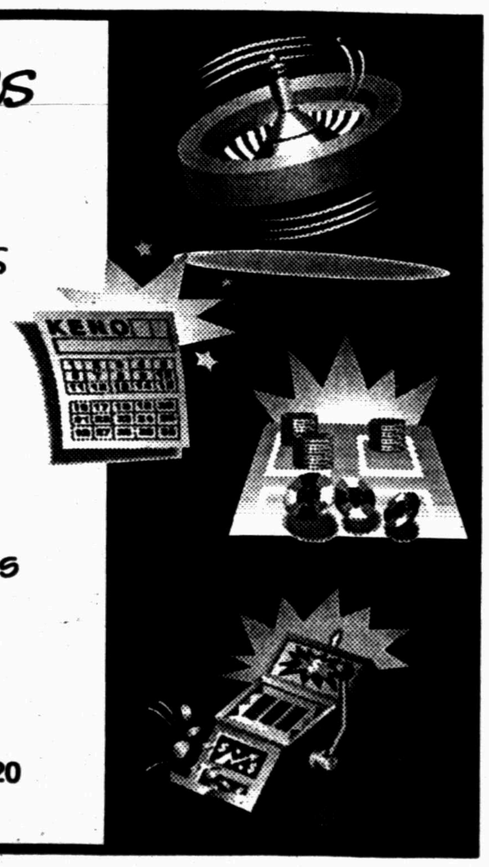
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INS strategy for interior enforcement draws fire

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Immigration and Naturalization Service is shifting focus as it acknowledges the current enforcement strategy in the U.S. interior is not reducing the number of illegal immigrants living here.

Removing undocumented immigrants is not one of the top priorities in the new strategy, which will be phased in over five years. The INS also will put less emphasis on raiding workplaces.

Last year, such raids caught nearly 14,000 illegal aliens last year, a small share of the 171,510 people removed from the country.

The agency will concentrate on removing criminal aliens, cracking down on alien smuggling rings, document counterfeiters and employers who hire undocumented workers. The INS also will work with communities to solve local immigration complaints.

INS officials believe their new interior enforcement strategy will prove more effective. But some critics complain the agency is granting a de facto amnesty to the estimated 5.5 million people living here illegally.

"I can't come up with any good reason why they would unilaterally disarm," said Rep. Lamar Smith, chairman of the House Judiciary immigration subcommittee. He contends the Clinton administration is taking a "step backward."

"The INS, by their actions, is telling would-be illegal aliens that if you don't get caught entering the U.S., we'll look the other way so you can stay," said Smith, R-Texas.

But a co-author of the plan, INS Denver district director Joe Green, said that concern is misplaced.

"The removal of aliens in the United States will remain a strategy of the INS, but not the exclusive strategy of the INS," he said in an interview Thursday.

The shift in interior enforcement priorities resulted from enforcement successes along the Southwest border, Green said. As it has become harder to cross illegally into the United States, migrants increasingly are turning to smugglers and counterfeiters for help.

"We think the results of this strategy will be a more effective agency ... and an agency that is able to bring to bear a much more credible and a stronger deterrent than the current means used by the INS will ever do," Green said.

Details of the plan, which was a year in the making, were first reported by Scripps Howard News Service.

A former high-ranking INS official, Georgetown University professor T. Alexander Aleinikoff, said the strategy appears to be a "sensible list of law enforcement priorities."

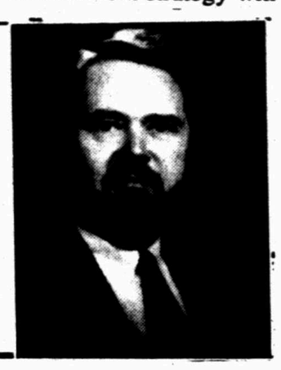
Aleinikoff, who has not seen the plan but has read about it in news reports, said: "It's wrong to call this an amnesty because as you target smugglers and employers who violate immigration laws, labor laws and tax laws, you will be deterring illegal entry and you will be arresting the illegal immigrants who are being smuggled or working in those industries."

Smith, however, views the strategy as another failure by an administration already under fire for not seeking 1,000 new Border Patrol agents next year, as ordered by Congress.

INS has seen its budget more than double in recent years.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



If you believe the gloom-and-doom, the world may end on Jan. 1, 2000. However, there are a few of us who believe that businesses may actually survive without their faithful and trusty computers for a few hours. What then? What will the 21st century bring to American business owners after Y2K?

Let me jump start your thinking process with a few questions. Do you believe we'll see the demise of the small-business owner due to continued industry consolidation, merger mania and competitive attention? Will all businesses move to electronic commerce? Who will be working? What will the next customer service fad be, and who will write the best book about it?

While I can't predict the future, I can tell you this: the coming 100 years will be the most interesting in your lifetime. Here are my thoughts on the future.

Pretty good bets

•**We will survive the Y2K problem.** Not without some glitches, but we will survive. My guess is that a few computer hardware and software companies will cash in their chips and leave the game. Others will spring up where the casualties left off.

•**Entrepreneurs will set the pace.** Big companies will start acting small in order to survive. "Business Week" reported in January that major corporations had reduced the workforces by 678,000 jobs in 1998. Yet the December 1998 unemployment rate hit a 28-year low at 4.3 percent. Who kept the unemployment numbers low? Entrepreneurs. Yes, small-businesses picked up the slack.

•**Electronic commerce will flourish.** The use of the Internet and the World Wide Web will continue to increase at significant rates. There are several reasons why. First: the information technology infrastructure is nearly in place. By some estimates, U.S. companies have poured nearly $2 trillion into information technology. Second: access, hardware and software are becoming more affordable to U.S. consumers. Third: the biggest markets in U.S. history — the baby boomers and Generation X'ers — are driving on-line usage. Fourth: all businesses are the same size on-line. To me, these indicators point to increased Internet use, and more on-line commerce.

•**Dollar bills will still be valid as spending money.** A few years ago, electronic "smart cards" were hyped as the "future money." The only problem with the smart-card approach was that the future didn't factor in the resistance of two sets of players: consumers and merchants. In addition to cash, credit cards will remain strong as a method for consumer payment. Checks will hang around a few more years, despite the nearly billion dollar loss bad check writers inflict on U.S. businesses each year.

•**Service will continue to deteriorate.** Don't ask for miracles in this area. Most customers will expect less service and get it. A few will demand better service and pay for it. The business community will continue to promote customer service as a competitive advantage strategy. Speakers will continue to speak, writers will continue to write and business owners will take pride in the "above average" service program. Customers will grow more sullen as service declines.

Who will write the new "service fad" book? probably a "retired" NBA basketball coach whose team didn't make the playoffs or an American Airlines pilot home on sick leave. Both are focused on taking care of customers.

•**Everyone will be working.** A recent study by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) reported that 80 percent of the baby boomers surveyed planned to work after they retire. One in six plan to start a business after retirement. They may put in fewer hours and have lighter workloads, but still they will be working. And so will you and I.

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Marts*. You may write to him in care of *Minding Your Own Business*, P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Chilean resident loses appeal

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Chilean resident who wanted the CIA to confirm that he once worked as a "covert employee" lost his appeal Friday.

A three-member panel of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia affirmed a lower court's decision to throw out a lawsuit filed by Eduardo Frugone, who contended he worked for the CIA for 15 years.

In 1990, Frugone tried to obtain retirement benefits from the Office of Personnel Management, which oversees federal health benefits. That office suggested Frugone contact the CIA because the agency had all of his records.

He did. Frugone then received a letter from the Office of Independent Contractor Programs telling him that he had not paid enough Social Security taxes to make him eligible for benefits. The letter did not identify the job Frugone had worked.

