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A Burning Desire

ON THE JOB — Ben Poe, Snyder's newest fireman, stands by the truck he drives in emergencies. Poe, a Palestine native, has always wanted to fight fires and live in West Texas. (SDN Staff Photo)

New Snyder fireman from the Piney Woods

Since he was a little boy, Ben Poe has been fascinated with fire trucks. Now the 21-year-old Palestine native gets to drive one of the big shiny engines almost every day.

Poe is the newest member of the Snyder Fire Department and saw two life-long goals realized last month when he became a professional firefighter and when he moved to West Texas.

"Being a firefighter is something I have always wanted to do," he said. "The main reason I do this — the main reason most firefighters do this — is the opportunity to help people.

"I think there is a job out there for everyone, this is just the one for me."

Aside from his longtime fascination with fire engines, Poe also admitted he's always been "an adrenaline junkie," looking for excitement and a firehouse is a good place to find it.

His move to Snyder was another plus, according to Poe, who said he has wanted to live in this area most of his life.

"I really love this country," said Poe. "It's a little drier than where I grew up and there aren't near as many pine trees, which is a good thing."

Poe is the grandson of Bob and Rachel Martin of Snyder and he has other family members in the community. He is not married.

"When you're a fireman, it's almost like you have two families," he said. "There are your relatives and then there are the guys you work with. They become like your second family because we practically live together down at the station. We work on 24-hour shifts so we eat together and really get to know each other well.

"The firefighters here in Snyder are a great group of guys."

Poe's parents are proud of his accomplishments, but his mother worries about him, he said.

"My mom is a little iffy about my job," he said. "She's glad I'm getting to do something I really like, but she doesn't like the dangerous part of it."

Poe said he looks forward to meeting more people in Snyder and is currently learning his way around town.

"So far, everyone I've met has been real nice," he said. "Right now I plan on staying in Snyder. I'd love to make a home here."

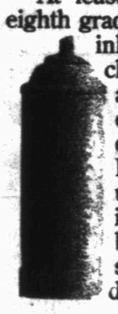
All inhalants can kill, CADA warns citizens

If you think "huffing" is something only the Three Little Pigs had to watch out for, the wolf may come knocking at your door.

"Huffing, bagging and sniffing are terms for inhalant use," said Vicki Mahoney, executive director of the Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CADA), "It's a cheap and easily accessible way that young people in this area use to get high."

CADA is emphasizing the dangers of inhalants this week as it and other drug-abuse agencies across the country kick off a campaign to raise awareness of the dangers and popularity of the deadly practice.

"At least one in every five eighth graders has intentionally inhaled household chemicals to get high at the risk of brain damage, and even death," said Mahoney. "Inhalant use is very common in the 10-12 age bracket, and is considered a gateway drug – a student's first form of substance abuse before graduating to other drugs.



"Inhalants are as close as your kitchen sink, or your child's classroom.

There are over 1,000 abusable products that can be purchased and they include gasoline, Freon, degreasers, Typewriter correction fluid, whipped cream, shoe polish, lighter fluid, spray paint, super glue, air fresheners and cooking spray."

Young people in the 12-17 age group most commonly use gasoline and lighter fluid, followed by glue. Young adults in the 18-25 age bracket most commonly use nitrous oxide or "whippets."

"Using inhalants is like playing Russian Roulette," said Mahoney. "Users can die the first time, the 10th time of the 100th time they use."

Mahoney said other effects of inhalant use includes damage to the brain, respiratory system, liver or kidneys, plus short-term memory loss and hearing impairment.

"Most parents know the dangers of tobacco, marijuana and drinking, but inhalants are a blind spot," said Mahoney.

"The goal of this campaign is to make everyone more aware of the problem."

Leroy Ochoa will present programs on inhalants at area schools during this week.

If groups or organizations need more information, or would like to have a program presented, call CADA at 573-1141.

Important blood drive coming up

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and United Blood Services (UBS) will hold a blood drive Tuesday and Thursday in Snyder.

The Tuesday drive will be from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

On Thursday, the drive will be conducted in the donor coach parked at Cogdell Hospital.

Thursday's drive will be from noon until 7 p.m.

"Our blood supply has dropped to a critical level," said Les Long, community relations manager of UBS. "This dangerously low supply puts patients at risk and our supply is below minimum standards for the blood center."

Long said the low blood supply is a result of several factors, including the long-standing gap between local demand and local donations.

Some drives in the area have been cancelled, and others have not produced the number of donors hoped for, Long said.

All blood donors this drive will receive a T-shirt, as well as a mini-physical that includes checks on temperature and iron levels.

"Please join us for this drive and help save a life," Long added.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A gossip is someone with a great sense of rumor."

We were looking at the number of days that Americans must work to pay for taxes, and then came across a real bargain.

According to facts provided for Food Check-Out Day last month, just two months into the year the average citizen will have earned enough to pay for the food he will consume all year.

We found it interesting that the average guy works only 39 days a year to pay for all the food to be consumed in 12 months. That is considerably less time that is required to ante up for taxes. No wonder we are observing National Agriculture Week.

According to experts, Americans pay about 20 percent of what we earn for food, but taxes are considerably more.

That's the good news. Because of taxes, only one of us is gonna be able to eat. We'll try to break it to her gently.

While on the subject of food, we liked the story about the fellow who was hauled into court for stealing a farmer's chickens.

The man got a court-appointed attorney, an ambitious young fellow just out of law school.

The judge suggested, "Go into the back room and give the defendant the best advice you can."

About 20 minutes later, the judge grew impatient and asked the bailiff to go and find the lawyer and his client.

The lawyer returned alone and the judge demanded to know the whereabouts of the defendant.

"Your honor," replied the defense counsel, "You told me to give him the best advice I could. After listening to his story, I thought the best thing he could do was to jump out the window and get as far away as he could."

And another fellow used poor judgment…

A man arrived at the Pearly Gates where St. Peter asked if he had done anything of particular merit during his life.

"Well, I can think of one thing."

St. Peter asked him to continue.

"Well, I once came upon a gang of bikers who were threatening a young woman.

"I directed them to leave her alone, but they wouldn't listen. So I approached the largest and most heavily-tattooed one. I smacked him on the head, kicked his bike over and ripped the ring out of his nose. I told him 'Leave her alone or you'll have to answer to me.'"

St. Peter was impressed. "When did this happen?"

"Just a few minutes ago."

County to meet on Monday

The Scurry County commissioners' court has a brief agenda when it convenes in regular session at 10 a.m. Monday.

Only two items of new business are on the agenda, including the discussion of zoning and inspections in the county.

The court also will hear the annual report from librarian Janie Romine.

The court also will consider any line-item transfers and budget amendments presented by department heads or elected officials.

Funding requests on chamber agenda

Snyder Chamber of Commerce board members will receive an update on the annual banquet held earlier this month, and hear two requests for hotel-motel tax funds when they meet Monday at 11:30 a.m.

Gateway Family Services and Scurry County Museum are requesting the hotel-motel funds.

Upcoming events the board will discuss includes the boys regional Little Dribblers basketball tourney at Scurry County Coliseum March 27-30, and the Western Texas College Rodeo April 11-13.

Convention here Saturday, Sunday

The American Legion spring convention hosted by Post 181 continues Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Registration at the Layne-Kite Post Sunday is at 8:30 a.m.

Deadline looms for local boards

Time is running out to file for local boards to lead the public schools, Western Texas College and the Snyder city council.

Filing deadline is Wednesday and so far, no contested races have developed.

And at Ira, no one has filed for the school board although all three incumbents are expected to do so before Wednesday's deadline. Incumbents are Fran Farmer, Sid Wall and Lance Autry.

The terms of Drew Bullard and Jackie Greene expire on the WTC board and both have signed up for another term.

Incumbents Vernest Tippens, David Harrell and James Ashley have filed for seats on the Snyder city council, as has Ron Shaw. Veteran councilman I.E. Martin is not seeking another term.

Glenn Clarady and Mark McCormick have filed for another term on the Snyder school board, while Doug Neff is seeking the post currently held by Janet Stribling, Democratic nominee for county judge.

All incumbents on the Hermleigh board — Tony Lambaren, Burton Sandefur and Larry West — have filed for another term.

Texas law provides that if there are no contested races, the present boards can declare the unopposed candidates duly elected and save the expense of an election.

ASK US

Q—Who is responsible for choosing the award winners at the chamber banquet each year?

A— Individual committees from the chamber, city and school district that include past winners make the choices.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 58 degrees; low 36; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 39; no precipitation; total for 2002 to date: 1.48 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday evening, increasing clouds. Low 40-45. Sunday, mostly cloudy, high 65. SW wind 10-20. Low 45.

Chelsea Russell
Cloudy

Sunrise:
6:51 a.m.
Sunset:
6:53 p.m.
Of 74 days in 2002, the sun has shone 71 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain, and most fools do.
—Dale Carnegie

Perry wants reform of Robin Hood plan

FORT WORTH (AP) — The state's school finance system must be reformed but it won't be a quick or easy fix; Gov. Rick Perry said Friday.

"I think Robin Hood, basically, is an unworkable and unfair system overall," he said at a Fort Worth hotel during the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors annual conference.

Perry, a Republican who is campaigning for governor, said school finance will be a major issue in the 2003 legislative session.

In Texas, where there is neither a statewide property tax or personal income tax, public schools are primarily funded with local property taxes and state and federal money.

Many school districts have reached a state-mandated property tax cap, meaning residents are paying high local taxes as schools struggle for funding. Those property-rich districts also say they are sending too much funding to poorer schools under the state's so-called Robin Hood law.

"It is one of the most difficult things we tangle with as a state and as elected officials," Perry said. "Robin Hood is a very divisive plan. My hope is we can sit down and find an equitable solution."

Perry did not give details of how the state can funnel more money to poor districts without raising taxes, saying he trusts legislators to find a solution.

Perry's Democratic opponent in the November election, multimillionaire Laredo businessman Tony Sanchez, has not specifically spoken about Robin Hood, but has vowed to increase instructional funding by lowering administrative costs.

"He is looking to bring 30 years of business and management experience to the governor's office," campaign spokeswoman Michelle Kucera said.

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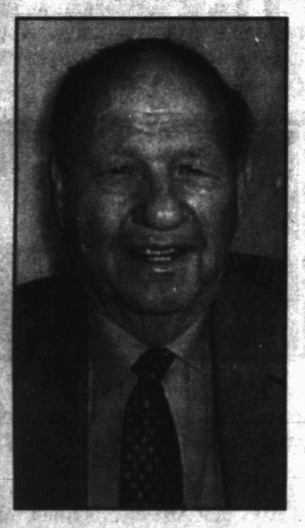

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The White Witch (Doylene Gilliland) and the Lion (Corey Knipe) have a confrontation.

Peter (Casey Pierce) and Fenrus Ulf (Jacob Brumley) duel to the death as the animals played by Stacey Clifton, Nathan Graves, Raven Luna, Autumn Castillo, Terryn Autry, Brailee Sanchez, Rachael Dupree and Sarah Parmer look on.

The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe

FINAL PERFORMANCES — The Ritz Community Theatre will present the *Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe* at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. A special discount, two tickets for the price of one, is available for Saturday night. Tickets are $7 for adults, $5 for children and students and $5 for everyone for the matinee. Call the box office at 573-8880 to make reservations.

Peter (Casey Pierce) and the White Witch (Doylene Gilliland) get into a sword fight.

SDN Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Texas students protest

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of Houston middle school students chanted outside the White House on Friday, protesting after they were refused entry for a tour. Later, arrangements were worked out for a special Saturday tour of the White House for the group of 70 students, parents and teachers.

The Secret Service said the group was refused entry because it had not met new security requirements, but the teacher leading the students to Washington disputed that.

The teacher, James Henley, was asked by Secret Service for identification when the chanting broke out, a Secret Service spokesman said.

The tour was organized through the office of Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Houston. The students were from Sidney Lanier Middle School.

Secret Service spokesman Jim Mackin said that "the White House visitors office did not allow the tour because they did not follow the protocols."

Henley disputed that, saying that the group filled out all the paperwork for the tour.

When the students started chanting, the Secret Service threatened Henley with arrest. The Secret Service then escorted Henley outside the entranceway to the sidewalk.

"We followed every procedure given to us by the congresswoman," said Henley. "We had a printed confirmation from the White House on White House stationery and we called Thursday and confirmed with the White House visitors' office center, and they told us everything was fine."

Henley said Jackson Lee's office worked into the night "and got the White House to relent. We'll be touring at 9 o'clock Saturday morning."

Tipper Gore eyes senate race

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tipper Gore cut short a trip to California to return to Tennessee, where she planned to spend the weekend talking with associates about a possible run for the Senate, people close to her said Friday.

The people, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Mrs. Gore wants to make a decision quickly about whether to seek the seat from Tennessee that her husband, Al Gore, held from 1985 to 1993. One said a decision should come by the middle of next week.

Among the issues Mrs. Gore must weigh is whether she can win a state that shockingly rejected her husband in the 2000 presidential election, costing him the White House.

In addition to confidantes, Mrs. Gore is expected to talk with Rep. Bob Clement, D-Tenn., who has expressed interest in running for the Senate seat.

Clement, a seven-term House member whose father was governor of Tennessee, said Friday he would hold a news conference Monday. Bill Farmer, chairman of the Tennessee Democratic Party, said he expects Clement will announce his candidacy then.

If Clement runs, another potential candidate, Rep. Harold Ford Jr., D-Tenn., has said he will not.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., who won her seat in 2000 while serving as first lady, said she spoke to Mrs. Gore on Friday and encouraged her to run.

"She's very passionate about issues, wants to help children and families have a better life," Clinton said. "She really has tremendous empathy and an understanding of the challenges people face, and would be a very strong candidate and a first-rate senator."

If there is a Democratic primary between Clement and Mrs. Gore, each would have advantages, said Bruce Oppenheimer, a political science professor at Vanderbilt University.

"He does not have the same statewide visibility that Tipper Gore has, and the additional disadvantage is that she probably could raise money nationally much more easily than he can," Oppenheimer said. "Her disadvantage, as opposed to Clement, is that she's never been a candidate for office before."

He said he doesn't believe Al Gore's loss of Tennessee in 2000 will be a factor.

Molly Wilson on UV Dean's List

Molly A. Wilson of Snyder, daughter of Bill and Nancy Wilson, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2001 semester at the University of Vermont.

Wilson, a senior, is majoring in secondary education English in the College of Education and Social Services.

Wilson is a 1998 graduate of Snyder High School.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.

Huddleston gets English award

Ryan Huddleston of Midland has been named a United States National Award Winner in English.

He attends Robert E. Lee High School and is the son of Donna Huddleston of Midland and the late Richard Huddleston.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don West and Mrs. Doyle Buchanan, all of Snyder.

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Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
13-21-22-26-29

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
3-8-7

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West Science Fair

West Elementary School sixth graders went all out for the annual science fair. Students in Kathy Scott's and JoAnn Ham's classes each completed a project.

The Top 12 was named and all projects were displayed last week at Towle Park Barn.

Joseph Hefner's Germination of Seeds claimed the top prize.

Runner-up was Nicole Mean's Presence of Bacteria in the mouths of Humans and Animals.

Brent Bollinger's How Worms React to Different Stimulus took third place honors and fourth place went to Loren Tombs' Porosity of Various Sizes of Spheres.

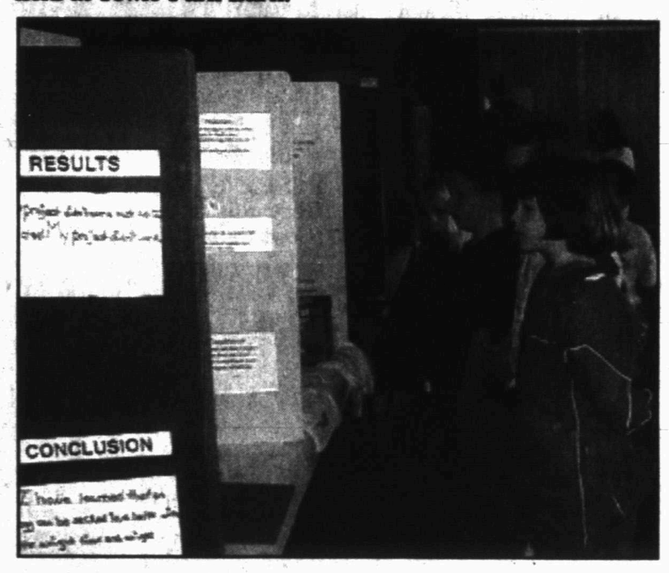
Travis Hatfield came in fifth with his Grass Seed Germination project. Sixth place went to Preston Munson for Comparison of Bacteria in Dogs and Humans.

Gasses in Vegetables by J.W. Wesson garnered seventh place. Tatum Norwood earned eighth place with Extracting DNA. Erin Hogan's Hologram finished in ninth place.

The final winners were Layton Westmoreland, 10th place, Solar-Powered Car; Jacob Hinson, 11th place, Electricity from Fruit; and Destinee Naegele, 12th place, Anemometer.

TOP 10 — These sixth grade students were the Top 10 winners in West Elementary School's Science Fair. Back row, from left, Travis Hatfield, Brent Bollinger, Loren Tombs, Erin Hogan, Jeseph Hefner; front row, J.W. Wesson, Layton Westmoreland, Preston Munson, Nicole Means and Tatum Norwood.

West Elementary classes took turns visiting the science fair held at Towle Park Barn.



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State fund gets boost from feds

AUSTIN (AP) — The federal government has given $596 million to Texas so the state fund that provides benefits to unemployed workers won't go broke, Gov. Rick Perry said Friday.

The fund was expected to run out of money this month, which would have triggered an automatic $1.4 billion tax increase for Texas employers. A rising unemployment rate is among the reasons for the deficit.

Federal law requires states to have balanced unemployment funds, even if they must borrow money and raise employer taxes to repay the loans, with interest.

For five months, the state has been trying to avoid a federal loan and large tax increase by asking the federal government to return some of the taxes Texas employers have already paid, Perry said.

"We are pleased that, with the strong support of President Bush, these funds have been returned to Texas," Perry said.

The $596 million comes from the federal Reed Act signed recently by Bush. It includes federal money to extend unemployment benefits an additional 13 weeks beyond their typical cutoff, and allows for the distribution of surplus federal unemployment funds under a 1954 law. That second category is resulting in $8 billion of unemployment payments to states, including Texas.

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JP reprimanded for spanking

HOUSTON (AP) — The State Commission on Judicial Conduct has reprimanded a Montgomery County justice of the peace for ordering a man to paddle his foster son in the courtroom.

John Robert Kleimann, a longtime judge in Willis who isn't seeking re-election this year, also was admonished for sleeping on the bench "on numerous occasions."

The sanctions were issued March 1 and released publicly Friday.

According to the reprimand, the May 7, 2001, paddling was ordered when Mike Rooney appeared before the judge with his 11-year-old foster son, who had been cited to appear in the court for using profanity at school.

After hearing of the boy's unruly conduct at home and at school and being told that alternative forms of discipline had been unsuccessful, Kleimann said the boy needed a "good butt-dusting."

When Rooney explained that he wasn't allowed to spank any of his foster children, Kleimann indicated he could spank the boy with the court's permission, according to the reprimand.

Rooney then swatted the boy three times in the presence of the judge and court personnel after a deputy constable provided a paddle.

The commission determined that Kleimann acted illegally because he had no authority to order the paddling. The commission found that the judge also failed to maintain proper order and decorum in the courtroom.

The paddling angered child service agencies, but Kleimann at the time defended his order for corporal punishment.

"That was the way I was raised and you were raised, and we were much better kids than the current generation," Kleimann said in a story in the Houston Chronicle's Saturday editions

The commission also cited numerous incidents, including at least one during a witness's testimony, in which Kleimann had been accused of dozing off.

"Sleeping on the bench erodes public confidence in the judiciary by sending the message that the judge lacks concern for the proceedings at hand and for the judge's duties under the law," the reprimand stated.

Kleimann denied ever falling asleep during a trial. But in a sworn statement to the commission, he wrote, "It is the judge's opinion that no one should say when the judge may rest during a 24-hour period."

If Ricky comes to work on your phone wish him a
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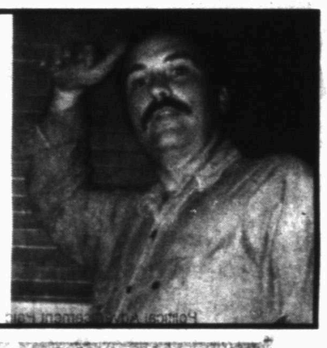

Half of Hollywood prepared for Liza Minnelli's wedding

NEW YORK (AP) — Liza Minnelli is taking her fourth walk down the aisle in a wedding extravaganza that promises more excess than her first three combined.

Minnelli's over-the-top wedding Saturday to producer David Gest features a high-powered, eclectic guest list reminiscent of Liza's days as a habitue of Studio 54: Oscar-winning actors Anthony Hopkins and Michael Douglas; rockers Elton John and Gene Simmons; TV news stars Diane Sawyer and Barbara Walters; actresses Joan Collins and Mia Farrow.

The best man — Michael Jackson!

The maids of honor — Elizabeth Taylor! Marisa Berenson!

The gown — custom made by Bob Mackie!

The processional — sung by Natalie Cole!

Throw in "Baywatch" lifeguard David Hasselhoff, octogenarian comedian Phyllis Diller and newly uncloseted talk show host Rosie O'Donnell, and you have the makings of ... well, something that's sure to attract paparazzi from around the world.

Concert is postponed because of flu bug

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Neil Young has the flu so Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young concerts in Washington and Oregon have been postponed for a month.

The shows, scheduled at the Tacoma Dome in Washington on Friday and Portland's Rose Garden Arena on Sunday, have been rescheduled for April 28 and April 29 respectively.

The shows would have been the last two on the first leg of the group's "Tour of America," scheduled to resume March 26 at the America West Arena in Phoenix.

Young and other members of the band will probably return home for a break, publicist Michael Jensen said from his office here.

"They're all anxious to get a few days rest," he said.

The tour started Feb. 6 and is scheduled to end April 29.

Other band members are David Crosby, Stephen Stills and Graham Nash.

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Shirley K. Jones
of Fluvanna invite friends and family to celebrate her birthday on March 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Fluvanna Community Center.

Come celebrate her 70th year with your presence but no presents, please.

Ira, Fluvanna youth win at Houston show

HOUSTON — Scurry County exhibitors garnered awards at the Houston Livestock Show.

Laredo, a 1,307-pound steer, shown by Cody R. Beaver, 18, of Fluvanna was named reserve champion in the Junior Market Steer Show.

Wesley Kellner, 14, of Ira exhibited the Champion Berkshire in the Junior Market Barrow Show on Feb. 26. Henry was King weighs 268 pounds.

Beaver, a senior, plans to major in pre-medicine at Texas Tech University. The Scurry County 4-H member said he likes getting up early, and works with Laredo 10 hours a week.

Judge Callahan said that Laredo was a "good steer overall, in regard to muscle and smoothness."

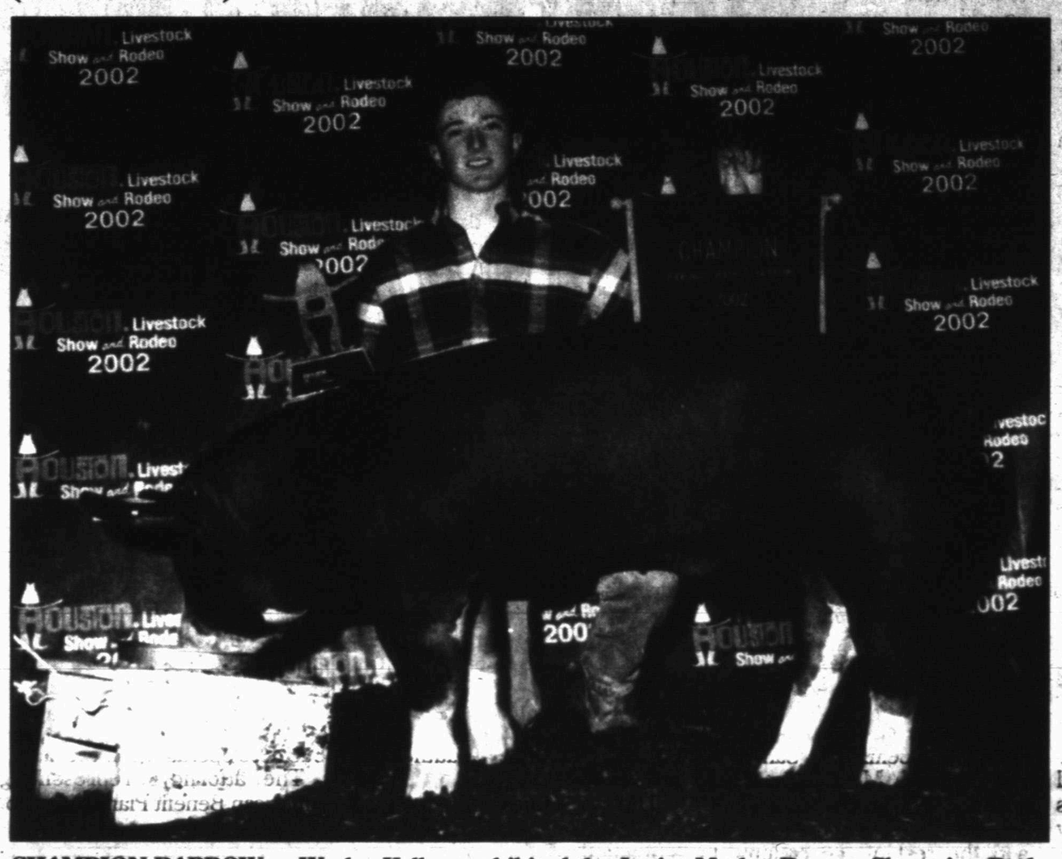
Kellner, an Ira School FFA member, said "...winning today makes the hard work worth it, and I had a great time."

Judge Warren Beeler of Caneyville, Ky., said Henry "puts together a lot of muscle and has a very lean look. This pig is exceptionally level and is a very complete pig."

Reserve champion barrow went to 269-pound Oscar, owned by Rynn Smith, 10, a Lubbock County 4-H member from Idalou.

Carlton Thomas Johnston, 10, of Loraine showed Red, the Champion Santa Gertrudis. Red weighs 1,280 pounds, and had won first place in previous shows.

RESERVE STEER — Cody Beaver exhibited the Junior Market Steer Reserve Champion Santa Gertrudis at the Houston Livestock Show. Also pictured are Chad, Becky and Steve Beaver. (Contributed Photo)



CHAMPION BARROW — Wesley Kellner exhibited the Junior Market Barrow Champion Berkshire in The Houston Livestock Show. (Contributed Photo)

Arkansas' First Lady eyes public office

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — First lady Janet Huckabee, whose husband is seeking re-election as governor, is expected to seek the Republican nomination for secretary of state, political officials said Friday.

The first lady planned to make an announcement Saturday on the Capitol steps, said Michael Manley, who said he was her campaign manager. He would not reveal the subject of the event.

State Land Commissioner Charlie Daniels, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for secretary of state, said he has heard Janet Huckabee would run. "She'll be a good adversary," he said.

The Democratic Party chairman also said she was expected to seek the office.

"I'm surprised they're doing this, both of them on the ballot at one time," Ron Oliver said.

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Family of six dead in Oregon

McMINNVILLE, Ore. (AP) — Teachers noticed the four Bryant children had been absent for days, so school officials stopped by, only to find the curtains drawn.

Their father, a landscaper, didn't return calls about contract work that was left undone.

But it wasn't until worried neighbors approached two Yamhill County sheriff's deputies who were in the area Thursday night on an unrelated call that the gruesome truth was discovered: the family of six had been shot to death in an apparent murder-suicide.

The children — ages 8 to 15 — were found in their beds, dressed in their night clothes. Their mother, 37-year-old Janet Ellen Bryant, was found on the floor in the master bedroom.

Robert Bryant, 37, who is believed to have murdered them before turning the shotgun on himself, was found in the living room, said Yamhill County District Attorney Bradley C. Berry.

"It was a horrible sight," Berry said of the deaths, which rank among Oregon's worst mass murders. The motive was not known.

The children were last at school on Feb. 22, and the shootings are believed to have occurred the following night, he said.

Karen Richey, assistant superintendent for the McMinnville School District, said teachers had noticed the children's absence from school and several attempts were made to contact the Bryants.

"We had people knocking on the door several times," but no one ever answered the door, she said.

At first school officials weren't alarmed, because it is not uncommon for students to be absent during the flu season, she said.

Two Yamhill County sheriff's deputies were in the area Thursday night when neighbors asked them to check on the family.

Financial Focus

Women and Investing
Your Special Financial Considerations

Women are still far more likely than men to make career concessions in order to raise their families. Furthermore, even women who work full-time still earn less than men, on average. While we have made some strides toward achieving fairness in pay, we're not there yet.

However, more and more women are taking charge of their finances. In short, if you're a woman — whether you have children or not — you are going to have special financial considerations, especially in the area of saving for retirement. Consider these factors:

•More than 80 percent of all women will be solely responsible for their own finances at some point in their lives — most as they get older.

•On average, men collect $10,450 in retirement income, from all sources, compared to just $6,000 for women.

•Because women live an average of seven years longer than men, they're more likely to outlive their assets.

•Only 50 percent of working women have pensions. Women are more likely to work in small businesses that do not offer pension plans.

You get the picture. You simply must take significant action on your own behalf if you are going to enjoy a comfortable financial future. Fortunately, there are many steps you can take. Here are just a few:

Pay Yourself First

Every time you get paid, turn around and write out a check to whatever savings or investment vehicle you have chosen — before you pay any other bills. Better yet, take advantage of payroll deduction, bank authorization or systematic investment plans so that your money is automatically invested before you even receive it. Such a plan, however, does not assure a profit and does not protect against loss in declining markets.

Invest For Growth

To achieve your retirement goals, you may need to put some of your investment dollars into "growth" vehicles, such as stocks or mutual funds. Historically, stocks have appreciated more than other types of investments. More importantly, other types of investments, such as CDs or Treasury bills, may not even keep up with inflation, so you could end up losing purchasing power if your portfolio is not well diversified.

Take Full Advantage of Available Retirement Plans.

Save on a pre-tax basis through your employer's 401(k) or by making IRA contributions. If you can't deduct an IRA contribution, consider a Roth IRA. Contributions to a Roth IRA are not deductible, but a Roth does offer tax-free income at retirement under certain circumstances. If you are self-employed, a Simplified Employee Pension Plan (SEP) or other qualified retirement plan may offer you a business tax deduction.

You're in Control

By following the steps described above, along with any others that make sense for your individual situation, you can take charge of your own financial future. It will take some time and effort — but the ultimate goal is well worth it.

A cop's view of spring break

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP) — Sirens blaring, Patrolman Mario Garza worms his vehicle down the shoulder of Padre Boulevard, past drunken wise guys yelling, "Cop, cop!" and a Jeep full of blondes mimicking the "woo woo" of the siren.

It's 11:44 p.m., on the second Thursday of March, and Garza is responding to yet another emergency call during Spring Break. Every state college and university has the week off, and so does every public high school.

A typical March will see 500 to 600 arrests, with last year's tally at 683. On peak nights, the men's lockup may bunk more than 65.

Garza's shift began at 10 p.m., and he doesn't expect to be off duty until noon.

A teen-ager lies on the pavement, moaning in pain, her bare feet scraped and shaking. A fellow high school student from Lockhart explains how a sudden U-turn sent her flying from her standup perch on the back of the pickup.

An officer declines another friend's request to ride in the ambulance, saying he might give her a ride in the police car instead, for underage drinking.

"She's hurt, and they're going to start arresting people for drinking," White says. "It's Spring Break, man!"

Revelers are piled into the beds of pickup trucks, leaning out of SUVs, milling between cars with their Mardi Gras beads and their camcorders. If they are male, they are hooting and hoping. If they are female, they may be flirting and flashing.

Garza, 28, takes in the scene, familiar after four years on the force.

"All these guys are interested in is seeing the girls show their breasts," he said.

Can the girls be arrested for that? "Only if they're impeding traffic."

Between scanner calls, Garza looks for violations, such as riding on a portion of a vehicle not intended for passengers.

Pair guilty of smuggling nude dancers

EL PASO (AP) — A University of Texas at El Paso research assistant and his wife were found guilty of smuggling women from Uzbekistan into the United States and forcing them to work as nude dancers.

A federal jury convicted Sardar Gasanov, 40, and his wife Nadira, 37, of recruiting women from their hometown, Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Both of the Gasanovs were found guilty of conspiracy, alien smuggling conspiracy, and three counts of alien smuggling for profit. The two were found innocent of money laundering.

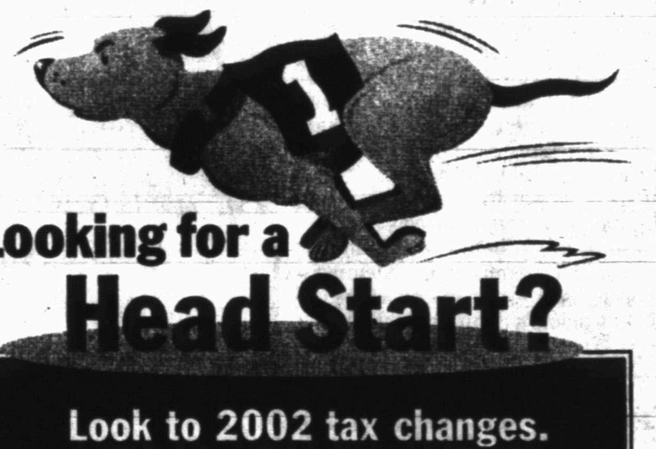
The Gasanovs will be sentenced May 8 and face up to 50 years in prison, lead prosecutor Brandy Gardes said in Saturday's editions of the El Paso Times.

The Gasanovs forced three women ranging in age from 20 to 23 to turn over all the money they earned dancing — more than $700,000. The first woman came to the United States in 1998.

The couple posted flyers in Tashkent recruiting women to work as professional models and promising extravagant lifestyles and the opportunity to bring their families to the United States at a later date.

When one of the woman's documents expired, officials said, Sardar Gasanov forced her to marry one of his students at Texas-El Paso to secure the needed documents.

The student, Ruben Dagda, is charged with marriage fraud, but officials said they haven't located him.



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Andersen clients continue to exit

CHICAGO (AP) — The exodus of blue-chip clients from Arthur Andersen LLP accelerated Friday with four more Fortune 500 companies bolting, reflecting increased concern the end might be near for the now-indicted auditing giant.

Sara Lee Corp., Abbott Laboratories Inc., Northeast Utilities and Brunswick Corp. all severed decades-long relationships with Andersen as their auditor, and others also said they were considering firing the Chicago-based firm.

Combined, the four paid Andersen more than $15 million in auditing fees in 2001. But more than the lost revenue, their hasty departures are an ominous sign for a firm whose business appears to be in free fall.

Accounting industry experts said the stream of defections is likely to turn into a flood in coming days after Thursday's criminal indictment of Andersen for shredding documents related to its audits of collapsed energy trader Enron.

"Chances are now much greater than before that Arthur Andersen as we know it will not exist," said Itzhak Sharav, an accounting professor at Columbia University. "There is no great reason for clients to stay with them, assuming that sooner or later this indictment will spell the end of the firm."

Trying to stem the client exodus, Andersen has held talks with other Big Five accounting firms in recent days about a possible sale of some or all of its assets. But talks have faltered over concerns about Andersen's liabilities from the Enron case.

KPMG was still holding talks with Andersen on Friday, according to a person familiar with the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity. A spokesman for KPMG declined to comment.

Industry observer Arthur Bowman, editor of Atlanta-based Bowman's Accounting Report, said an acquisition of Andersen by another member of the Big Five could happen as early as next week if daunting obstacles to a deal can be eliminated.