Furgone then asked the CIA to turn over his records under the Freedom of Information Act. When the CIA told him it could not respond within the 10-day period required by law, Furgone sued.

Frugone claimed that because the Office of Personnel Management acknowledges the existence of his relationship with the CIA, the CIA must as well. The federal appellate panel disagreed.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Roy Cantu, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Jeff and Jeanne Ellis, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Charley D. Stone, dba Stone Welding, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Coretta Robey, 1999 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Leddy Ty Lewis and Carrie Denise Thompson, both of Snyder.

Gabriel Ray Hernandez of Snyder and Machea Dell Chaney of Ira.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Melissa Kaye Dea and Timothy Wayne Dea, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Elpidio Gonzales Barerra and Ginger Ann Berrera, divorce granted.

In the marriage of LaWanna Beth Burleson and Lynn Carroldon Burleson, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Nova Dee Love Greenlee and Garry Bruce Greenlee, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Goldie Marie Allen and Norma Jean Patton to Scott Christopher and Tabitha Kalli Strong, all of Lot 6 in Blocks 9-1, 15-16 and 25-26 of the Adams Addition.

Linda Berryman to Jason W. Coy, Block 14 of the Helms Heights Subdivison.

David Coy to Jason W. Coy, Block 14 of the Helms Heights Subdivision.

Glen R. Coy to Jason W. Coy, tract one being all of Lots 2-12 in Block 9 of the Helms Subdivision out of a part of Section 156, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being all of Block 14 of the Helms Subdivision, a part of Section 156, Block 3, H&GN survey.

James and Rosemary Diane Ratliff to Myron Fenton and Brenda Fenton Conatser, tract one being 130.652 acres out of Section 12, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract two being 1.123 acres out of Section 12, Block 3, H&TC survey.

E.B. and Patsy Dennis to Jal Ray and Michele Lynn Dennis, an 0.513 acre tract in Tract 45, Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 13, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey. (Deed Correction).

Marjorie S. Young to Dougless Leland and Pat L. Moffett, the north one foot of Lot 15 in Block 1 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

Tommie Sue Bourland, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Beryl H. Williams, and James Carl Williams to Patricia William, Lot 28 in Block G of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Juanell Brewer, Oma Ruth Bailey and H.W. Elkins to Elyndabeth Toland, the east 75 feet of Lot 4 in Block 69 of the Grayum and Nelson 2nd Addition.

Texa Ball to H.C. Ball, tract one being 15.944 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 56, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being Lots 1-4 in Block 3 of the Eastland Subdivision of the southwest one-quarter of Section 56, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract three being a tract out of the 45.732 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 56, H&GN survey.

James R. Patterson Jr. to Frances Lopez, the east 75 feet of Lot 3 in Block 77 of the Grayum and Nelson 2nd Addition.

Tracy Don and Patricia D. Dennis to Rodney and Theresa Dupree, all of Lot 2 in Block 48 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

John Velasquez to Bill Rawlings, the north 50 feet of Lot 4 in Block 34 of the Blankenship Addition.

Brian Charles and Tracy Esme Peterson to Sheryl Garrick, Tony Andrew Hecksher and Dorothy A. Kayser, all of Lot 2 of Mule's Stalls, a subdivision of Lot 10 in Block 13 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Mamie Lou Eubank to Jo Newton, all of Lot 3 in Block 4 of the 1st Replat of the Noble Heights Addition.

Terry Collins to Sherry Breshers, all of Lot 11 in Block 6 of the Bootheland Addition.

Grady Carl and Nona Williams to Foy Dwain and Jo Ann Williams, the north one-half and southwest one-qurter of Section 25, Block 3, H&TC survey. (Correction Deed)

Joyce Strickland Weber and Ronald LeRoy Weber, co-trustees of the Weber Family Trust, to Joyce Strickland Weber and Ronald LeRoy Weber, tract one being an 0.35-acre tract in Section 153, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being an 0.63-acre tract in Section 153, Block 3, H&GN survey.

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Deanie Francis Mills

The comfort of books...

Last Sunday afternoon, I did something that I guess, now I think of it, I have never done before. I spent all afternoon and most of the evening sorting through all of our hundreds and hundreds of books, taking out volumes to give away, and reorganizing the shelves that line virtually every room in this house. (Well, okay, except for the kids' books. I knew better than to touch them.)

For those of you who don't know, the Scurry County Library always has a book sale in March. This one is scheduled for the 24th through the 27th. It is a great fund-raiser for the library, and an outstanding chance to pick up quality hardcovers as well as paperback books for both adults and children. The hardcovers cost all of one dollar and the paperbacks 50 cents. (When my children were small, I not only loaded their bookshelves with volumes from library sales, but I bought an outdated set of the World Book encyclopedia there for five bucks.

It's also a great place to buy a hardcover copy of a favorite book you may have purchased earlier in paperback, or to round out collections of books by your favorite authors, or just to fill up a shopping bag with lots of cozy entertainment. I warn you — it's not all neat and nice like a pricy bookstore. Wear clothes you don't mind getting dusty and get ready to get down on your hands and knees and sort through boxes of books, which, I don't mind telling you, is part of the fun.

If you're like me and have so many books that there are no longer any shelves to hold them, (or wall space for more shelves), and you've taken to stacking them up on the floor or double-lining shelves, then take an afternoon like I did. Get rid of books you never really got around to reading and never will, or books you read and didn't like, or books people gave you as gifts even though they knew full well that's not the kind of book you like to read. Throw them in a grocery sack or a box and take them down to the library to contribute to the sale. It'll just free up shelf space for all the books you plan to buy!

When I was finally done with my own sorting operation, I had no less than six large shopping bags full of books — an estimated 200 volumes that my husband and I hauled down to the library.

The day I spent going through all my books was an interesting day, kind of like a trip down memory lane. Books, to me, have always said "home." When I went away to college, I took some of my favorite books with me. As an English and history major, I had to buy many books for each one of my classes, and I kept every one of them.

When I got my first apartment, the first thing I did was purchase one of those screw-together shelves. And from then on, whenever I moved, the first thing I did was put together my shelves and unpack my books. That meant I was home. (Yeah, I know. Most people do the kitchen first. Not me. I couldn't face it until my books were out and I was "home.")

Books have always been sacred to me. I love the feel of them, their smell, the heft in my hand, and the look of them lined up on the shelves and stacked up by the bed. In fact, even our big king-sized bed here has a bookcase headboard. Books surround me in my world. As long as I have books, I am never bored.

Sorting through volumes I'd had for 30 years, it was hard at first to part with any of them. And then I started looking at them with a critical eye. For example, inspirational books I'd devoured when I first became a Christian had been replaced by more challenging work as my spiritual walk matured. It was time to let someone have them who would be able to enjoy them as much as I had so many years ago. That filled up a couple of sacks, right there.

And my mother. Bless her. Like me, she is an avid reader, but our reading tastes are absolutely at opposite ends of the spectrum. And for the past 25 years, whenever she's read a book that she particularly enjoys, she sent it to me. And I never read it. (I've tried, Lord knows.) But into my donor bags went all the romance fiction, historical romance fiction, miserable tales of concentration camp survival, cute books written by or about old women, and biographies of people like Conrad Hilton that my mother has sent to me over the years. Mother, the library thanks you.

It was embarrassing to find in my little expedition that I had bought two of several books that I might have read before, forgotten about, and bought again years later. So all my duplicate volumes got sent to the library. Also, in my case, being an author, I have friends who are authors, and I often buy their books when I see them on the stands in order to be supportive of them, whether I like what they write or not. A number of cuddly-cozy mysteries, generational sagas, and romantic intrigue went to the library, unless they were signed to me by those authors.