"Every one of them would like to get Andersen if the price is right, and the price has to include no extension of liability," he said.

Andersen spokesman Patrick Dorton declined to comment about merger talks or the latest loss of clients. "We're gratified that so many clients stay with the firm. People continue to work hard every day on the accounts of every single one of our clients," he said.

The mood inside headquarters was described as "grim" by Gail Scherquist, who works in human resources.

"We haven't heard anything about a merger. We've just heard that talks are ongoing," said Scherquist, 34, as she emerged from the building Friday afternoon.

"It's been a pretty tough week. At first it seemed like Monday was the worst day, and then every day after that has been more bad news," she said. "There's 5,300 people working here, and we didn't do anything wrong."

Andersen had provided auditing services for Sara Lee since 1965, Abbott since 1963, Northeast Utilities since 1977 and Brunswick since 1942.

GRADUATES — Scurry County Early Heard Start recently honored their newest graduates and their families with a party. Pictured left to right: Markos Lara, James Campos, teacher Laura Pully, Isaiah Martinez and Ysabel Soliz. (Contributed Photo)

Pully gets credential from CDA

Laura Pully, an infant/toddler teacher for Scurry County Head Start, has been awarded a Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential in recognition of outstanding work with young children.

The credential was awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition in Washington, D.C., which represents the early childhood profession.

Pully is attending classes at Western Texas College to earn her AA degree in Early Childhood Education. She has worked in the childcare field for several years. She had a registered home daycare before coming to work at Snyder Child Daycare Center. She began working for Early Heard Start Program in December of 2000.

Laura is a native of Yuma, Ariz. and moved to Texas almost three years ago. She is the daughter of Norman and Anita Pully of Yuma.

Wilson is on tour

NEW YORK (AP) — Mary Wilson has been a Supreme; now she's a sophisticated lady.

The former Motown star is touring the country in a version of "Sophisticated Ladies," the 1980s hit Broadway musical based on the music of jazz great Duke Ellington.

State regulators warn about low-cost medical care plans

DALLAS (AP) — Unlicensed health care plans offering low premiums may be tempting to employers struggling to provide insurance for their employees, but Texas Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor says many such plans are scams that disappear without ever paying customers' claims.

The commissioner said Friday that his office has shut down three unlicensed plans in the last 12 months that sold bogus policies pledging to cover more than 20,000 Texas workers. State regulators are investigating as many as 11 other plans.

"It's a real troubling trend," Montemayor told The Dallas Morning News for Saturday's editions. "Rising premiums have made employers vulnerable to sales pitches for cheap health insurance sold by unauthorized insurers."

The companies offer rates as low as $150 per family per month, a fraction of the going rate of $500 or more.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners said that it has seen an increasing number of such cases nationwide as employers try to avoid paying higher premiums.

Small business owners, who have seen the greatest increases in premiums, find the rock bottom offers particularly attractive, officials say.

"They are desperate to get their folks covered, and they can't cope with market premiums," Montemayor said. "They receive a fantastic deal and presentation and they go for it.

"The problem is that sooner rather than later the guys abscond with their money, and everyone is left with a pile of bills."

Employers could end up being required to pay the bills out of their own pockets, Montemayor said.

Last week, Texas insurance regulators announced they had closed American Benefit Plans of North Richland Hills, which had sold policies covering as many as 8,000 people. A district judge froze the assets of American Benefit Plans and ordered it to cease business operations in the state.

The attorneys representing American Benefit Plans could not be reached by the newspaper for comment.

Brenda Palatnick, owner of Accu-Type printing shop in Addison, bought into a plan her insurance agent said would cost 25 percent less per employee per month.

Mexican trucks may hit U.S. roads in June

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Mexican truckers can begin transporting goods through Arizona and the rest of the country as early as June if they fulfill certain safety requirements.

The requirements include getting U.S. certifications, undergoing safety inspections, carrying American insurance and testing for drugs and alcohol.

As part of the North American Free Trade Agreement, the federal government released regulations Thursday to permit Mexican truckers to operate beyond the commercial border zone.

The zone ranges from three to 75 miles north of the border, depending on the state.

Mexican and U.S. trucking interests don't believe the new rules will initially cause a deluge of Mexican carriers through Arizona's ports of entry and the other three border states. That's in part because of U.S. trucking company competition, industry experts said.

Time lost waiting for inspections also makes it financially less attractive to make long hauls from one country's interior to the other when U.S. trucking companies can pick up the goods in U.S. border towns.

Over time, the border region for truck cargo transfers is likely to expand north to cities such as Tucson, Phoenix and San Antonio, say both Mexican and U.S. trucking industry experts.

Critics said opening the border and the rest of the country to long-haul Mexican truck traffic could make for unsafe U.S. roads.

Proponents contend the rules will make for tighter safety controls for those trucks traveling on U.S. roads.

Under NAFTA, Mexican trucks were supposed to get access to Arizona and other border-state highways in 1995 and to all U.S. freeways in 2000.

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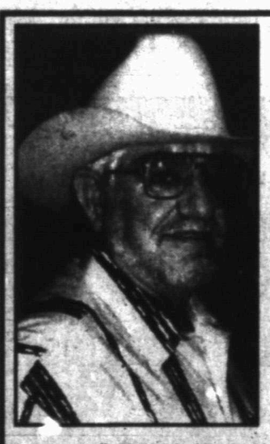

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to each of you that supported my bid for the Republican nomination for Commissioner, Precinct 2, Scurry County. It was a pleasure meeting and visting with those of you I was able to make contact with. I congratulate Robbie Floyd in his success to represent the Republican Party in the November election.

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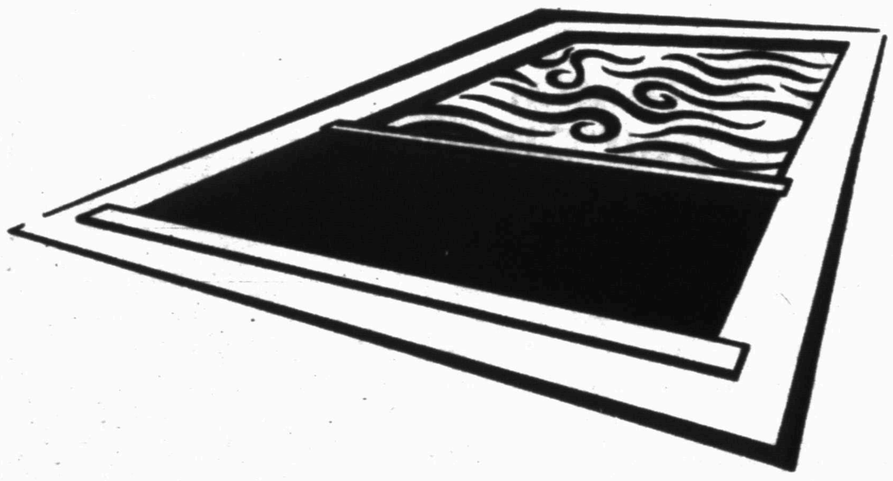

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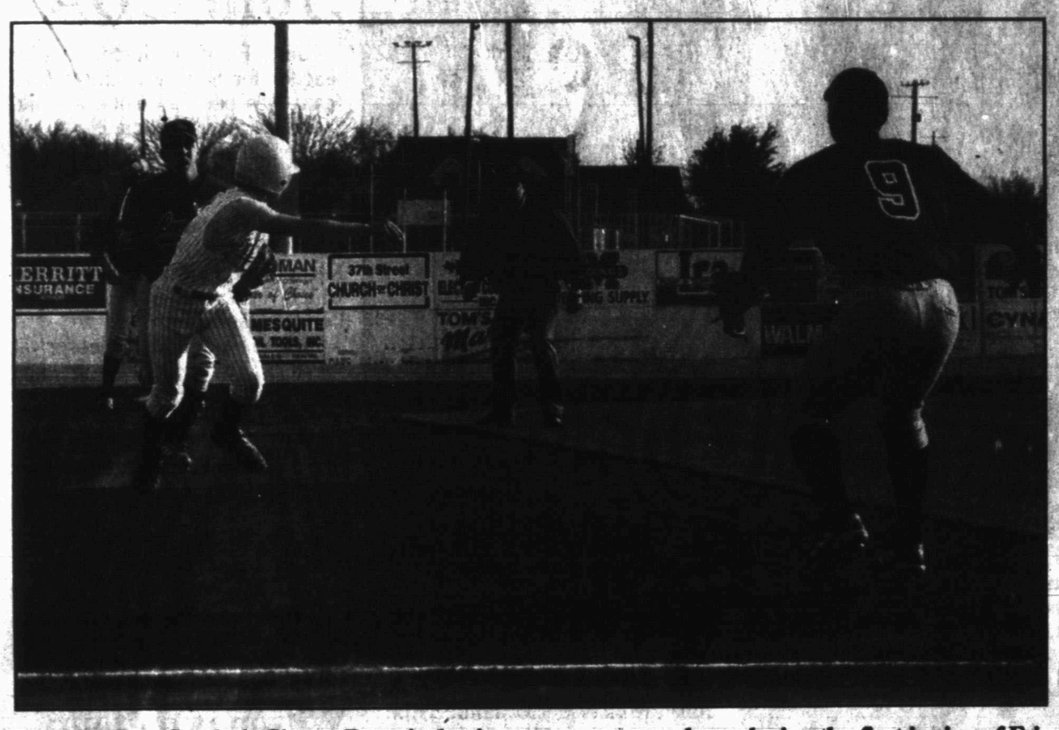


HUNG UP — Snyder's Shawn Roemisch tries to escape a rundown during the first inning of Friday's District 4-4A game at Moffett Field. Roemisch was tagged out by Levelland's Derrick Boggs, but the Tigers won the game, 8-7. (SDN Staff Photo)

Tigers' perseverance pays off in 8-7 victory

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

The Snyder Tigers' performance Friday night was far from sparkling, but their effort was stellar. In the end, that can be the difference between making the playoffs or staying at home.

Snyder overcame errors, pitching problems and base running miscues with grit and determination, rallying past Levelland in the bottom of the seventh for an 8-7 district victory at Moffett Field.

The Tigers never led before the game-winning run, but never stopped grinding. It was games like this that the Tigers couldn't find a way to win a year ago when they missed the playoffs.

"We started out flat," said SHS coach Roland Herrera. "But the kids kept battling until they came out on top.

"You can't take anybody lightly in this district. Everybody's tough, and you have to play hard every night or else you're going to get beat."

Snyder captured the win with two runs in the seventh. Stephen Ortgeon and Tito Alaniz singled to start the inning, and Brooks Nunley worked his way on with a walk.

With Levelland's infield drawn in, Michael Pendleton slapped a grounder between first and second to plate Ortegon and Alaniz with the game winner.

The Tigers trailed by as many as three runs twice in the ballgame.

Levelland chased SHS starter Shay Franks in the third, scoring three runs on three hits and two Snyder errors.

After the Tigers pulled even in the bottom of the frame, the Loboes forced another Snyder pitching change in the fourth when it touched Logan Hill for four hits and three runs in only two-thirds of an inning.

The third run of the sequence came on perhaps the ugliest play of the night. Levelland's Rocky Hartline belted a double off the top of the fence in center field to score two runs. Billy Pena's throw to the plate was wide allowing Hartline to move to third. Hill's subsequent throw to third sailed into left field, and Hartline strolled home.

"We really struggled with our pitching and fielding in the first few innings," Herrera remarked. "Shay was throwing strikes, but he didn't have much movement on his pitches and they were hitting it hard. It was just his off night.

"Our relievers have to learn how to come in and shut people down. We can't change pitchers only to give up a bunch more runs."

After the botched play with Hartline, Herrera brought in senior Tito Alaniz and the Loboes never threatened again. The lefty threw three and two-thirds innings of hitless baseball, allowing only two base runners with nine strikeouts over the final three frames.

With Alaniz on the mound, the Tigers responded in the field and on the mound.

"I think the guys knew that Tito was going to do his job, so they thought they better do theirs," Herrera said. "The guys knew we had a shot, and they made it happen."

Snyder chipped away at the three-run deficit with a run in the fourth when Pena doubled then scored on a pair of wild pitches.

A single by Alaniz and a Levelland error resulted in another Tiger run in the fifth before Pendleton plated the two in the seventh.

The Tigers share the top spot in the District 4-4A standings with Frenship and Andrews. Snyder is in action again Tuesday when it hosts Big Spring at 7 p.m. at Moffett Field.

The Tigers hit the road Friday to face co-leader Frenship before taking on Plainview at home March 26.

Levelland	ab	r	h	bi
Samsel rf	4	0	0	0
Rodriguez cf	4	2	2	1
Boggs ss	2	2	1	0
Duran dh	4	1	2	0
Hartline lf	4	1	1	2
Thomman 1b	3	1	1	1
Richardson c	3	0	1	0
Nevarez 3b	2	0	1	1
Mendoza ph	1	0	0	0
Farr 2b	4	0	0	0
Totals	31	7	9	5

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Pena 2b	4	1	2	0
McGuire cf	4	1	1	0
Ortegon c	3	2	2	0
Alaniz lf	3	2	3	1
Nunley ss	3	0	0	1
Pendleton 1b	4	2	3	2
Ramon 3b	3	0	2	1
Franks p	2	0	0	0
Trout rf	1	0	0	0
Dorsett rf	2	0	0	1
Totals	29	8	13	6

Levelland	1	0	3	3	0	0	0—	7	9 5
Snyder	0	1	3	1	1	0	2—	8	13 4

No outs when winning run scored.
LOB - Levelland 5, Snyder 8. 2B - Levelland, Hartline; Snyder, (2)Pena, Ramon. HR - Levelland, Rodriguez.

Levelland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Coronado	6	10	6	4	0	4
Owen	0	3	2	2	1	0
Snyder	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Franks	2 2/3	5	4	3	0	3
Hill	2/3	4	3	2	0	1
Alaniz	3 2/3	0	0	0	2	9

District 4-4A Baseball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	2	0	14	6
Frenship	2	0	12	4
Andrews	2	0	9	2
Big Spring	1	1	4	10
Estacado	0	1	4	8
Lake View	0	1	5	8
Levelland	0	2	4	11
Plainview	0	2	7	9

Friday's results: Snyder 8, Levelland 7; Andrews 3, Plainview 2; Frenship 11, Big Spring 4.

Saturday's game: Lake View at Estacado.

Tuesday's games: Big Spring at Snyder; Lake View at Andrews; Frenship at Estacado; Plainview at Levelland.

Tech ousted in opening round

CHICAGO (AP) — Bob Knight's first NCAA tournament appearance with Texas Tech went pretty much like his recent ones at Indiana.

The only difference after this first-round loss is that he's headed back to Lubbock, Texas, not Bloomington, Ind.

Jermaine Dearman had 17 points and 11 rebounds Friday night as 11th-seeded Southern Illinois beat Knight's Texas Tech 76-68 in an Eastern Regional opener.

"I'd have been disappointed eventually if we'd gotten beat in the championship game," said Knight, who won three national titles at Indiana before being fired in September 2000 for a "pattern of unacceptable behavior."

"Yeah, I'm disappointed, but also I can look at how we played and how they played, and they're just better at some things than we were."

Though he's 42-22 in 25 tournament appearances, Knight's teams have lost in the first round in five of his last seven trips. He hasn't been to the round of 16 since 1994.

And until now, the first-round losses have been particularly ugly. Indiana lost to Colorado by 18 in 1997, matching the Hoosiers' worst postseason defeat. That was followed by a 25-point blowout to St. John's in 1999, and a 20-point loss to Pepperdine in 2000.

But while Texas Tech was the sixth seed, this wasn't that much of an upset.

"I really was impressed with Southern Illinois right from the very beginning," Knight said. "They had a mental toughness that was really extraordinary. They were just tougher than we were all across the floor, and they maintained that the whole game."

Kent Williams scored 17 for the Salukis, who won their school-record 27th game. Southern Illinois held Tech to just 39 percent shooting — and that was with Dearman and Rolan Roberts, their top defenders, starting the game on the bench.

The two missed their first start of the season after being late to practice Tuesday.

Andy Ellis and Kasib Powell had 19 each for Texas Tech, but leading scorer Andre Emmett had just nine points.

"We didn't come ready to play and if you don't do that, you're going to get beat," Ellis said.

NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament

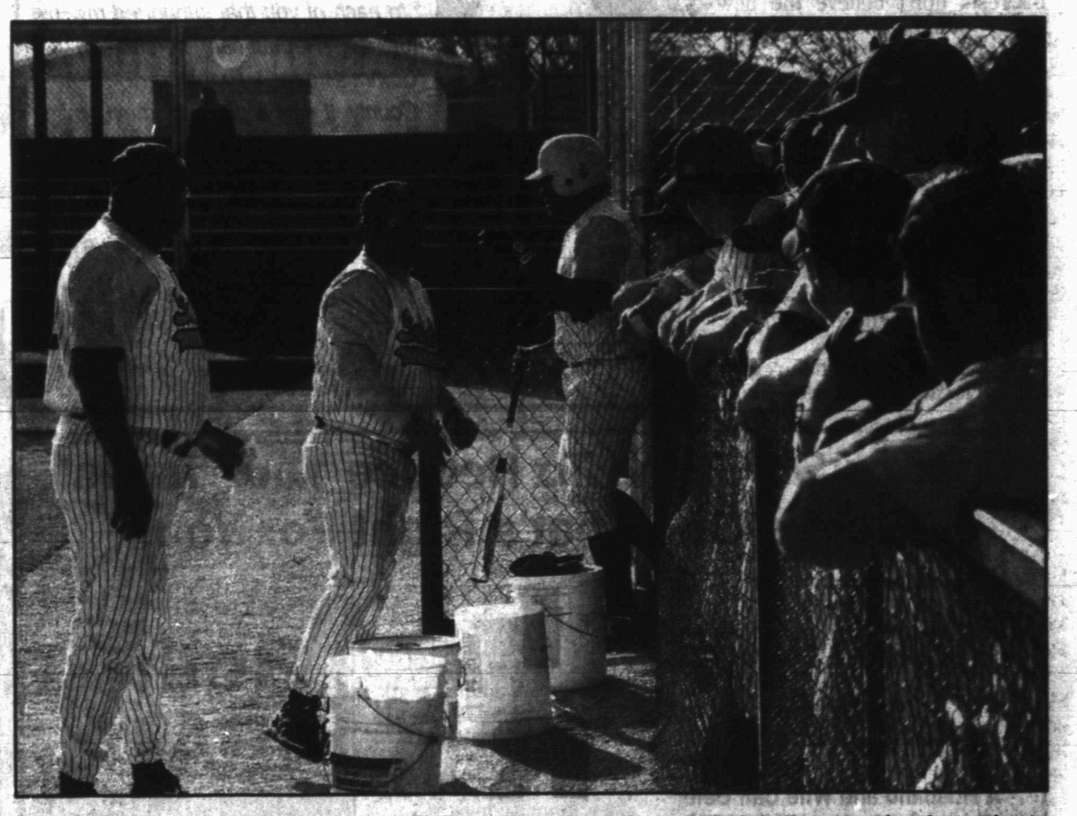
By The Associated Press

EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 14
At St. Louis
Kentucky 83, Valparaiso 68
Tulsa 71, Marquette 69
Friday, March 15
At Washington
North Carolina State 69, Michigan State 58
Connecticut 78, Hampton 67
Wisconsin 80, St. John's 70
Maryland 85, Siena 70
At Chicago
Southern Illinois 76, Texas Tech 68
Georgia 85, Murray State 68
Second Round
Saturday, March 16
At St. Louis
Kentucky (21-9) vs. Tulsa (27-6), 5:38 p.m.
Sunday, March 17
At Washington
North Carolina State (23-10) vs. Connecticut (25-6), 2:30 p.m.
Wisconsin (19-12) vs. Maryland (27-4), 4:46 p.m.
At Chicago
Southern Illinois (27-7) vs. Georgia (22-9), 4:46 p.m.

SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 14
At Greenville, S.C.
Kent State 69, Oklahoma State 61
Alabama 86, Florida Atlantic 78
Notre Dame 82, Charlotte 63
Duke 84, Winthrop 37
At Sacramento, Calif.
North Carolina-Wilmington 93, Southern California 89 (OT)
Indiana 75, Utah 57
Friday, March 15
At Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh 71, Central Connecticut State 54
California 82, Pennsylvania 75
Second Round
Saturday, March 16
At Greenville, S.C.
Notre Dame (22-10) vs. Duke (30-3), 1:10 p.m.
Kent State (28-5) vs. Alabama (27-7), 3:36 p.m.
At Sacramento, Calif.
North Carolina-Wilmington (23-9) vs. Indiana (21-11), 7:56 p.m.
Sunday, March 17
At Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh (28-5) vs. California (23-8), 12:10 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 14
At St. Louis
Kansas 70, Holy Cross 59
Stanford 84, Western Kentucky 68
At Sacramento, Calif.
Wake Forest 83, Pepperdine 74
Oregon 81, Montana 62
Friday, March 15
At Chicago
Creighton 83, Florida 82 (2OT)
Illinois 93, San Diego State 64
At Dallas
Mississippi State 70, McNeese State 58
Texas 70, Boston College 57
Second Round
Saturday, March 16
At St. Louis
Kansas (30-3) vs. Stanford (20-9), 7:56 p.m.
At Sacramento, Calif.
Wake Forest (21-12) vs. Oregon (24-8), 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 17
At Chicago
Creighton (23-8) vs. Illinois (25-8), 2:20 p.m.
At Dallas
Mississippi State (27-7) vs. Texas (21-11), 2:15 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 14
At Albuquerque, N.M.
Missouri 93, Miami 80
Ohio State 69, Davidson 64
Wyoming 73, Gonzaga 66
Arizona 86, UC Santa Barbara 81
Friday, March 15
At Pittsburgh
Cincinnati 90, Boston University 52
UCLA 80, Mississippi 58
At Dallas
Oklahoma 71, Illinois-Chicago 63
Xavier 70, Hawaii 58
Second Round
Saturday, March 16
At Albuquerque, N.M.
Missouri (22-11) vs. Ohio State (24-7), 3:20 p.m.
Wyoming (22-8) vs. Arizona (23-9), 5:46 p.m.
Sunday, March 17
At Pittsburgh
Cincinnati (31-3) vs. UCLA (20-11), 2:36 p.m.
At Dallas
Oklahoma (28-4) vs. Xavier (26-5), 4:41 p.m.



BATTING TIPS — Snyder coaches Roland Herrera, left, and Ralph Ramon give last-minute instructions before the Tigers go to bat Friday evening at Moffett Field. Snyder rallied past Levelland, 8-7, to remain unbeaten in district play. (SDN Staff Photo)

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SPORTS

KEEPING AN EYE ON THE BALL — Snyder's Valerie Hernandez watches the pitch Friday during the Lady Tigers' 14-0 shutout of Frenship at Cates Field. Snyder belted 14 hits on the day. (SDN Staff Photo)

Lady Tigers flatten Frenship in 4-4A tilt

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

Only one word can describe the Snyder Lady Tigers' performance Friday afternoon — dominant.

Snyder belted 14 hits, including five doubles and a home run, and was flawless in the field en route to a 14-0 district drubbing of Frenship at Cates Field.

The victory, combined with Andrews' loss to Big Spring, created a four-way logjam at the top of the standings between Snyder, Lake View, Andrews and Big Spring.

The win was also the Lady Tigers' second consecutive shutout.

"We played really well today. Maybe the best we've played all year," said Snyder coach Shelly Hayes. "We didn't make any errors, and we hit the ball hard. You can't ask for much more than that."

SHS hurler Kelsi Johnson limited Frenship to only three hits, and her mates played error-free behind her. Frenship had only three batters reach base and never got a runner to third.

The Lady Tigers' bats took care of the rest.

Missy Vasquez and Chaelyn Robinson anchored the offensive attack. Vasquez went 4-for-4 with a double and four RBI. Robinson was 3-for-4 and drove in three runs including a fourth-inning home run that sailed over the fence in left-center field.

"The girls hit the ball hard, and we hit a bunch in the gaps," Hayes said. "We got production up and down our line-up. Everybody was hitting well."

Snyder raced to a 5-0 lead in the bottom of the first on doubles by Valerie Hernandez and Dara Chambers, and base hits from Leticia Martinez, Robinson, Vasquez and Ashley Martinez.

Doubles from Shelley Fisk, Robinson and Vasquez helped add three more runs in the second before Frenship's pitching took a turn for the worse.

Reliever Amanda Milan walked four of the first six batters she faced and Snyder took advantage by scoring five runs on only two hits in the third.

The final run came in the fourth when Robinson homered off Kira Carnell.

Of the teams tied for first, Snyder has toppled Big Spring, but fell to Lake View. The Lady Tigers face Andrews March 26.

Snyder is in action again Tuesday when it hosts Plainview at 6 p.m. at Cates Field.

The Lady Tigers remain at home Friday to face Lubbock Estacado before their first match-up with the Lady Mustangs at Andrews.

Frenship	ab	r	h	bi
Reichelt p	2	0	0	0
Countryman 1b	2	0	1	0
Cr.Clift ss	2	0	1	0
Milan c	2	0	0	0
Co.Clift rf	2	0	0	0
Carnell 2b	2	0	0	0
Chadis lf	1	0	0	0
Kana ph	1	0	1	0
Robertson cf	2	0	0	0
English 3b	2	0	0	0
Totals	18	0	3	0

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Freeman c	3	0	0	0
L.Martinez rf	2	2	1	1
Fisk ss	3	2	1	0
Hernandez 2b	4	1	1	1
Robinson cf	4	3	3	3
Chambers lf	3	3	1	1
Vasquez 3b	4	2	4	4
Johnson p	1	0	1	0
Clanton cr	0	1	0	0
A.Martinez dh	2	0	2	3
Totals	26	14	14	13

Frenship	0	0	0	0	0—	0	3	2
Snyder	5	3	5	1	x—14	14	0	

Game ended on run rule.
LOB - Frenship 3, Snyder 10. 2B - Snyder, Fisk, Hernandez, Robinson, Chambers, Vasquez. HR - Snyder, Robinson.

Frenship	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Reichelt	1 2/3	9	8	5	1	0
Milan	1 1/3	2	5	5	7	2
Carnell	1	3	1	1	0	0
Snyder	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Johnson	5	3	0	0	0	2

Lady Raiders cruise to 84-63 win

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech moved into the second round of the NCAA tournament for the eighth straight year Friday night, beating Stephen F. Austin 84-63 in the West Regional.

Tech had five players in double figures and Tanisha Ellison scored a career-high 20 points and Jolee Ayers had a double-double.

"The first game of the tournament, you're always glad to get that out of the way," said Tech head coach Marsha Sharp. "We're looking forward to Sunday."

Tech, seeded fourth, will play Mississippi State on Sunday night in the second round of the West Regional. The Lady Bulldogs beat Boston College 65-59 in the first game Friday night.

Tech (19-11) never trailed, jumping out to a 14-5 lead early in the game, aided by poor shooting by the 13th-seeded Ladyjacks who went 2-for-11 in the first eight minutes.

"We came out with a lot of energy, both teams were up-tempo early," Sharp said. "Finally, we were able to gain a cushion and that was based on our consistency and ability to take the ball inside."

Stephen F. Austin (24-6) scrapped their way back into it on a 9-4 run before Tech mounted a run of its own — 15-8, during which Ellison scored her 11 first-half points.

"It's NCAA time," said Ellison, a senior, whose previous high was 19. "I'm trying to play like it's my last game and try to come out and leave it all on the court. I had so much energy and so much confidence in my teammates."

The Ladyjacks appeared overwhelmed.

"Texas Tech is so confident playing in this building," said Lee Ann Riley, the Ladyjacks coach. "They got their fans behind them. Rebounds win championships and we just got killed on the boards."

Ayers, who had her second straight double-double, scored 12 points and had 10 rebounds. Jia Perkins added 19, Natalie Ritchie had 12 points and Cisti Greenwalt had 11 for Tech.

Chaquita Dilworth scored 22 and Nathesia Wright added 11 to lead the Ladyjacks.

Ford fuels Longhorns' victory

DALLAS (AP) — T.J. Ford usually passes first. Against Boston College in the first round of the NCAA tournament, he started looking for his shot.

The freshman point guard, on pace to lead the nation in assists, had 20 points and seven assists to lead Texas to a 70-57 victory over Boston College in the opening round of the Midwest Regional on Friday night.

"We went a while without scoring and I knew I had to do something for my teammates," Ford said. "I just started attacking the defense and forcing them to play me."

Snyder Bowling Leagues

Men's Commercial League

Team	W	L
The Shack	99.5	53.5
Blue Sunoco	98.5	54.5
Patterson	84	69
Anadarko	77.5	75.5
Snyder Brick	76.5	76.5
Rogers Backhoe	75	78
Timely Finance	74	79
Snyder Iron	72.5	80.5
YZ Systems	72	81
NAPA	68.5	84.5
Cutting Edge	68	85
WTP Energy	52	101

High series: Barney Tate, scratch, 594; David Carroll, handicap, 651.
High game: Harold Kornegay, scratch, 234; Bobby Lord, handicap, 261.
Splits and special mentions: Mike Wilkes, 4-7-10; Don Pavlovsky, 3-10; Lynn Smith, 4-10.

Jack N Jill League

Team	W	L
Snyder Iron	28	8
Collision Specialists	26	10
Stone Welding	26	10
Leatherwood's	22	14
Bluebonnet Farms	19	17
Timely Finance	16	20
Countryplace	16	20
Goobers	14	22
BCEC	13	23
Team 10	12.5	23.5
Renegades	12	24
YZ Systems	11.5	24.5

High series: Scratch: Mark Thompson, 541; Michelle Ewing, 496. Handicap: Jim Northcutt, 655; Michelle Ewing, 628.
High game: Scratch: Mark Thompson, 247; Tracy Iglehart, 200. Handicap: Mark Thompson, 267; Tracy Iglehart, 251.

NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 15
At Durham, N.C.
Texas Christian 55, Indiana 45
Duke 95, Norfolk State 48
At Austin
UC Santa Barbara 57, Louisiana Tech 56
Texas 60, Wisconsin-Green Bay 55
At Waco
Drake 87, Syracuse 69
Baylor 80, Bucknell 56
Saturday, March 16
At Columbia, S.C.
Cincinnati (26-4) vs. St. Peter's (25-5), 6:30 p.m.
South Carolina (22-6) vs. Liberty (23-7), 30 minutes after first game
Second Round
Sunday, March 17
At Durham, N.C.
Texas Christian (24-6) vs. Duke (28-3), 2:06 p.m.
At Waco
Drake (24-7) vs. Baylor (27-5), 7:36 p.m.
At Austin
UC Santa Barbara (26-5) vs. Texas (21-9), 9:06 p.m.
Monday, March 18
At Columbia, S.C.
Cincinnati-St. Peter's winner vs. South Carolina-Liberty winner, 7:36 p.m.

MIDEAST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 15
At Manhattan, Kan.
Arkansas 78, Clemson 68
Kansas State 93, Kent State 65
At State College, Pa.
Florida International 73, Creighton 58
Penn State 82, Chattanooga 67
Saturday, March 16
At Storrs, Conn.
Virginia (17-12) vs. Iowa (17-10), 11:06 a.m.
Connecticut (33-0) vs. St. Francis, Pa. (19-11), 30 minutes after first game
At West Lafayette, Ind.
Old Dominion (25-5) vs. Georgia (19-10), 11:06 a.m.
Purdue (23-5) vs. Austin Peay (19-11), 30 minutes after first game
Second Round
Sunday, March 17
At State College, Pa.
Florida International (27-5) vs. Penn State (22-11), 6:36 p.m.
At Manhattan, Kan.
Arkansas (20-11) vs. Kansas State (25-7), 9:36 p.m.
Monday, March 18
At West Lafayette, Ind.
Old Dominion-Georgia winner vs. Purdue-Austin Peay winner, 7:06 p.m.
At Storrs, Conn.
Virginia-Iowa winner vs. Connecticut-St. Francis, Pa. winner, 9:06 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 15
At Knoxville, Tenn.
Notre Dame 58, New Mexico 44
Tennessee 98, Georgia State 68
Saturday, March 16
At Nashville, Tenn.
Wisconsin (19-11) vs. Arizona State (24-8), 7:06 p.m.
Vanderbilt (27-6) vs. Oakland, Mich. (17-13), 30 minutes after first game
At Chapel Hill, N.C.
Minnesota (21-7) vs. UNLV (23-7), 5 p.m.
North Carolina (25-7) vs. Harvard (21-5), 30 minutes after first game
At Ames, Iowa
Florida (18-10) vs. Brigham Young (22-8), 7:06 p.m.
Iowa State (23-8) vs. Temple (20-10), 10:06 p.m.
Second Round
Sunday, March 17
At Knoxville, Tenn.
Notre Dame (20-9) vs. Tennessee (26-4), 7:06 p.m.
Monday, March 18
At Chapel Hill, N.C.
Minnesota-UNLV winner vs. North Carolina-Harvard winner, 6:36 p.m.
At Nashville, Tenn.
Wisconsin-Arizona State winner vs. Vanderbilt-Oakland, Mich. winner, 8:36 p.m.
At Ames, Iowa
Florida-Brigham Young winner vs. Iowa State-Temple winner, 10:36 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 15
At Lubbock
Mississippi State 65, Boston College 59
Texas Tech 84, Stephen F. Austin 65
At Boulder, Colo.
Colorado 88, Southern University 61
LSU 84, Santa Clara 78
Saturday, March 16
At Norman, Okla.
Pepperdine (23-7) vs. Villanova (19-10), 7 p.m.
Oklahoma (27-3) vs. Hartford (16-14), 30 minutes after first game
At Stanford, Calif.
Colorado State (24-6) vs. Tulane (23-10), 9:06 p.m.
Stanford (30-2) vs. Weber State (22-8), 12:06 a.m.
Second Round
Sunday, March 17
At Lubbock
Mississippi State (19-11) vs. Texas Tech (19-11), 8:36 p.m.
At Boulder, Colo.
Colorado (22-9) vs. LSU (18-11), 11:06 p.m.
Monday, March 18
At Norman, Okla.
Pepperdine-Villanova winner vs. Oklahoma-Hartford winner, 9:36 p.m.
At Stanford, Calif.
Colorado State-Tulane winner vs. Stanford-Weber State winner, 11:06 p.m.

District 4-4A Softball

Team	District W	District L
Andrews	3	1
Lake View	3	1
Snyder	3	1
Big Spring	3	1
Frenship	2	2
Levelland	1	3
Plainview	1	3
Estacado	0	4

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WAY TO THROW — The Lady Tigers congratulate pitcher Kelsi Johnson, center, after another successful inning Friday at Cates Field. Johnson surrendered only three hits in the 14-0 victory. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Snyder Child Day Care Center
Scurry County Head Start
2800 2nd St.
Snyder, TX 79549
Taking applications for temporary office help and qualified, dependable substitute teacher aides for Snyder Day Care and Head Start programs. Teacher aide positions could become permanent. Also taking applications for position of Executive Director to become effective January 1, 2003. Job qualifications are available at 2800 2nd Street. The deadline for applications is March 21st and applications must be submitted in person to be considered. Call 573-7403 for more information.

Employment

LVN NEEDED: Good Benefits, Meals, Holidays, Vacation. Apply in person to Terri Owens, Director of Nurses at Kristi Lee Manor, 1941 Chestnut, Colorado City, TX.

Manager & Asst. Manager
General merchandise retail experience required. Fax resume to 214-688-4431

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1-877-FTC-HELP
A message from The Snyder Daily News & the Federal Trade Commission.

Substance Abuse Counselor – Adolescent Services - 4 Positions
The Betty Hardwick Center (Substance Abuse Services)
Provide substance abuse counseling services to individuals ages 13-17, and their families within Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Region 2. Services provided in the Abilene, Brownwood, Sweetwater/Colorado City/Snyder, Cisco/Breckenridge/Eastland areas. Adolescent experience or training required. Require LCDC, LPC, LMSW, LMFT, Psychologist, CARN, APN-PN/MH.
$2,389/mo. – $3,009/mo. Depending on experience, education, and credentials.
Apply at: Betty Hardwick Center, 2616 S. Clack, Suite 140, Abilene, Texas. EOE

Large industrial manufacturer is seeking a #1 Electrician for their cement plant located in Maryneal, TX.
Requirements for the job include, but are not limited to the following:
1. 5 to 10 years experience as a #1 Electrician in industry or construction.
2. Knowledge of 120/460 volt controls.
3. Knowledge of voltages up to 4160.
4. Experience with computers & programmable controllers would be a plus.
5. A good working knowledge of all plant electro-mechanical and instrumentation would be a plus.

Hourly rate is $16.22 plus excellent benefits including group medical, vacation, paid holidays and retirement.
Please send resume to Judy Hill, Lone Star Industries, Inc., P.O. Box 1639, Sweetwater, TX 79556. Or call (915) 235-4221 to receive an application. Equal Opportunity Employer.

Employment

Our agency is looking for a caring, compassionate RN or LVN for an on call position in the Snyder area. Contact Covenant Home Health Care - Post, (806)495-3533, 231 East Main.

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Up to $500–$2,500/mo. PT/FT
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Full Training, Free Booklet
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Production Clerk, full-time, for gas plant located 25-miles between Snyder and Big Spring, Texas, near Vincent. Code invoices, receive and order materials, calculate production, conduct gas analysis, take phone calls, and other office duties. Excel experience preferred. Need oilfield experience. Salary up to $2,000/month DOE. Send resume to 11703 East FM 846, Coahoma, Texas 79511, or fax to (915) 399-4290.

Snyder Health Care Center has re-opened, and because of increasing census, we are accepting applications for:
LVN's, CNA's, Dietary Aides
Contact Priscilla or Gloria at
5300 Big Spring Highway
915-573-6332

Snyder Oaks Care Center is now hiring LVN's, CNA's, Medication Aide, Housekeeping and Laundry Personnel. We pay 75% of LVN's medical insurance. Apply in person at 210 E. 37th or call Trisha or Ladell at 915-573-9377.

Teller position available. Fast paced environment. Computer skills necessary and ability to work well with others. Send resume to: P.O. Box 949S
Snyder, TX 79550

Wait staff needed, all shifts. Apply in person. Nix's Cafe 1510 College Ave.

Waitress wanted. Will train. Must be able to work weekends. Apply in person at 4604 College.

Financial

Advance-Fee Loans or Credit Offers
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Complimentary Facial
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WANTED: Old Guns
Cowboy era Colts & Winchesters, wanted by private collector. 573-0019, leave message.

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1986 27' Terry 5th wheel travel trailer. Full bedroom & bathroom, lots of storage. Kept in barn, excellent condition! $7,000 573-2172

Merchandise

CONVALESCENT NEEDS
Wheel Chairs, Walkers, Canes, Home Blood Pressure Kits, etc.
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Deluxe side-by-side refrigerator w/icemaker, Maytag, large capacity. $490. King waterbed, $150. 863-2299.

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(2) receivers, $99 w/basic install. Also, qualify for free system installed. *Other options available. Call 575-0990

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SSS (reg. 12.50) $6.99
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B. Bath /Body Lotions
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$1 – $2 – $3
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1809 25th St.
! Easter Dresses !
Inf./Toddler Wear.....$2
Maternity Wear.....$5
Winter Consignments.....1/2
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T-W-TH-F-S 11–5:30 573-0990

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Washers, Dryers, Refrigerators, Ranges & Freezers
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1809 25th 11a.m.–5p.m.
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Black, Chocolate & Yellow
6-weeks, w/1st shots.
Ready to go! $225 863-2256

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GARAGE & BAKE SALE
1601 N. College Ave.
Saturday Early 'til Late
Sunday 1p.m. – 5p.m.
Lots of Items!
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4502 Denison
Sat. & Sun. 8a.m. – ??
Tiller, Riding lawn mower, Garden tools, Hand tools, TV, Small refrigerator, Deep freeze, and much more!

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Golden Terrace Village Apartments
1 & 2 Bedrooms
Especially for Senior Citizens age 62 +
Rent Based On Income
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915-573-1416
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Houses For Rent

1 bedroom house w/appliances, $175/mo. Also tiny 1 bedroom apartment, bills paid, furnished, $250/mo. Deposits required. 573-0990, 573-5525

2 bedroom, 1 bath, living room, kitchen, utility and detached garage. $200/dep. 573-2818 RENTED

3 bedroom, 1½ bath, den. 2108 40th $400/mo., $200/dep. 573-7996, leave message.

Mobile Homes For Rent

3B-2B-CH/RA, den w/fireplace, deck, huge metal cover over all, fenced, 2-cp. Owner/finance. 207 30th 573-2251

Mobile Homes

$500 Move-In
Owner Finance
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In Country
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Single lot in Hillside Memorial Gardens. 806-273-2647

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4 bedrooms plus an office, 2 baths, 4 car carport, open living area with corner fireplace, spacious kitchen w/breakfast area, large master suite w/large walk-in closet. All in a good location!

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2803 El Paso Nice 4-2-4cp Red! $94.9T
4008 Irving 3-2-2 ..... $58T
4014 Irving Great Buy 3-2-2-Fp Only $65T
Nice - 2301 43rd St. 3-1¾ $69.5T
New! 3109 Irving 3-2-2-FP, extra lot.. $79.9T
New! 1805 27th .... For Sale or Lease
2205 42nd St. 3-1-1 ..... $37.5T
Lrg. Lovely 2900 Westridge ..... Call
New! 3-2, 1 acre Very nice! ... $38.5T
2906 Denison 3-1¾-2..... $77.5T
4013 Eastridge 3-2-2-FP $33T
2905 36th 4-2-2cp, spacious ... $89.5T
320 Acres IRA..... Call
6194 CR 4131 3-2, Brick 40-160 A's $95T
Neat 3-1-1, CH/A, 3203 Hill Ave... $23T
2306 25th Comm. RV Parking + Shop-$19T
511 34th 3-1-2cp, CH/A, Nice ... $30T
513 34th 2-1, Clean, Nice $20T
2-1-1cp, about 1 acre near Hermleigh $10T as is
Commercial Lot 2101 College Ave. Reduced
New! 3208 Irving 3-2-2..... $78T
New! 378 CR 251 2-1-1..... $35T
1801 22nd Reduced Comm. 7 offices/yd
Old Lubbock Hwy -Office w/rg shop. $30T
2605 33rd Magnificent Custom Built Home
Ira 9589 CR 3176 - 6 acres $10.5T
N. Ennis Creek 3-2-1, Seller will pay $2,000 towards closing cost ..... Call
6 to 22 acres tracts ... Owner Finance
New Country 2-1-shop + 7 acres Call
900 25th, 2309 25th, 2703 College Call
105 23rd lrg nice 3-2-2, approx 9.2 A's $110T
Fluvanna 4-2-2cp plus 11 acres .. $100's
Anxious to Sell 3605 Jacksboro 3-2-2+FP $65T
Stanfield Area 2205 42nd 3-1-1..... Call
Hermleigh 3-2-3 +2½ acres..... $57T
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New Exclusive Listing 2608 33rd St.
3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2-car garage, a large open living/dining area and abundant storage. Other features include an established lawn and concrete block fence. This home is in excellent condition and ready to move into!! $115T
For An Appointment **573-5612 or**
Call **Stevenson Real Estate 573-1755**

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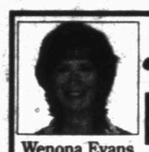

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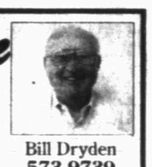

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Ready to work for you! List with us.

2903 36th 3-3-2, pool $129.5T
Country - pool - 10 A's, 3-2-2 ..... $125T
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Large 3-2 w/2 living areas, large finished basement on approx. 9 acres $110T
105 E. 23rd 3-2-2 LA's, 9 acres .. $110T
2509 48th 3-2½-3 ..... $110T
2803 El Paso 4-2 ..... $94.9T
Country N. - Family home on 12 A's $89.5T
2510 Towle Park 3-2-2 ..... $85T
2200 30th 3-2½-2, 2 LA's .. $79.9T
2301 43rd 3-2, living + den ... $69.5T
1710 37th 3-2-2 ..... $67.5T
3502 Kerrville 3-2-2 ..... $66.5T
4301 Lubbock SOLD $65.9T
2601 28th 3-2-2 ..... $65.9T
3600 Hill Ave. 3-2-2 living areas $65T
4014 Irving 3-2-2 ..... $65T
7233 W Hwy 180 3-2-3, 2.5 acres $59.5T
4008 Irving 3-2-2 ..... $58T
318 36th 3-2-2cp, FP, RV stor. $55T
3405 44th 3-2-2 .... Red. $54.9T
3709 18th 3-2-2, 1+ acres .. $52.5T
Commercial Bldg on 37th .. $49.5T
1706 37th 2-1½-2 Assumable ... $49T
College Ave. Large office Bldg. .. $48T
3-2 Mobile Home on 1 acre $38T
105 34th 2-1 ..... $37T
4013 Eastridge 3-2-2 ..... $33T
2104 40th 3-1 ..... $32.9T
West 180 3-1-2 ..... $31.5T
Hwy 84 in Hermleigh 3-2 .. $29.9T
Out of City 11 A's, barns & pens $28.9T
Mobile Hm. Huffman & Ave. Q 3-1 $28T
300 34th 4-2-cp-RV $27T
2907 Ave. F 3-1-1cp $25T
3797 Dalton 2-1-1 ..... $25T
305 32nd 2-1 ..... Only $15T
McBeth Pecan Farm House, 15+ acres, some equipment included .. Call
Hermleigh 3-2 w/acreage Call for details
3607 College - Lg Comm. Bldg .Call
Ponderosa Motel - Lamesa Hwy - ... Call
Comm. Bldgs. N, S, W sides downtown

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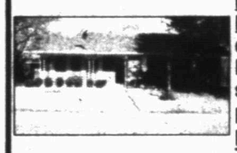
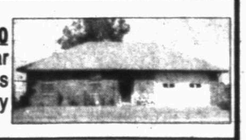


READY FOR NEW OWNERS! 2803 47th w/New Carpet, Paint & Vinyl Tile. ONLY $80,000 Warmth & style describes this beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in Bassridge. Summer is just around the corner, spend sunny days in the spacious backyard with above ground pool & deck. The owners have put in new tile, carpet & painted to make the home ready for the new owners. There's nothing to do, but move in!

NEW!!! REMODELED BRICK HOME 1509 39TH STOP PAYING RENT! Only $20,000 This 2-1-2cp on a corer lot can be yours for a minimal down payment and very low monthly payments. The large fenced back yard is great for kids or pets while the living area is cozy & clean. Has CH/A & laundry hook-ups. Great for a single parent or couple wanting to downsize. Will not last long!

DON'T MISS THIS ONE! 1129 FM 1229 Colorado City JUST MINUTES FROM TOWN $60,000 This 3-2-2cp on 4.5 acres is an exceptional buy for the price. The owners are motivated and willing to offer a Best Home Warranty at closing. The home is exceptionally clean & well maintained. Offers the new owners an isolated master bedroom, cozy kitchen & dining and so much more. Must see to appreciate all the extras!



OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS 1283 N Ave. P MUST SEE TO APPRECIATE THIS PRICE OF $75,000 This brick home has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, finished back porch, fenced backyard that has been professionally landscaped on a full fenced city block. Has pens, storage, barns & much more!

*** 308 33rd St. *** Under Contract Clean & Neat

*** 2904 37th St. ***
$55,000
2-1-1-2cp-FP

*** 3605 Jacksboro ***
$65,000
3-2½-2 w/FP, Brick

*** 2510 Towle Park ***
$85,000
3-2-2cp, FP, fenced w/pool

2208 45th St. 4-2-3 w/ Under Contract rd Backup offers welcome $45,900
Corner Lot w/Utilities @ 1901 KSNY Drive $1,500

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1601 College Ave. - Snyder Texas
Mar. 16th & 17th Sat. 8a.m. Sun. 1p.m.
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• TOOLS • FURNITURE • HARDWARE • APPLIANCES
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Monday through Saturday

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Real Estate

188 plus acres cultivated, located south of Hermleigh. House & out-buildings. 915-387-2161

2 bedroom, 1 bath house for sale or will trade for self-contained camper trailer. 573-6614

4-1 house w/6-car garage, windmill on large lot. Call 915-573-6689 after 6p.m.

4 or 5 bedroom, 2 bath, 1-car garage, CH/A. Owner will finance. Low down, low monthly. 806-517-1187

7 acres east of town, 2bdrm, 1bth house, new barn and pens. 573-1015 after 5p.m..

BY OWNER
5603 CEDAR CREEK DR.
WIDE RANGE OF AMENITIES FOR GRACIOUS LIVING
CALL 573-9780

House For Sale or Rent 2234 Sunset Brick-tile, Kitchen built-ins. Call 575-7134 & leave a message or call 573-7134 after 5p.m.

Ira I.S.D. 70 acres, 25 cultivated, 45 pasture, 3-2-1-2cp, new 30'x40' barn, pens. $69,500 915-573-4879/915-668-9571

Real Estate

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Owner Finance/Rent
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6.91 Acres 2-1 + Lots of out Bldgs & Pens
REDUCED 4-2-2 2211 27th $39T
160 Acres w/3-1¾+2, 3 miles NE Snyder
Spacious 4-1¾+½-2cp+2 LA's...3600 Hill Ave.
321 35th St. 3-1-1 Detached.....$25T
160 A's 3-2-cp & shop 5.2 mi. NE of Hermleigh
REDUCED 2805 Ave. V 3-1¾+1cp.....$39,750
14.49 Acres 3-2-Hot Tub, Sprinkler System...$85T
Attractive 3-1¾+-2 4014 Irving.....$65T
Economical mobile home 3-1 $9T 2209 Gilmore
Near City 160 acres w/2-1-1cp.....$100T
3202 40th 3-1-1 Nice Kitchen & Carpeting $29.5T
Good Floor Plan 3-1¾+2 4006 Jacksboro $54.9T
3-2½-2+4+RV Gar., Pool, Hot Tub, 2501 48th
4-1¾+-2cp Det. $28.5T w/$4000 Repair. Allow.
REDUCED! Great Home 4-2-4cp, office 2808 El Paso
1 Acre with 3-1 & 4-2 cp detached, E. 23rd St.
401 30th 3-1-1 det. $14,000 Owner Finance
2-1-2cp w/applicances $22,500
9.02 A's w/lovely home 3-2-2cp, Din. Rm + Den
We Will Work For You
We Need Listings!
Doris Spikes.....573-6602

Just Listed in Bassridge Area 4505 Galveston
3-1¾+2, covered patio, curbed flower beds. Recently updated: carpet, tile floors, hot water heater and heating & air units.
Call Joan Tate for a preview soon!
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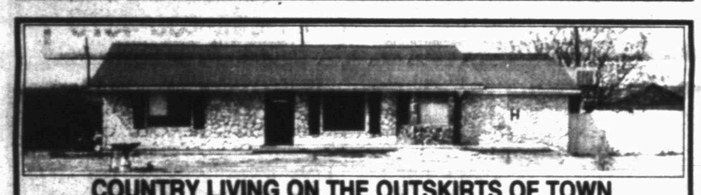

COUNTRY LIVING ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN
Home + 9.37 acres. $75,000 Just what you've been searching for! 3-1¾-2cp, freshly painted inside.... Drive by 2559 Blockline Road to view...

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3405 Snyder Shopping Center Suite B

EXCLUSIVE LISTINGS

4502 Denison 3-2-1, cp, covered patio $50's
Good Buys 3741 Highland 2-1-1 ...$25T
1804 39th 3-1, covered patio, needs TLC $37T
New on the Market 3-1-cp, Investors $25T
Presently leased - 3726 Avondale
New Listing 2902 Denison, extra nice 3-2-2, den $80's
3011 Ave. U- Lots of extra lot ...$65T
5404 Cedar Creek- 3-2½-2 ...$100's
3730 Austin- Convenient Plus- 3-2-pool $50's
2212 Towle Reduced ...$100T
2809 Westridge - cosmetics 3-2-2, formal living & dining .....$100's
4603 El Paso - 3-2-2, pool, formal dining, office ... Reduced $92T
2907 Ave. W - System ...$50's
2403 42nd 3-1¾-1 ...REDUCED $48T
3600 Hill Ave. - Terrific! 4-2½-2 .....$60's
3403 Irving - Great Find 5-2-2LA's ...$60's
2606 Ave. G 2 bedroom, 1cp LOW TEENS
2202 41st - CUTE 3-1, den .....$20's
3002 37th - Comfortable 3-1, rear cp $40's
305 34th - Why Rent? 2-1-1 .....$13T
2803 Denison 3-2-2, formal combo $80's
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Yates assessed life sentence

HOUSTON (AP) — The tormented woman who drowned her five children in a bathtub was sentenced to life in prison, following a trial that sparked debate over the consideration of mental illness and postpartum depression in murder prosecutions.

A jury of eight women and four men delivered the sentence Friday after just 35 minutes of deliberations, rejecting the option of condemning Andrea Yates to death by injection.

After the jury returned its punishment, Russell Yates reiterated his support for his wife, who had pleaded innocent by reason of insanity.

"I believe in Andrea," he said. "She's the victim here not only of the medical community but also the justice system."

Andrea Yates turned to her attorneys and smiled as she realized her life had been spared. As the 37-year-old was led from the courtroom by officers, she looked back toward her mother and siblings.

Yates must serve at least 40 years behind bars before she becomes eligible for parole.

To impose the death penalty, the jury had to decide unanimously that Yates poses a continuing danger and that there were no mitigating circumstances against executing her. The jury answered no to the first question and therefore did not have to consider the second.