And now it feels as if my whole house has taken a breath of fresh air. The shelves are lined with books I treasure, organized so that I can put my hand on what I want, when I want. Kent's favorite books are placed where he can find them. When I stand and gaze at my shelves, the books are as familiar to me as my own face, and they seem to smile back, like a reflection.

I can't wait to get some more.



GEORGE PLAGENZ

'Father Divine'

The Depression was everywhere. You could see it and feel it. Unemployed men sold apples for a nickel on street corners or were reduced to begging: "Brother, can you spare a dime?"

Eddie Cantor tried his best to keep the country's spirit up by singing "Happy Days Are Here Again" on the radio. To families living in cardboard shantytowns known as "Hoovervilles," President Hoover promised "a chicken in every pot."

The chickens never came home to roost, however, and it would be another five or 10 years for the happy days to return.

In New York's Harlem, conditions were as bad as anywhere else (or worse), but the mood was different. The one responsible for this difference was a black evangelist of small stature known as Father Divine, whose followers believed he was God. Indeed, he was savior to many homeless and unemployed in Harlem during the 1930s.

He ran an employment agency that got jobs for thousands. True, they had to turn over all their earnings to Father Divine, but it is also true that they lacked nothing.

The various residences he owned were called "Heavens." Here his "Angels" (the name he gave his followers) received free room and board. There was a fine dinner every evening and a comfortable place to sleep every night. They were happier than they had ever been.

Those who attended his meetings but were not ready to forsake all for Father paid $1 to $2 a week to live in one of his "Extension Heavens." Meals were 15 to 20 cents.

He served free Sunday dinners to hundreds — with hams, roasts, chickens and turkeys.

With his Angels turning over all their earnings to him, Father Divine was able to dress in $500 silk suits and ride around in a chauffeur-driven Rolls Royce. In the 1930s he bought 25 restaurants, six grocery stores, 10 dry-cleaning establishments and a coal business. His net income was figured at $10,000 a week.

In 1941 he moved into a 32-room mansion along Philadelphia's posh Main Line. In 1946 he married Edna Rose Ritchings, the 21-year-old white daughter of a Vancouver florist whom he renamed Spotless Virgin Bride. They remained married for 19 years — until Father Divine's death in 1965.

Father Divine preached purity of mind and behavior. His worshippers greeted each other with the word "peace" because "hello" started with a swear word.

Sometimes when the 5-foot-2 deity would seem to be violating his own tenets about sexual abstinence, he would explain to his female partner of the moment, "I am bringing your desires to the surface so that I can eliminate them."

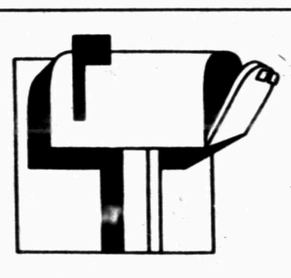
A judge once denounced Father Divine from the bench as a home breaker.

The black religious leader, who was born George Baker, established his divinity in the minds of his followers in 1931 when the judge who sentenced him to jail in a disorderly conduct charge dropped dead. "I hated to do it," said Father Divine when he heard the news. To his followers, this left no doubt that Father had struck the jurist dead.

Even when he lay dying in his Philadelphia mansion in 1965, his body crippled with arteriosclerosis and wasting away, Father Divine was still God to his disciples.

The word was passed along that the dignified evangelist had taken into his own body all the physical afflictions of mankind.

"Isn't that just like Father?" his followers said.



SDN Letters to the Editor

In appreciation

Dear Editor-

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to all of the businesses and individuals who donated to the Scurry County United Way this year, and especially to the many volunteers that gave of their time and talents to work the pledge cards to enable the people of Snyder and Scurry County to give to the United Way.

The portion of these donations we receive for the Boys and Girls Club enables us to continue our services to the youth of the area. This money, along with the other donations our athletic programs receive from interested firms and individuals allows us to offer more programs in our overall operations.

I mention the athletic funds in order to illustrate that our athletic program is self-supporting, and that none of the funds received from the United Way are used in this program.

Again, on behalf of myself, my board of directors and the youth we serve, I say "Thank You Very Much."

Jack McGlaun
Executive Director
Boys & Girls Club of
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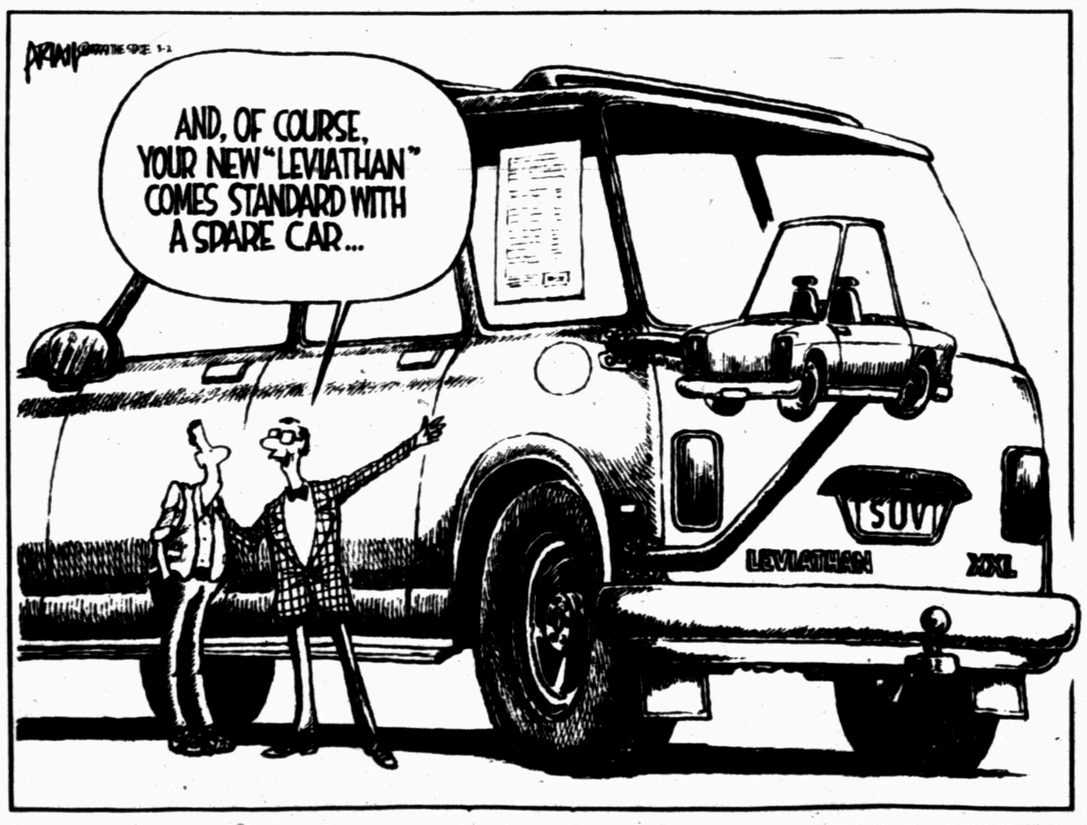
Dear Editor

During the past several (approximately 10) years, our city government has moved away from the operation of our Council-City Manager form that is dictated by our charter.

If the people of this town want to go back to the old Mayor-Council system we once had, we need to decide and at least stay legal.

Cities that do not operate under the guidelines of their government charter end up with confusion on all sides.

Stanley Noah



EDITORIAL COMMENT

Y2K computer glitch

The Facts (Brazoria County)

The prophets of doom are preaching that the apocalypse will arrive Jan. 1, when a computer glitch is expected to shut down the planet.

We are confident the end of the world will not occur. People are likely to be inconvenienced, some maybe seriously by Y2K — the failure of older computers to correctly distinguish between 1900 and 2000 because years are recorded only by the last two digits — and billions of dollars will be lost, but civilization will recover.

So, by preparing for plausible worst-case Y2K scenarios, perhaps we can avoid at least some of the problems. To that end, the U.S. Senate dedicated an entire day last week to the millennium bug.

Potential problems, they say, are predicted in health care, energy supply and some government services.

But, for most Americans, disruptions in vital services will be minimal. We can expect "a bump in the road, but it will not be crippling, and it will not last for an undue length of time."

The Senate report also finds that:

— More than half the nation's small firms that use computers have yet to act to make their systems immune to the Y2K bug.

— 64 percent of hospitals, mostly smaller units, haven't tested their Y2K repairs, and more than 80 percent of doctors' offices aren't prepared. The effects could be temporary loss of medical records, or, more serious, breakdowns in computerized equipment.

— 80 percent of ingredients used in drugs comes from abroad, many from countries that face serious Y2K disruptions.

Furthermore, senators say there is little chance of an accidental nuclear weapons launch, but medium probability of economic disruptions that will lead to civil unrest in certain sectors of the world.

So we urge readers to prepare for the possibility that anything could temporarily disrupt services at any time.

Personal preparedness for transition to the Year 2000 is no different from ways you prepare for hurricane season. As always, you should have batteries for flashlights and radios, a three-day supply of water and nonperishable goods, and at least a half-tank of gas.

The Y2K problem also is a reminder to take care of your billing, bank, and tax records. Having recent copies of records and statements on file at home makes good sense at any time. Y2K. Whether it will be the end of the world or simply a modern-day nuisance — it's coming and we should be prepared.

Cable car accident

Houston Chronicle

A U.S. Marine pilot, Capt. Richard Ashby, has been acquitted of charges in last year's flight accident over an Italian ski resort in which 20 civilians were killed when Ashby's plane cut the cable of a cable car.

Not surprisingly, there are some bitter reactions to the verdict rendered in North Carolina.

One of the bitterest results of the case has been the issue of fair compensation to the families of the victims.

The Pentagon says each of the families was given $5,000 after the accident to help cover travel and burial costs. Each family also received $60,000 from the Italian government, which was reimbursed by the United States. And the United States paid $20 million for material damage to the people of the Italian valley in which the accident occurred.

The families, however, feel they deserve more and are asking for $5 million per victim.

Technically, the United States is within the law in letting the case work its way through Italian courts. Under the protective umbrella of the NATO agreement, damage claims must be made initially in the state where an accident occurred.

The problem with that is that with the glacial pace of the Italian court system, resolution of the case could take a decade or more.

The $20 million damage payment was appropriated by Congress, but an effort to get an additional $60 million for the relatives failed.

The truth is simply that the United States must bear some responsibility. In times of crisis we come up with larger sums to aid even our enemies on humanitarian grounds. Some more fair and forthcoming compensation to our friends seems well in order now.

IRS' disorder

The Monitor (McAllen)

The news is sure to bring glee to many a taxpayer: The Internal Revenue Service was audited and failed.

That isn't unusual; the IRS has received critical reviews from the General Accounting Office for several years. And, as in the past, the tax collection agency was quick to place the blame on bad computer systems.

However, the argument is getting a bit old. Tales are myriad regarding the failure of the services computers which have used up more than a decade and $400 million to install, and have lost billions of taxpayers dollars. More than 40 percent of IRS penalties and other assessments that have been challenged have been reversed.

The computer system that has been taking the blame was installed in 1986. Let's fix or replace it already or stop using it as a scapegoat and find the real problem with the agencies inability to reconcile its own books.

Accounting computer programs should be pretty basic: They list, sort and calculate information according to instructions entered by the programmer and user. So are the computers so bad, or are they simply badly used? After all, reviews have found that IRS employees give bad advice and information to the public half the time they are called.

The IRS cant do some of the basic accounting and record-keeping tasks that it expects American taxpayers to do, Gregory Kutz, who oversaw the GSAs audit, told The Associated Press. Kutz's report revealed millions paid out in fraudulent refunds that weren't caught; improper tracking of agency assets; poor computer security that compromised the privacy of taxpayers records; inadequate background screening for workers who had access to taxpayer checks; inadequate controls over financial reporting; and a failure to reconcile its figures with those of the Treasury Department.

And these are the people who are charged with maintaining accurate accounts of all U.S. workers income, tax payments, and tax returns.

On average, Americans lose more than a third of their income to direct taxes. Needless to say, we want assurances that our money won't be wasted especially that it won't be lost to sloppy accounting practices and record keeping.

FCC chairman:

No plans for government to regulate Internet

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, bombarded anew with e-mails from computer users fearing government regulation of the Internet, tried again Thursday to dispell the notion.

"I want to say this as clearly as I can ... as long as I'm chairman of the Federal Communications Commission this agency will not regulate the Internet," Bill Kennard told a meeting of telecommunications and Internet analysts.

Kennard was addressing rumors that have circulated on the Internet for a long time as well as concerns by some consumer groups.

The FCC last month concluded that a computer user's dial-up calls to the Internet are interstate communications subject to federal jurisdiction. Internet dial-ups have been treated as local calls.

The FCC has said this decision merely resolves a dispute among phone companies over how to compensate each other for Internet connections and how to clarify the role of state and federal regulators. The agency said the decision will not affect how consumers tap into the Internet or how much they pay.

But consumer groups and others believe the action inadvertently could lead to higher charges in the future for Internet access by computer users.

"It's not going to happen," Kennard said. He repeated that the FCC has no intention of making computer users pay long-distance fees for dial-up access to the Internet, as people now pay when they make long-distance telephone calls.

Still, "these rumors get on the Internet that the big bad FCC is going to impose all this regulation on the Internet," Kennard said.

"Now I know this painfully because every so often when one of these rumors flares up I get, literally, about 600 e-mail messages a day by people who are telling me to keep my hands off the Internet," Kennard added.

Separately, Kennard said the FCC is monitoring to ensure cable companies providing high-speed Internet services are not freezing out competitors or restricting consumers' options for Internet service.

The FCC, in recent decisions, has declined to force cable companies to share their high-speed lines with competitors. But the FCC has said it would keep watch.

Consumer groups, public interest advocates, America Online and others continue to press the FCC to require that cable companies give other companies access to those lines so they can offer competing services.

Inherited genes, AIDS linked

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists have found inherited genes that may explain why some people infected with HIV quickly develop AIDs while others with the virus live for years in relatively good health.

The discovery has no immediate benefit for HIV patients, but it increases understanding about how the virus attacks the body, said Mary Carrington, one of the researchers involved in the study.

Such understanding could eventually help researchers design vaccines or drugs against HIV, she said.

In a genetic study of about 500 people infected with HIV, Carrington and fellow researchers at the National Cancer Institute found that differences in the inherited pattern of what are called HLA Class I genes determined who became sickest the soonest and who was able to hold off the disease progression. A report on the study appears Friday in the journal Science.

Carrington said Thursday that there are three different HLA Class I genes, identified as A, B and C. People inherit two copies of each one of the genes. This means there can be as many as six unique combinations or as few as three.

"The more different forms of this gene a person has, the more resistant that individual is to progression of the disease," said Carrington.

An HIV infection in people with non-matching HLA Class I gene pairs, for instance, may not progress to AIDs for six to 12 years, the researchers found. Those who inherited matched pairs of the genes tend to develop AIDS in three years or less.