On Tuesday, jurors had found Yates guilty of murder in the June 20 deaths of 7-year-old Noah, 5-year-old John and 6-month-old Mary. They rejected defense claims that severe psychosis from postpartum depression drove her to kill.

"We're obviously disappointed in the verdict of guilty," Russell Yates said. "Obviously, it could be worse if she had been given the death penalty."

Charges never were filed in the deaths of Paul, 3, and Luke, 2.

Prosecutors said they accepted the jury's decision to sentence Yates to life in prison.

"Every case involving the death of a child is horrific," Assistant District Attorney Kaylynn Williford said. "Magnify that times five with what these children went through.

"Everyone is trying to make this a woman's issue or a political issue, but the issue to me is five dead children. None of those children chose to die, they fought for their lives and they need to be remembered appropriately. Someone can be mentally ill and know right from wrong."

Joe Lovelace of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill said the Yates case should be a springboard to change how an insanity defense can be presented in Texas.

Yates' chronology of events

A chronology of events in the case of Andrea Yates.

April 17, 1993 - Russell and Andrea Yates are married.

Feb. 26, 1994 - Noah Yates is born. Yates later tells doctors that shortly after the birth, Satan told her to get a knife and stab someone.

Dec. 12, 1995 - John Yates is born.

Sept. 13, 1997 - Paul Yates is born.

Feb. 15, 1999 - Luke Yates is born.

June 16, 1999 - Andrea Yates calls her husband at work and asks him to come home. He returns to find her shaking and crying.

June 17, 1999 - Yates an overdose of Trazodone, a prescription medicine given to her father after a stroke.

June 18, 1999 - Yates is transferred to Houston's Methodist Hospital psychiatric unit and is diagnosed with a major depressive disorder.

June 24, 1999 - Yates is discharged from Methodist.

July 20, 1999 - Russell Yates wrestles knife away from his wife, who was holding it to her neck in the bathroom at her mother's house.

July 21, 1999 - Yates is admitted to Memorial Spring Shadows Glen for psychiatric treatment and begins taking Haldol, an anti-psychotic drug.

Aug. 9, 1999 - Yates is discharged from Memorial Spring Shadows Glen.

Aug. 10, 1999 - Yates begins daily outpatient care.

Aug. 18, 1999 - Psychiatrist Eileen Starbranch warns the Yates couple that having another child could trigger another psychotic episode.

Nov. 30, 2000 - Mary Yates born.

March 12, 2001 - Yates' father, Andrew Kennedy, dies. Russell Yates later says his wife's condition begins deteriorating soon after.

March 31, 2001 - Yates is admitted to Devereux Texas Treatment Network and begins taking anti-psychotic medication.

April 12, 2001 - Yates is discharged and begins outpatient care at Devereux.

May 4, 2001 - Yates is readmitted to Devereux and begins taking Haldol.

May 14, 2001 - Yates is again discharged from Devereux.

June 4, 2001 - Dr. Mohammed Saeed tells Russell Yates to have his wife taper off Haldol over next three days.

June 18, 2001 - The Yates couple have follow-up visit with Saeed. Russell Yates reports his wife is not improving.

June 20, 2001 - Yates drowns her five children.

Feb. 28, 2002 - Trial on two capital murder charges begins.

March 12, 2002 - Yates convicted of both charges.

March 15, 2002 — Yates is sentenced to life in prison.

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Not all headaches are migraine

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 84 and have suffered from migraines for the past six months. My doctor has tried everything, including prescription medicine. I watch my diet. I'm desperate. Can you help?

DEAR READER: Migraine headaches almost never appear out of the blue in the elderly. Rather, they characteristically begin much earlier — often in childhood — and tend to recur in cycles that wax and wane, depending on stress, fatigue and other poorly understood factors. The cause of this common affliction is unknown, but is believed to be the result of metabolic imbalances in the circulation to the brain.

Because you developed headaches rather recently, I suspect that they may not be migraines at all. They could be cluster headaches due to a vascular instability, or they may result from other causes, such as infection or tumors.

If your physician is at a loss to help you, I urge you to request a referral to a neurologist. After examining you and ordering tests (such as an MRI scan), the specialist will be able to diagnose the basis for your headaches and recommend treatment.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 43-year-old mother of three children. I have an embarrassing problem. I have periodic, uncontrollable urges to urinate, and I can't seem to hold my urine at all. To cough, strain or sneeze is a disaster. I've been checked for a bladder infection; the results were negative. What's my problem, and what can be done about it? I'm tired of wetting myself.

DEAR READER: I believe you are suffering from a common female disorder called "stress incontinence," coupled with an overactive bladder. This physical affliction results from a weakness of the muscles at the bladder opening — a frequent consequence of childbirth — complicated by a tendency of the bladder to contract inappropriately. A urologist should be able to diagnose your problem, prescribe medication (such as Detrol, Hytrin and others) and — if necessary — refer you to a gynecologist for possible surgery to correct the bladder weakness. Seek help; you do not need to suffer from this problem. Although stress incontinence is not a health hazard, it can — as you have discovered — affect women's lives. So don't be content with putting up with the disorder and using panty-liners. You might be helped by something as simple as Kegel exercises that your gynecologist could teach you, or — if there is an anatomical reason for your incontinence — corrective surgery could be curative.

DEAR DR. GOTT: What is rotator cuff injury? My doctor talks operation for cure, but I'm more interested in relief through medication or non-surgical therapy.

DEAR READER: The rotator cuff is a combination of tissues that stabilize the shoulder joint and can become inflamed, strained or torn by injury, leading to severe pain and reduced mobility.

Initial treatment usually consists of rest, heat, physical therapy and anti-inflammatory drugs, such as ibuprofen.

If this conservative approach is ineffective, or if the injury is severe, an MRI scan of the shoulder will confirm the extent of the damage and will indicate whether the cuff should be surgically repaired. In my experience, such surgery is usually curative and is superior to medical management. Nonetheless, if you wish to try a non-surgical option, by all means, do so. Your physician can order the physical therapy and medication, reserving an orthopedic consultation for later. However, I suspect that you will eventually have to have your rotator cuff repaired. Incidentally, the operation is usually very successful.

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DEAR READERS: Amusing medical anecdotes often liven up a doctor's day. Patients provide an unending array of interesting, sometimes jocular, happenings. I am frequently delighted by poems or word games by which patients toy with the somber, intimidating and technical jargon so popular in the medical profession. Take, for instance, this true experience that occurred in my office early last year.

Mr. B., a robust and distinguished 70-year-old gentleman with a wonderfully wry sense of humor, had enjoyed a successful career in radio. He is now savoring his retirement because he is hard at work at a plethora of eclectic endeavors for which he never really had time when he was gainfully employed. He is in good health and rarely complains.

Therefore, I was particularly struck by his apprehension and glum demeanor when he appeared in the office as an emergency. He'd experienced chest pain for about a week and was concerned that the discomfort might represent a serious lung problem or an impending heart attack. Given his age and the suddenness of his new symptom, I shared his concern and went about the preliminary task of questioning him meticulously about the pain: how it started, its character, its relation to exercise and body position, its association with other symptoms (such as fever and difficulty breathing), and what — if anything — he could do to aggravate or relieve it.

I came up with zero. He was experiencing a vague aching feeling that came and went, in no particular pattern, and was not associated with any suggestion of heart or lung disease.

After satisfying myself that Mr. B. was not in the throes of a coronary occlusion or some other life-threatening condition, I examined him. His blood pressure and general physical state were normal. The only unusual finding was definite tenderness in the left pectoralis muscle, the large muscle beneath the breast that fans out and attaches near the shoulder.

"Look," I said, as we sat down later to discuss the cause of his problem, "I don't really know what is causing this." I mulled over in my mind the long list of diagnostic tests that would be necessary and debated whether to begin with a chest X-ray, a cardiogram or a stress test.

"I doubt your heart's to blame, and I don't believe you have an ulcer," I reassured him. I was at a loss to explain the tender muscle. On a hunch, I went back to questioning him.

"Think hard," I demanded. "Have you recently engaged in any new activity during which you could have strained or injured your chest?"

Deep in thought, he frowned and reviewed his past week's activities. As the minutes ticked by, I ruminated about how much emphasis my medical school professors had placed on the diagnostic value of the medical history. I wondered whether Mr. B. would prove an exception to the rule that most patients will, if asked the right question, eventually lead the doctor to the correct diagnosis.

Suddenly he looked up, brightened appreciably and chortled. "I think my problem is organic!"

I assumed he was engaging in doctor-talk; the word "functional" is reserved for symptoms stemming from an emotional cause; "organic" means the presence of a real, physical disorder. I fell into the word-trap. "Of course your pain is organic," I blurted. "I never doubted that for an instant."

"No, no," he replied, with a twinkle in his eye. "My symptom is ORGANIC. You see, a week ago, I purchased a big organ at auction, and have played it every day since!" With that, he raised his arms over an imaginary keyboard to show me how his musical efforts had strained his pectoralis muscle. We both grinned because the cause of his symptom became immediately obvious. Further expensive testing would have been inappropriate. His pain was truly "organic," not pianissimo.

Mr. B. jauntily left the office a much relieved and less anxious man who vowed to attack his new hobby with reduced vigor. Of course, my day was made. I chuckled at how clever my patient had been to ferret out his own diagnosis and to discover a fresh meaning for an old word.

He has had no pain since.

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Words cannot begin to express our appreciation for all of the flowers, food, visits, cards, help, words of encouragement, and prayers that our family received during Maxine Barron's illness. You showed us true love, compassion, and helped us deal with the emotions of our loss. Maxine fought a long and hard battle, and she is now the winner.

Snyder Oaks Nursing Center and Odyssey Hospice are truly some of the most compassionate and caring people we know. You honored Maxine and her memory in so many ways. Snyder Oaks employees, we can never tell you how you touched our heart when you stood by the roadside to honor Maxine one last time.

There are so many of you that we cannot mention your names, but you know who you are. You were there for the good times as well as at the end.

As Maxine Barron's family we want to thank each of you. God Bless.

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Senior Center Menu

Monday
Chicken pot pie, Harvard beets, fruit cocktail, ranger cookie

Tuesday
Braised ham, scalloped potatoes, English peas, tossed salad, banana pudding

Wednesday
Beef stroganoff, whole kernel corn, green beans, heavenly delight salad, sugar cookie

Thursday
Barbecue on a bun, pickles/onions/peppers, pinto beans, potato salad, fruited Jell-O.

Friday (lunch)
Fried fish, parslied potatoes, buttered carrots, macaroni salad, apple cutie pie

Recognition banquet
Roasted beef au jus, creamed potatoes, Italian green beans, garden salad, chocolate layer dessert, dinner rolls

Senior Center News

Senior citizens may register for the computer classes through the Continuing Education Division of Western Texas College by calling 573-8511, ext. 390 to reserve space.

The AARP "55 Alive" driving course slated April 19 is for anyone 50 or older. The class is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. until noon and from 1-5 p.m. The cost is $10 per person. To register, call the center at 573-4035.

Mayday, The Senior Center fundraiser, is seven weeks away. Volunteers are encouraged to make items for the craft booth. Supplies have been donated, including batting and material to make crafts. Contact Pam Fenton.

Monday
Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. The American Association of Retired Persons will meet at noon for lunch and a meeting.

Tuesday
Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. at the center. Seniors may participate in swimnastics at Western Texas College from 10-11 a.m. The Aubrey Wilson Country Western Band will entertain in the dining room at 11 a.m. Seniors are invited to join the Golden K Kiwanis for their noon meal and meeting.

Wednesday
Ladies are invited to play/learn pool at 9 a.m. A volunteer will be available to help newcomers learn the game. Bingo begins at 10 a.m. and continues until 11:45 a.m. with a break at 11 a.m. for stretching and bending. A volunteer will teach Pinochle at 1 p.m. in the bridge room. Line dancing and clogging begins at 1 p.m. in the dining room. Income tax services are provided by volunteer Bernhard Bartels every Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m.

Thursday
The fabric painting class begins at 9 a.m. and continues until 11:30 a.m. Don't forget swimnastics at WTC at 10 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. at the center. Sunshine Choir members will entertain at 10 a.m. at Snyder Oaks.

Friday
The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may play eighty-eight at 11 a.m. There will be no sing-a-long. There will be a noon meal in addition to the Volunteer Recognition Banquet slated for 6:30 p.m. All senior citizens are invited to the banquet and asked to pre-register by Wednesday. Immediately after lunch, volunteers will be needed to help decorate the tables for the banquet.

Successful obesity war started on job

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Trying to work a full-time job and take care of two children meant Kelly Thomas had little time to eat right and exercise.

Then she decided a year ago to form a weight-loss program at work. The company covered the costs and 13 weeks later, she and 19 co-workers had lost a combined 294 pounds. It motivated others at LuK Inc. to shed some weight.

"We were walking proof that it worked," said Thomas, a training coordinator at the auto parts maker in Wooster, Ohio.

It is the kind of program Ohio health officials would like other companies to adopt, as they and other state and city officials nationwide take up the fight against obesity.

In the past year, at least 20 states have put money into campaigns that promote healthy habits. California passed legislation mandating what schools should serve in cafeterias and Texas set new guidelines on student exercise.

"Every state is struggling with this," said Dick Schafrath, a former Cleveland Browns player who is heading Ohio's effort, called "Healthy Ohioans, Healthy Communities." "The only problem is that Ohio is near first in all these lousy behaviors."

America has been on a health kick for years, yet more research is beginning to show obesity's adverse impact on health. States also are realizing they are paying much more than they thought on treating obesity-related disease, health departments say.

Nationwide, about 60 percent of adults are overweight or obese, as are nearly 13 percent of children, according to a report released in December by Surgeon General David Satcher.

Satcher said deaths related to obesity have reached 300,000 a year, a figure that may soon overtake tobacco as the top cause of preventable deaths nationwide.

Statistics show that six of 10 Ohioans is overweight, in line with the rest of the nation. And the leading causes of death in the state — including heart disease and diabetes — can be linked to unhealthy habits like smoking and bad nutrition, according to the state Health Department.

Money is a driving force in states' desire to have a healthier population. States say it's difficult to assess how much obesity-related illnesses add to health care costs, which include missed work days and lost productivity.

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Farm bill compromise eyed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional negotiators hope to work out a final agreement next week on an overhaul of farm programs that could take effect for this year's crops.

Aides to members of a House-Senate conference committee expected to work through the weekend to sort through a number of contentious issues, including a Senate-passed ban on meatpacker ownership of cattle and hogs and new restrictions subsidies individual farmers can collect.

The lawmakers "are going to make a run at getting it completed," Seth Boffeli, a spokesman for the lead Senate negotiator, Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, said Friday.

His House counterpart, Rep. Larry Combest, R-Texas, said lawmakers had to reach agreement on the final bill by Tuesday if they were to have any chance of getting it approved by the House and Senate before lawmakers leave for a two-week recess on Friday.

The negotiations are "moving in a very positive direction, still with a lot of work to be done," said Combest spokesman Keith Williams.

But the negotiators had yet to agree Friday on spending allocations for different sections of the legislation, including those funding commodity subsidies, conservation programs and food stamps.

The House passed a farm bill last October, and the Senate approved a longer, more expensive measure in February. Existing farm programs are scheduled to expire this fall.

The Bush administration, meanwhile, is urging the negotiators to include in the final bill a Senate-passed provision that would allow noncitizens to receive food stamps if they have lived in the country at least five years. Immigrants were cut off of the program in the 1996 welfare of federal welfare programs.

In a letter to the negotiators, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman also said the administration "strongly objects" to another Senate provision allowing private financing for food sales to Cuba. Under a 2000 law, the government and U.S. banks are barred from lending money to Cuba for buying U.S. agricultural products.

The letter, dated Wednesday, was silent on the meatpacker ban and the $275,000-per-farm payment limit.

Seeking to put Harkin on the spot, Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, threatened Friday to oppose the final farm bill if it significantly weakens the Senate-passed restrictions on meatpackers, a hot issue among hog producers in Iowa and neighboring states.

Parties bicker over nominations

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate committee's party-line rejection of a Mississippi judge could endanger other nominees, lawmakers said Friday, with talk of retaliation from both Republicans and Democrats.

GOP leader Trent Lott called the defeat of U.S. District Judge Charles Pickering of Mississippi for the U.S. Appeals Court "a real blow," and said he would block one of Majority Leader Tom Daschle's aides from getting on the Federal Communications Commission.

"I'm not going to let go of it for a long time," said Lott, a Pickering friend of 40 years who called the Senate Judiciary Committee's racially charged proceedings and its 10-9 vote Thursday a "slap at Mississippi."

Daschle, in turn, warned an attack on his aide's nomination might prove dangerous for other Bush nominees in the Democrat-controlled Senate. "I don't know if they've given careful thought to that threat, because I think it could easily backfire in many ways," the South Dakota Democrat said.

Pickering was the first of President Bush's judicial nominees to lose in the Judiciary Committee.

Pickering, who still has his lifetime appointment as a U.S. District judge, said Friday he would refuse "to let what has happened to me during this process embitter me or shape the balance of my life. Life is too precious."

"I am extremely disturbed that judicial confirmation has degenerated into such a bitter and mean-spirited process," he added. "I sincerely hope that no other nominee has to go through what has happened to me. The price of public service should not be so high."

Democrats criticized the 64-year-old judge's judicial temperament and judgment, with the committee chairman, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., saying Pickering "repeatedly injects his own opinions into his decisions on issues ranging from employment discrimination to voting rights."

Lott and other Republicans meanwhile said Pickering had been smeared by groups seeking to impose "an ideological litmus test" involving abortion, civil rights and other issues.

Republicans say liberal groups also used the Mississippi judge to test their strength for the next Supreme Court nomination battle.

"I think it is really aimed at the Supreme Court," Lott said. "That is the message, you send up a pro-life conservative man of faith for the Supreme Court and we will take care of him or her. That's what it's really about."

Bush wanted the committee to let the full Senate vote on the Pickering nomination, even after voting not to recommend him. The Democrats would not allow that unusual step.