HLA Class I genes are part of the immune system. Their job is to identify cells that are infected with virus and to leave a signal molecule on the surface of the infected cell. Another part of the immune system, the cytotoxic T-cell, will kill cells marked by the signal molecule, thereby blocking the spread of the virus.

The HIV virus is constantly changing and, eventually, will find a form that is not recognized by any of the HLA Class I genes.

Stanfield

Students of the 4th Weeks

The following Stanfield students were named Students of the Six Weeks for the fourth six weeks. Sabrina Rollins, Joe Garcia, Robert Velasquez, Skylar Morris, Bryce Doty, Emilio Felan, Stephen Kelley, Yvette Hernandez, Brittany Mitchell, Brian Allred, Hector Soberon, Consuelo Acosta, Bailey Richardson, Jaime Martinez, Jessie Deaver, Eric Lindsey, Roxann Renteria, Cody Presley, Jacie Eveland, Chase Guynes.

Also, Terrance Green, Veronica Arriega, Ryanna Martinez, Cody Guerrero, Ashton Burton, Kimberly Halkowitz, Jack Lewis, Jessica Hibbitt, Brance Scott, Kyra Lara, Britney Webb, Richard Grice, Jessica Bilderback, Jessi Timora, Kayla Liccardi, Collin Danforth, Chelsea Young, Charles Velasco, Jesse Conner, Jordan Wright.

Perfect Attendance

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Nutrition

By Ed Blonz, PH.D.



Can local honey ease my allergies?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: In a discussion about honey, one of the people in my office said that some people eat local honey because it helps build an immunity to local allergens. Is this possible, and if so, how would it work? — D.B., Walnut Creek, Calif.

DEAR D.B.: Local honey can indeed contain trace amounts of proteins from the flora the bees have serviced, but there is little if any data that this helps prevent or lessen reactions to local allergens (the actual substances an allergic person reacts to). There is no evidence that the body's immune system — which is responsible for most allergic reactions — can respond to honey in this way.

That being said, desensitization therapy — also called immunotherapy — is considered to be a preventive treatment for some allergies. Immunotherapy involves injecting the allergen into the skin of the arm. The process is carefully orchestrated and starts out well below the threshold of sensitivity. Exposure is gradually increased over a series of visits, until it's up to a level likely to be encountered in real life. It can take weeks or months to accomplish the task, and there is no guarantee it will help.

Could honey serve a similar function? The use of local honey would involve a wildcard of allergens of unknown concentration. There would be seasonal variation in the content of the honey, making it difficult to project what effect — if any — could be expected.

The bottom line is that there is no evidence — aside from that provided by folklore — that eating local honey helps desensitize an allergic person to local allergens. Despite the absence of scientific proof, it is a concept that has its adherents, perhaps because it is a natural food and the theory has a natural — albeit unscientific — logic behind it. The practice would be unreliable at best, and certainly not recommended for those who have severe allergies.

On another note, honey is not recommended for infants under one year of age. The reason for this is that honey can contain small amounts of botulism spores from dirt or dust picked up by honeybees. This small amount isn't a hazard to older children or adults, but it represents a risk to an infant's immature immune system.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I use a lot of tofu in my cooking because I am interested in the health benefits of the compounds in soy. How much fat does tofu contain? Also, I buy my tofu from my local market, where it is sold in water-filled tubs — how long does it stay fresh? — T.F.: Nashville, Tenn.

DEAR T.N.: Tofu has received a lot of attention as of late, and the FDA has recently proposed allowing health claims about the role soy protein may have in reducing the risk of heart disease. There is also research concerning the potential role of soy in the fight against breast cancer. As a result, more people are trying to find ways to include soy in their diets.

Tofu is made from soybeans that have been soaked, crushed, cooked and filtered. Calcium sulfate is then added, causing the soy pulp to form a gel. The water is then removed as the soy is pressed into cakes. Half of the calories in tofu come from fat. One 4-ounce piece of regular tofu contains 369 calories, 9 grams of protein, 5.5 grams of fat, and 2 grams of carbohydrates. This amount of tofu also supplies 34 percent of the daily value for iron and 40 percent of the daily value for calcium (this nutrient comes primarily from the calcium sulfate used in the tofu-making process).

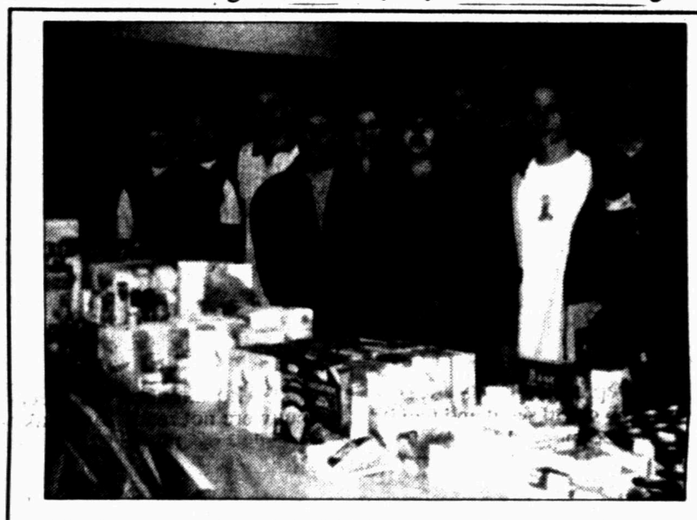
A word of wisdom: Tofu has a relatively high content of polyunsaturates. This is the type of fat that will turn rancid when exposed to the air — especially warm air. If fresh, tofu must be kept refrigerated and under water. When you purchase fresh tofu, make sure it has been properly stored, and take it home in a well-sealed plastic bag that contains water. There are other packaging options: You can buy cakes of tofu in refrigerated, commercially-sealed, water-filled packages or in vacuum-sealed, aseptic cartons.

Discard tofu if the storage water becomes cloudy, if a slippery film develops on its surface or if you notice any unusual odors. Tofu should also be discarded if it takes on a pinkish tinge — usually the effect of exposure to air. If the water is changed every day, fresh tofu can last up to two weeks in the refrigerator.

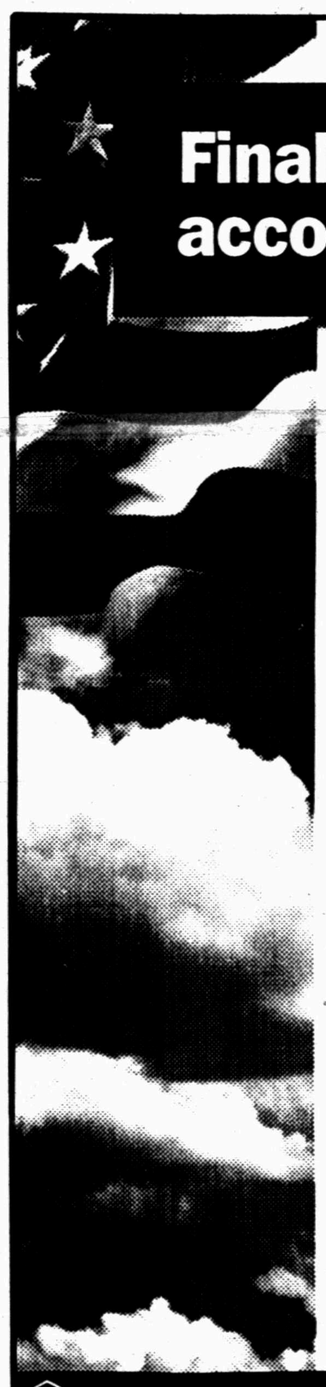
Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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BENEFIT FOOD CUPBOARD — St. Elizabeth Catholic Church's high school youth group recently gathered food for the local Food Cupboard as a special Lenten project. Chris Bane is the leader. Shown are Jacob Martinez, Jessica Martinez, Marciano Madrid, Bobby Anerson, Kristin Murray, Jared Thornhill, Ralph Ramon, Dawn Dykstra, Toby Zalman. Not pictured are Callie Bane, Brian Costillo, Loretta Rios, Tara Allen, Adrian Gonzales, Amber Schwertner. (Contributed Photo)