Obituaries

Mrs. Williamson

1924-2002

Dorothy LaRue Autry Williamson, 78, lifelong resident of Snyder, died Friday, March 15, in Hermann Hospital Medical Center in Houston after a lengthy illness.

LaRue Williamson

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Feb. 26, 1924 in Snyder, she married J.C. Williamson on Dec. 27, 1944 in Snyder. He died Nov. 20, 1982.

Mrs. Williamson, a homemaker, was a charter member of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Two brothers, G.L. Autry and Leon Autry, also preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Terry and June Williamson of Midland and Dennis Williamson of San Antonio; a daughter, Jan Beckett of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a brother, Wendell Autry of Amarillo; a sister-in-law, Polly Autry of Snyder; and five grandchildren.

Wiley Eubank

1903-2002

Wiley Lee Eubank, the brother of two Snyder residents, died Friday, March 15, in Bowie after a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Eubank, 98, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Kevin Huddleston, a great-nephew and minister with the Johnson Street Church of Christ in San Angelo, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Ira Cemetery.

Born Sept. 19, 1903 in Fairfield, he married Altha Bryant on Sept. 20, 1924 in Ira. She died Nov. 19, 1999.

A resident of Bowie and Montague County for 52 years, Mr. Eubank was a retired rancher and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bowie.

Survivors include two sisters, Alta Holley of Marble Falls and Coy Dee Mebane of Snyder; a brother, Wayne Eubank of Snyder; a niece and nephew, Darla Huddleston and Franklin Bryant, both of Ira; and special friends and caregivers, Nancy, Dave, Brittani, Maranda and David Harrison, all of Bowie.

Family visitation will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

George Ator

1918-2002

LIPAN — George Pershing Ator, a resident of Snyder from 1951 to 1986, died Thursday, March 14, at Campbell Memorial Hospital in Weatherford.

Funeral service for Mr. Ator, 83, was set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Lipan Church of Christ. Burial was to follow in the Evergreen Cemetery in Lipan with arrangements under the direction of Wiley Funeral Home.

Born Oct. 7, 1918 in Lipan, he married Jo Cook in 1941 in Oklahoma. While living in Snyder, Mr. Ator worked for Chevron Oil Company, retiring after 35 years. He was a Master Mason, had been a member of the 37th Street Church of Christ in Snyder and was a member of the Lipan Church of Christ.

Mr. Ator was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, S.I. Ator Jr.

Survivors include his wife, Jo Ator of Lipan; two sons and daughters-in-law, Phil and Pam Ator of Singapore and Rick and Tami Ator of Garland; two daughters and sons-in-law, Diana and Bob Price of Dallas and Sharrylon and Jerry Vestal of Dallas; a sister, Melba Sansing of Amarillo; a sister-in-law, Clarice Ator of Houston; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Lipan Church of Christ.

President touts Afghan education

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush says that when hundreds of girls in Afghanistan set foot in a classroom for the first time this month, many will find notebooks, pencils, crayons and soccer balls purchased with money from American children.

In his weekly radio address Saturday, Bush told listeners that $4.5 million has been raised by U.S. children to support education in Afghanistan.

"America's children have been extremely generous in helping the children of Afghanistan," Bush said.

Bush began a national campaign to raise money for Afghan children during a speech in October, asking each American child to earn $1 and send it to the White House.

Since the war in Afghanistan began, the United States has also sent more than four million textbooks, written in the Afghan languages of Pashto and Dari.

Before year's end, the United States will have sent almost 10 million textbooks to Afghan children, Bush said.

"These textbooks will teach tolerance and respect for human dignity, instead of indoctrinating students with fanaticism and bigotry," Bush said.

Bush said working for a better educated Afghanistan will provide youngsters with "an alternative to bitterness, resentment and hatred."

When schools reopen in Afghanistan in the coming weeks, women and girls will be allowed into the classroom for the first time in years.

Educating girls will lead to a more stable Afghanistan, Bush said.

"Under the Taliban regime, educating women was a criminal act, Bush said. "Under the new government of a liberated Afghanistan, educating all children is a national priority. And America, along with its coalition partners, is actively helping in that effort."

Youth arrested for alcohol violation

Arrest

Snyder officers arrested a 15-year-old male in the 3100 block of Ave. J early Saturday for possession of tobacco as a minor and consuming alcohol as a minor. The juvenile was taken to the police department, then released to a family member.

Close patrols

A woman requested a close patrol of her residence on Ave. R Friday morning after seeing a suspicious vehicle driving in the area.

A close patrol was initiated in the 3000 block of Austin Ave. Friday night after a woman reported hearing noises on her front porch.

Gas drive off

A clerk at the Plaza Truck Stop reported a gas drive off Friday afternoon and provided officers with a description of the vehicle and its driver. DPS troopers located the driver, who advised he would return and pay for the gas.

WHAT'S UP?

events

ONGOINGS

UW board meeting

Directors of the Scurry County United Way will meet at noon Monday at 2311 Ave. T.

AARP meeting

AARP will meet at noon Monday at Snyder Senior Center. Guest speaker will be Dr. Greg Williams, president of Western Texas College. All board members are urged to attend a meeting at 11:30 in the conference room.

Scurry Masonic Lodge #706

Scurry Masonic Lodge will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday for work in the Masters Degree. All Master Masons are invited.

Community choir class

A community choir class will begin Monday in Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre. The class will meet Mondays from 7-9 p.m. for seven weeks, followed by a performance on April 26. The class is free and registration will be on the first day of class. Call 573-8511 for more information.

Gateway Family Services

Gateway Family Services has a parenting discussion group from 10:30–11:30 a.m. every Tuesday, focusing on parenting issues and special challenges. The family violence support group also meets from 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Mesquite Country Emmaus

The Mesquite Country Emmaus community meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Calvary Baptist Church in Colorado City. Babe chicks meet at 6 p.m.

Scurry County 4-H Club meeting

The Scurry County 4-H Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at East Elementary.

Free income tax help

Free income tax aid for low to middle income citizens of any age is available each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1-3 p.m. at the senior center located, 2603 Ave. M.

GED pre-registration and test dates

Mondatory pre-registration for the GED tests will be from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Thursday in the GED testing center, Building 7B, on the WTC campus. The math segment will begin at 8 a.m. Friday. For more information about the GED test, call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 573-8511, ext. 297, or 574-2112.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Senior center banquet

The 23rd annual Scurry County Senior Center volunteer recognition banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Senior Center.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School is needing addresses for classmates. Call Melanie at 573-4022, Julie at 573-1634 or Amy at 573-4793. The reunion will be held at the end of July.

Enchilada dinner

The third annual Knights of Columbus enchilada dinner is next Sunday at West Elementary. Serving will be from noon until 5 p.m. Adult plates are $5 and child's plates are $3. Meal includes tea and dessert.

Foster care meeting

To learn more information of foster care and adoption, attend an informational meeting to be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, at the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services office at 3409 Snyder Shopping Center.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has windbreak trees available for sale. Extra hardwood trees are $1 each and Evergreens are $2.25. Call 573-6317 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

American Legion membership drive

The American Legion is holding its membership drive and if you or a family member served in the military, you could be eligible for membership in the American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary or Sons of American Legion. Call 573-4082, 573-6542 or 574-6805 for more information.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes taught by certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides are held at WTC from 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday through Thursday, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include G.E.D., E.S.L., and refresher courses. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC pool hours

Lap swim: M-F, 6:30-8 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m.; open swim, M-TH 7-9 p.m. Memberships for the semester: $50. The swimming pool is also available for rental, contact Lisa Christensen, ext. 290.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

Seniors swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens on Tuesday and Thursdays is held from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Western Texas College pool.

ESL, GED classes

Classes for E.S.L., GED and computers are held at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Region 14 classroom at 4200 College Ave. For more information, call 574-6012.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland is available free of charge. Call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakey Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

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Teaching more than a job to SHS drama director

Teaching isn't just a job to Brad Vincent, it's his life.

After Jerry Worsham, longtime Snyder High School drama director, passed away in May of 2000, Vincent took the reins of the drama program firmly in hand. He wasn't embarking on an unfamiliar journey — he was coming home.

As a former drama student, Vincent, who graduated from SHS in 1987, had intimate knowledge of the drama program Worsham had steered for 34 years. Vincent had visited Worsham in Austin the weekend before he passed away. Losing such a close friend was like losing a parent, Vincent said. Vincent's mother, Lawanna, had died in 1989.

Their close association began long before Vincent enrolled in his first drama class. He fondly remembers Worsham, noting that over the years he first thought of him as a hero, then a teacher and mentor and finally a very close friend.

Vincent was in his fourth year as drama director at McKinney High School, a position Worsham helped him get, when Worsham told him that he was considering retiring; in fact he had already submitted his letter to the administration. Vincent said Worsham still loved teaching but he felt that he no longer had the energy to be the kind of teacher he wanted to be.

"He was so amazing, but he just felt like he couldn't give like he had before," Vincent added.

At the time, Worsham did not know anyone who was interested in directing the SHS program. When Vincent asked Worsham how he would feel if he became the director, Worsham was very excited. They even discussed ways to make the transition as smooth as possible, provided the SISD administration would approve. Both men thought it was important to have someone come in who understood the traditions and philosophy and was sensitive to the legacy of the drama department.

Vincent meets challenges head on. That's why he accepted the SHS position even though he knew that following in the revered director's footsteps would not be easy. He also knew it would be extremely difficult to leave his "kids" at McKinney High. They had already had a previous director die and Vincent considered the position "custom fit for me." During his tenure, the drama program there became state recognized.

But after much soul searching Vincent decided to return to Snyder.

"Helping kids is the most important thing in my life," Vincent explained. "Worsham's loss to Snyder students was immeasurable. And since Worsham and I had talked about it I felt this was where I needed to come."

Both men had thought it would be important that someone familiar with the program try to carry on the tradition rather than someone new come in and start throwing things away.

"The props may not mean anything to a new director but they are important to me because there are a lot of memories associated with them. I am very protective of them," Vincent added.

However, winning the students over would not be an easy task.

"At the beginning of the school year about half of the advanced students thought of me as an outsider. It was *their* department and I was just passing through. I had to talk to them about how I wasn't passing through, I was coming home."

Some never understood that, but by the end of his first school year he said most did, including some of the most stubborn students who had become very supportive and good workers.

Familiarity with Worsham and the SHS drama program helped make the transition process more palatable because Vincent could back up the changes he wanted to make with historical knowledge of what Worsham had done in past years. The students began to accept why he wanted to change some procedures.

"Worsham was someone who was always changing things, always trying to find a better way to do things," he added. "They [students] understood that if we were changing procedures it might just be changing back to a procedure that had worked before. Or, we might be coming up with a new procedure or I could at least show them that the way Worsham did things the last three years wasn't the way he had done things all 34 years."

The reorganization of the drama department also included reassigning office space. Vincent said Worsham shared his office with students who worked there quite a bit. Vincent, self-described as "more organizationally challenged" said he

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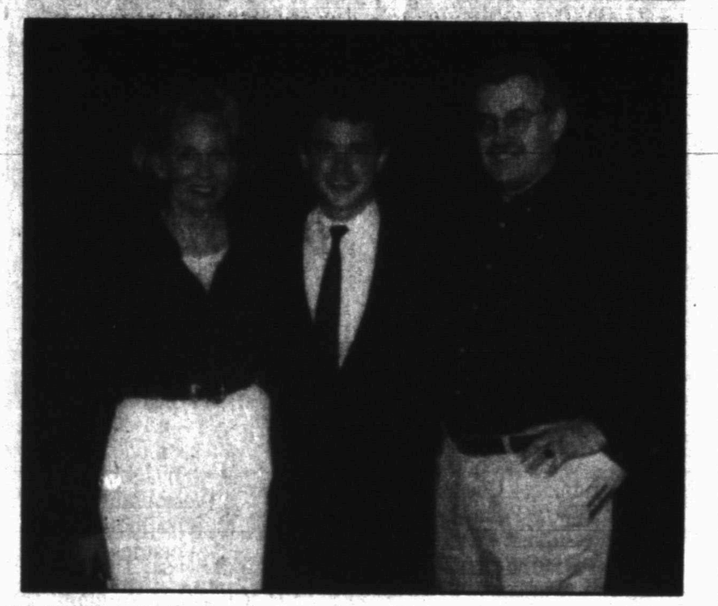
The many sides of Brad Vincent...



(Top left) SHS sophomore Brad Vincent won best actor for Romeo. (Above) Vincent and the 2001 one-act play cast just learned they were going to state. (Top right) Vincent, far left, wears the best actor medal he won his sophomore year. Members of his family include from left, his Dad, James; his mother Lawanna who has passed away; and two brothers, Britt and Bryan. (Bottom right) McKinney High School earned a trip to state in 1998. Vincent, center, drama director, is pictured with the late Jerry Worsham and Kay Puryear, University of Texas Theatre and dance staff member. (Contributed Photos)

Scurry County Folks

By Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Easter
March 31

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School Menus

Snyder

All meals are served with milk and juice is also on the breakfast menu.

CLASSROOM BREAKFAST
(East, Northeast, Stanfield, West)
Monday
Cereal w/Teddy Grahams
Tuesday
Fruit Muffin
Wednesday
Biscuit & Jelly
Thursday
Cinnamon
Friday
Ham & Egg in a Biscuit

(Other Schools)
Monday
Breakfast on a Stick
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Tuesday
Ham & Cheese Wrap or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Wednesday
Sausage in a Biscuit or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Thursday
Pancakes w/Sausage or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Friday
Scrambled Eggs w/Bacon or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly

LUNCH
Monday
Cheese Enchiladas or
Crispy Beef Tacos
Spicy Pinto Beans
Broccoli & Cheese Sauce
Chilled Fruit
Tuesday
Pepperoni Pizza or
Country Steak Fingers
w/Gravy
Black-eyed Peas
Celery Sticks
w/Peanut Butter
Chocolate Chip Cookie
Wednesday
Nacho Grande or
Chicken Cheese Quesadilla
Campfire Beans
Tomato & Cucumber Salad
Pineapple Tidbits
Thursday
Ham & Cheese Sandwich or
Turkey Caesar Wrap
Frito Lay Corn Chips
Pickle Spears
Blue Bell Mini Fruit Freeze
Friday
"Fighting Tiger"
Cheeseburger or
Bean & Rice Burrito
Buffalo French Fries
Lettuce & Tomato Cup
Chocolate Chip Cookie

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Juice
Scrambled Eggs
Fried Ham
Tuesday
Juice
Blueberry Muffins
Wednesday
Juice
Oatmeal
Toast
Thursday
Juice
Toast/Peanut Butter/Jelly
Friday
Juice
Breakfast Pizza

LUNCH
Monday
Barbecued German Sausage
Parsley Potatoes
Baked Beans
Peanut Butter Bars
Tuesday
Hamburger Casserole
Whole Potatoes
English Peas
Hot Rolls
Pineapple
Wednesday
Lasagna
Italian Green Beans
Tomato Wedges
Hot Rolls
Vanilla Pudding
Thursday
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Baked Beans
Pears
Friday
Chili Cheese Dogs
Potato Wedges
Relish Cup
Ice Cream

Ira

All meals are served with choice of milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Biscuits & Gravy
Sausage
Juice
Tuesday
Breakfast Burritos
Juice
Wednesday
Pancakes
Bacon
Applesauce
Thursday
Cinnamon Rolls
Juice
Friday
Sausage on a Stick
Juice

LUNCH
Monday
Pigs in a Blanket
Tater Tots
Pork & Beans
Shape-ups
Tuesday
Steak Fingers
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans
Bread
Peach Cobbler
Wednesday
Stromboli
Potatoes
Peas
Chocolate Pudding
Thursday
Chicken on a Bun
French Fries
Carrots
Fruit
Friday
Soft Tacos
Ranch Style Beans
Cookies

MAY WEDDING — Daryl and Sharon Meador announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Christopher Bryan of Stillwater, Okla., to April Connor of Stillwater. She is the daughter of Gene and Sharon Conner of Cypress and Linda Conner of Katy. They met while attending Tarleton State University. April is working on her master's degree in hotel and restaurant administration and Chris is working on his Ph.D. in plant physiology. The wedding is set for May 18 in the First United Methodist Church in Katy. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

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

NA Just for Today; Park Club at Winston Park; 573-1438.

Stargazers Family Community Education Club; 7 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Gateway Family Services parenting discussion group, focuses on a variety of parenting issues and special challenges; no charge; call 73-1822 for more information; 10:30 a.m.

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

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

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Trinity United Methodist Church. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; Viewing the Martial Arts program by Greg Gafford, with Taekwondo Academy; hostesses, Pat Floyd and Marge Mathis; 4 p.m.

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

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

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

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 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.

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

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

Don't blame crash on the dummy

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — You can't blame this car crash on the dummy in the front seat.

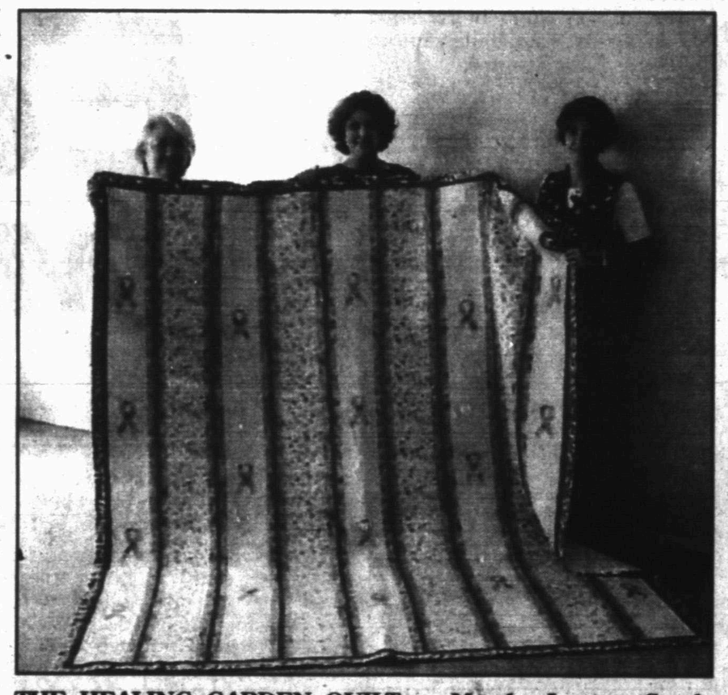
The Washington State Patrol said a woman with a full-size mannequin buckled into the passenger seat of her minivan tried to sneak into the car pool lane on Interstate 405, and became involved in a chain of crashes that closed the freeway and backed up traffic for hours Tuesday morning.