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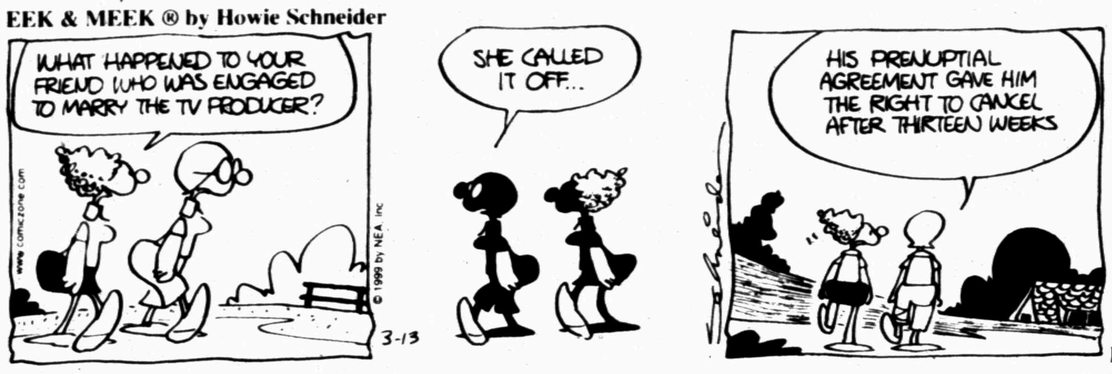
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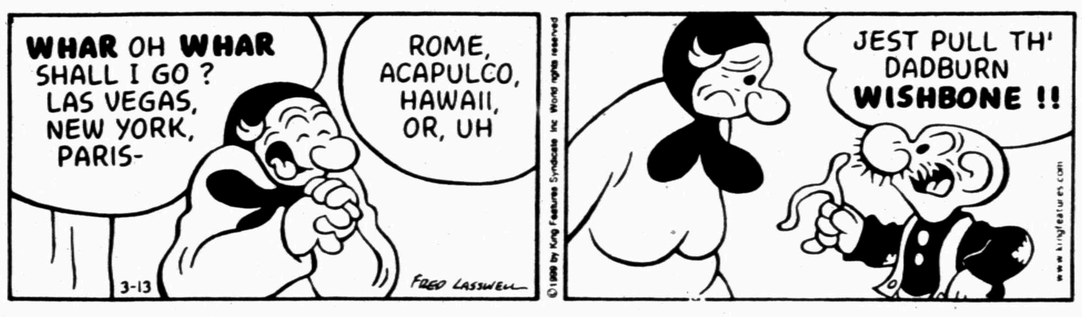
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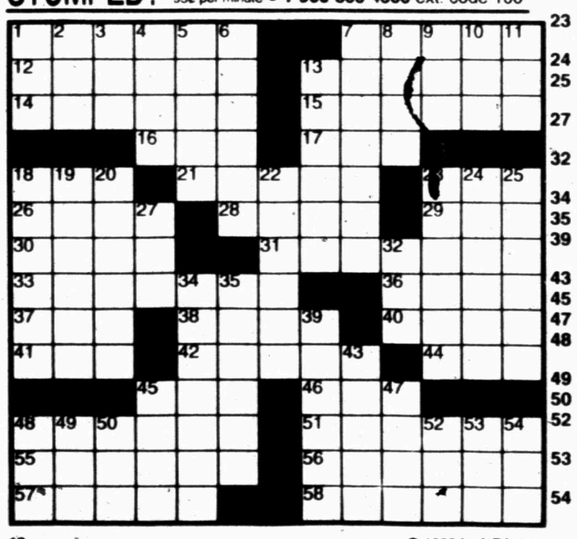
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23 Mountain range
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27 Orangutan or gorilla
32 Once around the track
34 Measurer
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39 Take for granted
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54 Joke anthology

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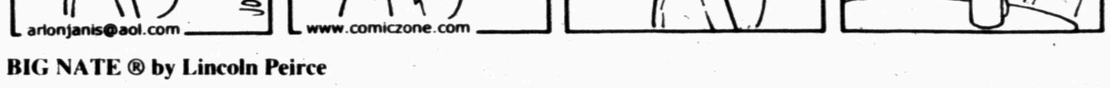


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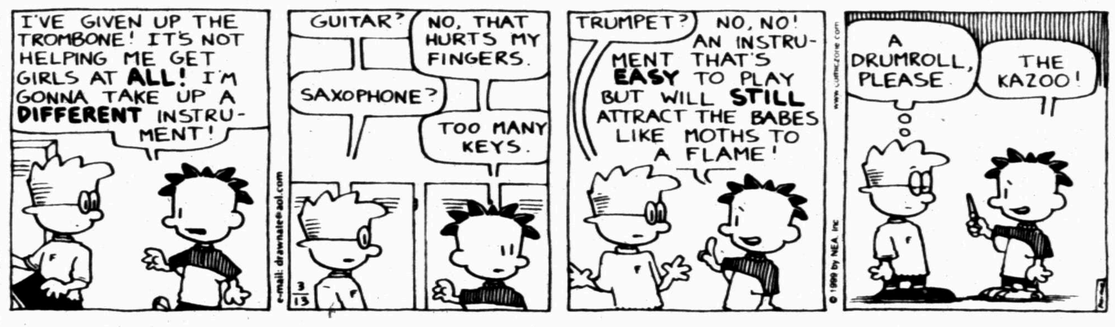
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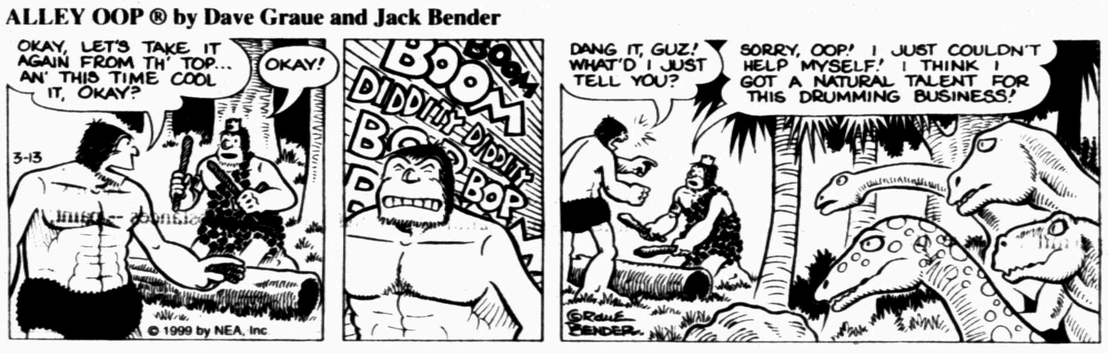


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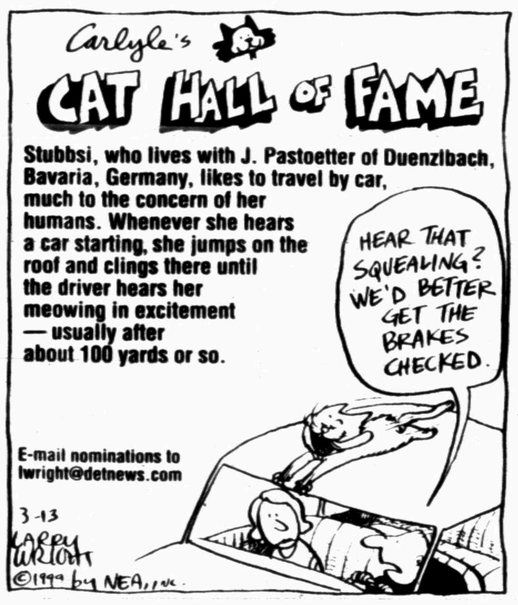
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New Mexico seeks to delay nuke shipments

WASHINGTON (AP) — The state of New Mexico and environmentalists urged a federal judge Friday to block the Energy Department from shipping, perhaps within weeks, the first truck loads of nuclear waste to a permanent underground storage site in the state.

The state, asking for a federal injunction, argued that such shipments would violate state law and disrupt New Mexico's consideration of a permit for disposal of hazardous waste at the federal site.

The Energy Department has agreed to hold off shipments for 11 days and U.S. District Judge John Harrington Penn indicated he would decide on whether to issue an injunction within that time.

The federal government argued that the Waste Isolation Pilot Project near Carlsbad, N.M., where the wastes from other federal facilities would be stored 2,000 feet underground is safe and ready to accept shipments.

The Energy Department wants to ship, as soon as possible, 36 drums of radioactive waste from its Los Alamos National Laboratory, also in New Mexico, and before the end of April begin shipments from its facility in Idaho.

The injunction request addresses only the Los Alamos waste, but government attorneys argued a delay there would jeopardize shipments from other sites as well.

Lindsay Lovejoy, New Mexico's deputy attorney general, argued there's no urgency to ship the Los Alamos waste to WIPP, as the facility near Carlsbad commonly is called. He said the state probably will issue its permit by the end of the year.

"If you can bring in the waste before the permit, we might as well not have a permitting process," Lovejoy told Penn.

Government attorneys said the wastes at Los Alamos are not subject to a hazardous waste permit because they are considered "non-mixed wastes," meaning while they are radioactive they do not contain toxic chemicals subject to the state hazardous waste statute.

Justice Department attorney Wendy Blake argued that the WIPP site is "legally opened and determined to be safe" and there is no reason to block the shipments.

To the contrary, she maintained, delaying the shipments would set back the government's broader cleanup efforts at some two dozen sites were radioactive waste currently is held, awaiting opening of WIPP.

Penn pressed Blake on what harm she could show if waste shipments were delayed until the end of the year when a state permit was, according to the state, likely to be issued.

Blake said there was no assurance the state would issue a permit that soon and that the wastes pose a risk to the public and environment because the current temporary storage sites "do not offer the level of protection that WIPP does."

Kevin Ward, an attorney representing four environmental groups that joined the state in seeking the injunction, countered that the Energy Department has never said the waste is not safe where it currently is being stored.

The arguments could also affect the shipments from Idaho.

Under a legal consent agreement with Idaho, the state has committed to begin moving wastes from that facility by the end of April. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson has said if the Idaho wastes can't be sent to WIPP, he will have to begin moving it elsewhere.

The environmental groups joining the state of New Mexico at Friday's hearing were the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Environmental Defense Fund, the Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety in Santa Fe, N.M., and the Southwest Research and Information Center in Albuquerque, N.M.

Q&A

What are inhalants?

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other Members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

What are Inhalants?

They're all over your house. They're in your child's school. In fact you Probably picked some up the last time you went to the grocery store. Educate yourself. Find out about inhalants before your children do. Most parents are in the dark regarding the popularity and dangers of inhalant use. But children are quickly discovering that common household products are inexpensive to obtain, easy to hide and the easiest way to get high. According to national surveys, inhaling dangerous products is becoming one of the most widespread problems in the country. It is as popular as marijuana with the young people. More than a million people used inhalants to get high just last year. By the time a student reaches the 8th grade; one in five will have used inhalants.

PRODUCTS ABUSED AS INHALANTS:

Adhesives
Model airplane glue, rubber cement, household glue

Aerosols
Spray paint, hairspray, air freshener, deodorant, fabric protector

Solvents and gases
Nail polish remover, paint thinner, type correction fluid (whiteout), toxic markers, lighter fluid, gasoline, carburetor cleaner, octane booster

Cleaning agents
Dry cleaning fluid, spot remover, degreaser

Food Products
Vegetable cooking spray, dessert-topping spray (whipped cream),

Gases
Nitrous oxide, butane, propane, helium

What is inhalant use? Inhalant use refers to the intentional breathing of gas or vapors with the purpose of reaching a high. Inhalants are legal, everyday products, which have a useful purpose, but can be misused. You're probably familiar with many of these substances -- paint, glue and others. But you probably don't know that there are more than 1,000 products that are very dangerous when inhaled -- things like whiteout, air-conditioning refrigerant, felt tip markers, spray paint, air freshener, butane, and even cooking spray.

What can inhalants do to the body? Nearly all abused products produce effects similar to anesthetics, which slow down the body's function. Varying upon level of dosage, the user can experience slight stimulation, feeling of less inhibition or loss of consciousness. The user can also suffer from Sudden Sniffing Death Syndrome. *This means the user can die the first, 10th or 100th time he or she uses an inhalant.* Other effects include damage to the heart, kidney, brain, liver, bone marrow and other organs. Results similar to Fetal Alcohol Syndrome may also occur when inhalants are used during pregnancy. Inhalants are physically and psychologically addicting and users suffer withdrawal symptoms.

SIGNS OF INHALANT ABUSE

- Paint or stains on body and clothing
- Spots or sores around the mouth
- Red or runny eyes or nose
- Chemical breath order
- Drunk, dazed or dirty appearance
- Nausea, loss of appetite
- Anxiety, excitability, irritability

What should I tell my child or students about inhalants? It is never Too early to teach your children about the dangers of inhalants. Don't just say "not my kid." Inhalant use starts as early as elementary school and is considered a gateway to further substance abuse. Parents often remain ignorant of inhalant use or do not educate their children until it is too late. Inhalants are not drugs. They are POISONS and TOXINS and should be discussed as such.

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to PO Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

To keep fleet

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force's bomber fleet, which includes B-52s that have been flying since before the Vietnam War, will have to last another 40 years, the Air Force's top officials said today.

Gen. Michael Ryan, the Air Force chief of staff, said $3.6 billion is being invested over then next 10 years to upgrade the fleet — giving it more advanced communications links and newer precision-guided weapons.

The Air Force does not intend to even begin planning for a next-generation bomber until about 2013, Air Force Secretary F. Whitten Peters said. Peters, Ryan and other Air Force officials briefed reporters at the Pentagon today on a new Air Force "white paper" on the future of the bomber fleet.

The Air Force timeline indicates that the current bomber fleet, which totals 190 aircraft — 93 B-1 Lancers, 76 B-52 Stratofortresses and 21 B-2 Spirits — will be worn out by about 2037.

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Dear Abby

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Bridesmaid in love with groom asks if she should speak now

DEAR ABBY: In less than two months, I'm to be an attendant in my best friend's wedding. There's just one problem — I'm in love with the groom.

For the last 18 months, we have been attending the same school. His fiancee lives far away. In my opinion, he and I are perfect for each other. We make each other laugh and we have so much in common. This isn't just a crush, and I can't imagine life without him. Sometimes it seems like he has feelings for me, too. He makes comments that make me think he's torn between her and me.

Abby, should I tell him how I feel, or keep my mouth shut and fulfill my role as bridesmaid in the wedding? Please help.

HOPELESSLY IN LOVE

DEAR HOPELESSLY: Perhaps you and the groom don't have as much in common as you seem to think. You may laugh together and have similar interests, but if he loved you as you are hoping he does, he wouldn't be going to the altar with your best friend. Trust me, if he felt as you do, he would have made it plain by now.

If you can, put your wishful thinking on the back burner, fulfill your attendant's duties and be a part of the wedding. However, if there's any chance that your feelings will surface during the wedding, beg off your commitment now so the bride will have time to replace you.

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DEAR ABBY: The other day someone asked me if I remember when "Taylor," my 2-year-old daughter, loved to play with golf balls. I tried hard to remember, but the truth is I don't recall it.

About three months ago, I decided to start a journal for my daughter. In it, I tell her what's going on in her life and in mine. I have written in it every month, and it doesn't take that long to do. Taylor recently learned to spell her name, say her ABCs, and she even knows her days of the week. I'm not sure I'll remember in 20 years what she did at a specific age. This way, I'll have written it down for her to see.

I frequently ask my mom how old I was when I did this or that. She replies, "I think you were 2 or 3." I would urge parents to take the time to write a journal for each of their children. If nothing else, it will let them know how special they are to you.

KRISTIN HAWKINS,
TEXARKANA, TEXAS

DEAR KRISTIN: I'm passing your excellent idea along to mothers everywhere. The fact that your journal picks up where the average "baby book" ends is especially appealing.

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DEAR ABBY: You are always looking for letters about heroes and heroines. Well, I have one for you!

My grandmother lives in a retirement home in West Palm Beach, Fla. Her name is Elsie Simon. Every day she reads the paper to the ladies there who can't read it themselves, and the high point of it is your column. Not a day goes by without her reading your words to the group, and they all look forward to it.

My grandmother has always been a giving person, and she remains so today. I think it would make her happy to read in your column that I love her and am thinking of her.

Thank you, Abby. You have done a lot of good in your work. Keep it up.

GILBERT B. SIMON,
TITUSVILLE, FLA.

DEAR GILBERT: Thank you for the compliment. Your Grandmother Elsie sounds like a peach of a woman who brightens the day for everyone who is lucky enough to know her.

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DEAR ABBY: Thank you for your response to "Intimidated in Toronto," advising the young woman that she does not have to put up with sexual harassment at work. As the nation's largest nonprofit working women's organization, "9to5" hears from thousands of women of all ages who have also been harassed and felt alone and confused. However, it's extremely important to let your readers know that harassing behavior is not only improper — it's illegal.

Although it is estimated that one in four women have been sexually harassed, far fewer file a complaint — because they don't know what their rights are or how to enforce them. It would be an invaluable service for you to let your readers know that quitting the job is *not* the only option available. Victims of harassment have legal recourse. As you correctly pointed out, it is quite likely that other female employees have been subjected to the same behavior. It is also quite likely that his harassment will continue until someone says, "Enough is enough!" and takes action to impose consequences through legal channels.

If any of your readers is being sexually harassed, please let him or her know that "9to5" has a toll-free Job Survival Hotline, 1-800-522-0925, with trained counselors who provide free information on workplace issues. Thank you once again for shedding light on this important subject.

MEG LEWIS-SIDIME,
PUBLIC AFFAIRS COORDINATOR,
9TO5, MILWAUKEE

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DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the letter from the 16-year-old girl whose boss is hugging, kissing and touching her in places he shouldn't be.

I am a law enforcement officer and would like to inform "Intimidated" that the actions of her boss are against the law. In the state of Washington, from the information given, an appropriate charge would be "sexual misconduct with a minor in the second degree." The kind of touching she describes, the age difference of the two parties involved, and the fact that her boss is abusing a supervisory position he holds over her are all elements of this crime. I am sure Canadian law has a similar statute.

Sexual crimes can be very debilitating to the victims, as is evidenced in the letter of the girl who wrote to you. I would urge her to quit that job immediately and get her parents and the police involved. Sexual criminals usually have many victims. Not only would she be helping herself, but many other past, present and future victims.

TONY BRITTON,
EVERETT, WASH.

DEAR TONY: I have received a bushel of mail in response to the letter from the sexually harassed teen-age girl in Toronto. Several were from law enforcement personnel such as yourself, and an astonishing number came from women who had also been sexually harassed by their employers as inexperienced teen-agers.

One pointed out that unless the girl takes control of the situation and reports it, it could affect the way she lives the rest of her life, because victims blame themselves, which leads to making bad choices and failure later in life.

A crime victim specialist in Oregon wrote: "While reporting the abuse does the obvious and stops the abuse, it also begins the healing process from 'victim' to 'survivor.' It is important for victims to understand that a sex offender offends by power and control. By reporting such offenses to the police, you are taking back that control."

Counseling would also be helpful to reassure the girl and let her know that none of this was her fault.

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U.S. foundation to increase backing for book by guerrilla

WASHINGTON (AP) — A private U.S. foundation promised Thursday to contribute $15,000 to publish a children's book written by Mexican guerrilla leader Subcomandante Marcos, making up for a $7,500 grant withdrawn this week by the National Endowment for the Arts.

"We don't like any kind of political censorship," said J. Patrick Lennan, head of a foundation in Santa Fe, N.M., named for his late father, a Chicago executive. "And this smacks of political censorship."

The NEA's chairman, William J. Ivey, canceled the federal award for Cincos Puntos Press of El Paso, Texas, after a reporter noted the Mexican revolutionary was the book's author.

Ivey said he acted because some of the money might have reached Marcos, who has battled the Mexican government since he led an uprising five years ago in the southern state of Chiapas.

Lennan said the foundation had helped the family publisher before in putting out a book.

He also mentioned the group's $35,000 support a decade ago of homoerotic photos by Robert Mapplethorpe, after a Mapplethorpe show was canceled by the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington. The Corcoran had received some of the money for the show from the NEA.

Lennan's foundation may buy and distribute some of the books. The publisher says its already has sent to a distributor some of the 5,000 copies printed and expect that publicity will create more orders from booksellers.

The book, "The Story of Colors," is a tale about the Mayan gods still revered by many in Chiapas, an area known for its Mayan ruins.

The book was first published in Spanish by a Mexican press without any help from the U.S. federal agency. The U.S. grant would have helped print and distribute an English vesion.

The U.S. edition includes a photo inside the front flap of Marcos in his signature black ski mask, with an ammunition belt across his chest.

Estate loses

LONDON (AP) — The King wasn't exactly treated like royalty by Britain's Court of Appeal.

The court ruled Friday that Elvis Presley's estate cannot stop a London businessman who sells Elvis memorabilia at a store called Elvisly Yours.

The ruling was the latest round in the 17-year fight between the Presley estate and Sid Shaw.

Lord Justice Simon Brown said there should be no "assumption that only a celebrity or his successors may ever market — or license the marketing of — his own character."

Mortgage rates hit 10-month high

WASHINGTON (AP) — The average interest rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages rose for a sixth consecutive week, to 7.11 percent, the highest level in 10 months, Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, said Thursday.

The average this week, up from 7.06 percent last week, was the highest since mid-May and marked a significantly higher level than the 6.74 percent average at the end of January.

The average reached a 31-year low of 6.49 percent in early October as worried world investors poured money into U.S. financial markets. Economists attribute the recent climb to strong demand in the economy.



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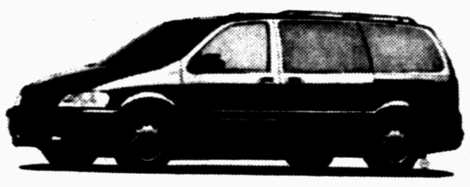
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