The woman, Susan Aeschliman-Hill, 59, of Kent acknowledged using the dummy — dressed in a woman's black-and-white sweater and complete with makeup and a wig — to drive illegally in the car pool lane, which requires at least one passenger.

"When traffic gets real bad, I sometimes use (the mannequin)," she told The Seattle Times.

The incident was being investigated, but State Patrol Trooper Monica Hunter said Wednesday that the woman would likely be cited for driving alone in the high-occupancy vehicle lane and making an unsafe lane change.

"Her passenger wasn't breathing and that's one of our requirements," Hunter said.



THE HEALING GARDEN QUILT — Marsha Levens, Sandy Hodges and Terrie Powell display a quilt to be given away from donations made to the Cancer Society. In "The Healing Garden" quilt, each design represents a flower, a plant or tree whose chemical properties are used in chemotherapy and cancer prevention. Pieced by "Friends for Life" 2002 using Pacific Yew, Sweet Potato and Roots of the Tree of Joy fabrics, it was quilted by Dolores Merritt and Pam Browning. Chances to win are $1 each or six for $5 and the drawing will be during Relay for Life April 19 at Tiger Stadium. Tickets may be purchased at the Scurry County School FCU, 1903 40th Street, or by calling 573-6568. (Contributed Photo)

SC Library News & Views

By Janie Romine, librarian

The Scurry County Library Board and staff invite you to the Annual Book Sale this week. The dates and times are as follows:

Wednesday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Thursday, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Your purchases are by donation each time you visit the book sale. Most book sales charge a minimum of $1 per hardback book and .50 cents for paperback books, so we ask that you remember this when you figure your donation.

This book sale is the only fundraiser the Scurry County Library board has, and we depend on the proceeds to financially support the youth summer reading program each year. Please remember this, and give generously when you visit the book sale.

We have books, encyclopedias, videos, audiocassettes and records. There are paperbacks for every type fiction and even some nonfiction. No matter your interest, there is something here for you! Bring a bag and fill it up, knowing that you are supporting our youth in their summer reading program.

We hope to see you at the book sale at the Scurry County Library!

Bridal Registry
Tammy Greeman and Shawn Hays
Carol Strayhorn and Harry Blackstock
Melanie Kidd and Blair Gibson
Amy Williams and Aaron Stork
Leah McCullough and Marc McQueen
Brooke McGuire and Ryan Gentry
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JoAnn Prince

Yolanda Beccera and Connie Miller announce a change of location from Pat Dennis Studio to Nancy's Art Style, in Snyder Shopping Center, beginning Tuesday, March 19.
They would like to welcome their present customers and future clients to come by or call for an appointment 573-0109.

MID-APRIL WEDDING SET —Jack and Jean Spencer of Alpena, Mich., and Pam Collom of Midland and Larry Collom of Ira announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Amy Marie Spencer and James Todd Collom, former Snyder resident. They will marry on April 20 in the First United Methodist Church in Fort Worth. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Gardening books growing industry

By The Associated Press

Gardening books are definitely a growth industry:

—Takashi Sawano is one of the world's best-regarded designers of Japanese gardens — and he has concentrated on creating them outside of Japan. In "Creating Your Own Japanese Garden" (Shufunotomo/Japan Publications, via Kodansha America, $32 hardcover) he offers help to Western gardeners who want them. "If they are designed and created with care, Japanese gardens can blend surprising well into Western settings," he writes.

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—For inspiration in planning that garden, look at "A Japanese Touch for Your Garden" (Kodansha International, $25 paperback), by Kiyoshi Seike, Masanobu Kudo, with David H. Engel. You'll see how the Japanese use stones, carved lanterns and signposts, waterworks, paths and other elements.

—The improvements of rose types in recent years — hardier, more disease-resistant, repeating blooms — has made it possible to use them freely in landscaping. Jeff Cox explores the possibilities in "Landscape with Roses" (Taunton Books, $27.95 paperback, with photographs by Jerry Pavia). He shows how they can hold their own as borders, foundation plantings, massed as shrubs and in other garden roles.

—"Gardening in Containers" and "Accent Your Garden" (each $17.95 paperback) are the newest titles in Taunton's Fine Gardening Design Guides series, which draws on the expertise of contributors to Fine Gardening magazine. The "Containers" title offers ideas for using urns, pots, baskets, window boxes, and even old housewares to grow things, inside and out. And the "Accent" book illustrates creative ideas for laying out your garden design with arbors, trellises, pavings, fences, statuary and other objects.

—A great advantage of growing your own herbs is that besides providing fresh ingredients for your cooking, the plants play a decorative part in your garden, either alone or in partnership with your flowers and shrubs. "Better Homes and Gardens Herbs" (Meredith Publishing, $16.95 paperback) offers ideas to grow these versatile plants in the city, country, as knot gardens and landscapes, and even those little odd spaces. The book also includes recipes that use your fresh-grown herbs as well as instructions to make wreaths, bouquets, potpourri, and cosmetics.

—In the same series, "Better Homes and Gardens Roses" (Meredith Publishing, $16.95 paperback), a guide to growing and using these favorites.

Bridge Scores

All games were directed by Monte West at the Snyder Country Club.

Friday, March 8
North-South
A Group

1. Barbara Yorgesen, Margaret Birdwell.
2. Margaret Presswood, Gwen Riggs.
3. ElWanda Nall, Pat Floyd.

B Group

1. Margaret Presswood, Gwen Riggs.
2. ElWanda Nall, Pat Floyd.
3. Nonnie Ward, Dorothy Rosson.

East-West
A Group

1. Bette Byrd, Coleen Palmer.
2. Jane Hinton, Maribeth Vestal.
3. Mary Lois Wilson, Tizzy Hall.

B Group

1. Mary Lois Wilson, Tizzy Hall.
2. Vera McSpadden, Paula Gilbert.
3. Dora Blakey, Betty Courtney.

Tuesday, March 12

1. Linda West, Monte West.
2. Nonnie Ward, Betty Courtney.
3. Billisue Stuard, Jane Hinton.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-16-02
♠ 4
♥ 8 6 3 2
♦ A K Q
♣ K J 9 5 4

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

East
♠ A K J 9
♥ K J 10 9 4
♦ J 9 8 4
♣ —

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

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	2 ♣
2 ♦	2 ♠	3 ♥	Dbl.
4 ♥	Pass	5 ♣	5 ♠
Pass	Pass	6 ♣	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	All pass	

Opening lead: ♠ 6

Saturday, March 16, 2002

The word of the day is "eximious"

By Phillip Alder

It is strange how one comes across strange words. Do you know what "eximious" means?

This deal featured some eximious play by Waldemar von Zedtwitz, who was both a bridge and word expert.

The auction was bizarre! However, given his excellent club fit, North's one-diamond response, bidding where he had his high cards, wasn't silly. Nowadays, though, probably an expert would respond three spades, a splinter bid announcing at least game values with five or more clubs and at most a singleton spade.

After winning the first trick with the spade king, East shifted to the heart jack. Waldy, as he was known to his friends, finessed his heart queen successfully. Then he led the club three, and when West followed with the two, Waldy called for dummy's four!

When the finesse succeeded, Waldy played a heart to his ace, crossed to dummy with a diamond, ruffed a heart with the club queen, led the club seven to dummy's nine, and trumped the last heart with his club ace. Returning to dummy by ruffing a spade, declarer drew the remaining trumps and claimed.

Although West could have thwarted this plan by inserting a higher club at trick three, that does not detract from Waldy's eximious — excellent, distinguished — play. Finessing the club four was vital, and was indicated by the opponents' high-level bidding with few points.

Josephine Louis so liked the word that in 1982 she started Eximious of London. And now the company also has a store outside Chicago.

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VARIED PROGRAMS AT ALTRURIAN DAUGHTERS — Altrutian Daughters Club met Wednesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club for a program by Rodger Sullenger, airport manager. He gave an update on maintenance of Winston Field and some future plans. Shown with Sullenger in the top photo are hostesses June McGlaun and Geleska Baze, from left. The bottom photo was a previous program on Tips For Ladies' Defense by Jim Petty, a correctional officer instructor in martial arts, Ryan Grady, a student; Todd Brady, prison guard; and Altrurian Daughters hostesses, Jean Sealy and Nona Morrison. The next meeting will be April 10 with Richard Hester giving a program on Antiques and Depression Glass. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

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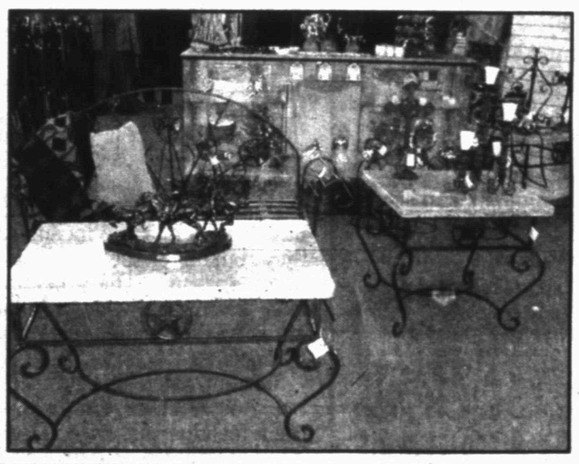

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Vincent helps preserve Worsham's legacy at Snyder High

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needed his office to be a little more private, but at the same time he wanted the students to have their own office.

Now there are two offices in the drama lab, which is the main production area. One is the office Worsham once used and the other one had been Worsham's office in past years.

"In the 1980s, when I was in school, his office was in that room. So I gave that to the students. In the 1990s it had been turned into a prop room.

He sited three reasons for the change. "I kind of needed my own space so I could be more organized. And I wanted the students to have their own space so they could have the feeling of ownership. Third, I couldn't stand for the office that I used to walk into to talk to Worsham and brainstorm with him and sometimes just sit and chat with him to be used as a prop room. I needed that space to be an office again. I wanted a space I could walk into, a place where I could have memories that were important to me."

In time, Vincent said most students accepted that he had a strong feeling of history and tradition just like they did. Though Vincent and Worsham shared the same philosophy and have similar styles, Vincent said, "we run the theatre differently."

Vincent believes in the team concept and organizes the drama students like an athletic program, where students are divided into varsity and junior varsity squads.

They also picked their one-act play cast at different times during the school year. Worsham preferred February while Vincent makes his selections almost a year in advance during spring registration.

The two men had similar tastes in play selections also. Since he was "raised" by Worsham, Vincent said he likes the classics, especially Shakespeare. He is so committed that he wants to produce one Shakespeare play for the one-act contest each year.

Criteria for selecting a play depends on "what's best for the students. Some plays showcase what the students can do. Others are picked because they encourage students to learn new talents," Vincent explained.

In May of 2001, SHS won third place at state with Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*. Out of 40 schools, Vincent said only three other schools performed a play by Shakespeare.

That disappointed Vincent. "A lot of directors are afraid of Shakespeare. They think it can't be done," he added.

But Vincent believes the old saying, "If you can do Shakespeare, you can do anything."

While winning the bronze medal was great, Vincent said they remember the state trip for other reasons. Their performance was the only one to sell out and it was interrupted five times by applause.

Vincent noted that cast member Austin Haire, summed up their feelings this way, "I could go home right now. It doesn't get any better than this."

Vincent said other high school drama directors told him they liked *Taming of the Shrew* and some were encouraged to consider doing a Shakespeare play at their school.

The drama students will perform another Shakespeare play, *Julius Caesar*, for the 2002 one-act season, which begins Thursday with zone competition in San Angelo. However, it will be very non-traditional.

"We may advertise it as "this isn't your grandfather's *Julius Caesar*," Vincent said. He described it as a "post apocalyptic *Mad Max*, *Planet of the Apes* type setting, with lots of leather."

Vincent said they hope to show schools around the state that Shakespeare can be "different and vital and hopefully still be successful."

Besides the one act play, drama students also perform other plays throughout the year and for the second year drama and choir departments have combined to put on a musical. The *Sound of Music* recently completed its run. Last semester, they also staged the Madrigal dinners.

Vincent said Ronda Haire, choir director, is "the greatest person to work with." Previously, she had directed the musicals herself. He added that one of the reasons he and Haire choose joint productions is because they want "to help build a cooperative spirit among the students."

Vincent's own high school drama career began in 1984 with one line in *The Crucible*. "But I was proud of it," he said.

As a sophomore, he played Romeo in *Romeo and Juliet*, which won state and he was also named best actor. His junior year, *Man of all Seasons* won second at state and he was named to the all-star cast. As a senior, *Hamlet* won second at state and he was named to the all-star cast.

Vincent earned a bachelor's degree at Baylor University, where he began landing leading roles his sophomore year. While that was exciting, his success was over-shadowed by the illness and death of his mother.

After he earned a bachelor's degree at Baylor, Vincent taught and served as assistant theatre director at Humble, near Houston. He later earned a master's degree at the University of Texas and began working toward his Ph.D. While in Austin he also worked for the Texas Education Agency.

After his first two years at Humble, Vincent said he knew he wanted to teach but he decided to try different jobs, like assistant principal at Lakeworth for a year and the TEA position, because he wanted to make sure "teaching was a good fit." Regardless of the other jobs he has held, Vincent said, "the classroom is the most meaningful."

Though Vincent loves being a teacher, he had decided to become a minister at age 13. By high school he wanted to become an evangelist. At a college Baptist Student Union, Vincent said he "cheated" on a spiritual gifts test and deliberately answered questions to favor evangelism over missionary work.

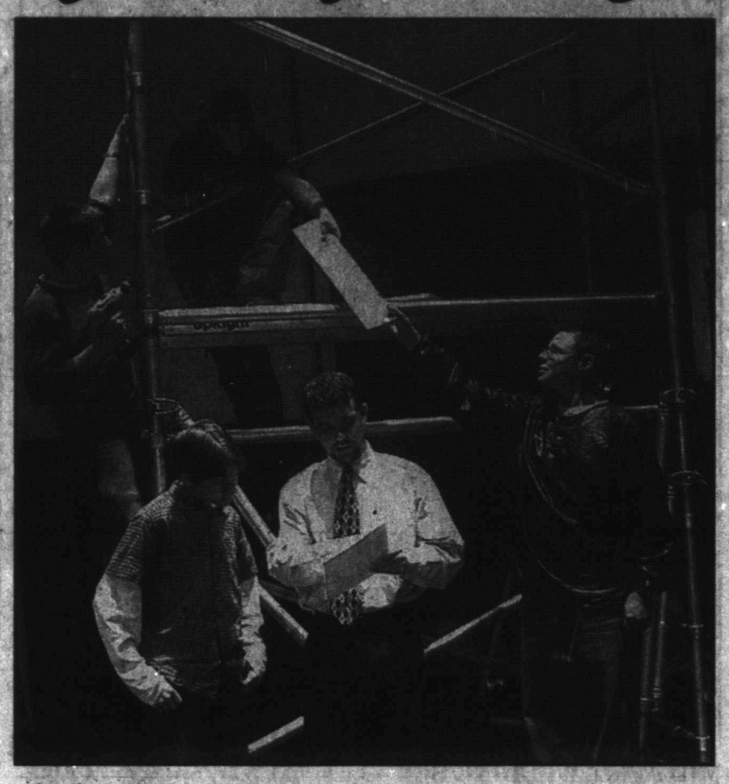
"If ever I've heard a voice in my head, it was then. I took the test over, thinking of the missionary field as inner-city Chicago."

Though he became a teacher instead of a missionary, Vincent is still in the business of helping people. Kids know they can come to me. I believe the 'word' love can be used in the classroom."

He tries to impart to his students that "the arts are gifts we give to other people."

Vincent's dad, James, and his grandmother Ella Mae Row live in Snyder.

CHOICES — Brad Vincent and Amber Alexander, left, and Brandy Birkenfeld discuss costumes for a play. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



PRODUCTION CREW — The production crew is vital to any play. Brad Vincent, center, points something out to Justin Cox. Eric Courtney, right, hands a board to Josh Proctor (top). Bret McClendon, far left, gets ready to drill.

GETTING READY — Brad Vincent, far left, and students are working out scenes for *Julius Caeser*, their one-act play. Students include from left, Clark Reed, Joanna Burk, Bobby Sands, Haley Elkins, Hayli Henderson, Jeff Scott and Sterling Millhollon. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Chip on old uncle's shoulder threatens family feud

DEAR ABBY: Our son was married last year. There were many out-of-town relatives from the bride's family, plus a large wedding party. Once the parents and grandparents of the bride and groom were added to the list, close to 80 people attended the rehearsal dinner. We did not invite family members who didn't have a part in the ceremony, although spouses of the wedding party were included.

A few weeks before the big day, my husband's Uncle Charlie (who is close to 80), let us know he was very hurt not to be invited to the rehearsal dinner. He made it clear he expected us to make an exception for him because he and my husband have always been close. My husband explained to Charlie that if we made an exception for him, we would risk offending other relatives who were not included. He seemed to accept the decision.

It has been many months since the wedding, and it's obvious that Uncle Charlie is nursing a grudge. At family gatherings, he takes every opportunity to challenge anything my husband says to belittle him. He even collected articles on wedding etiquette, invited my husband to lunch and tried to get him to read them.

If my son gets wind of this, he won't tiptoe around Uncle Charlie's feelings as his dad has always done. There will be a permanent rift in the family.

Abby, is there anything I can do or say to resolve this? — **THE PEACEMAKER**

DEAR PEACEMAKER: I doubt it. It is precisely for people who feel they deserve to be the "exception" that the rules of etiquette were written in the first place. There is no way to reason with narcissistic, self-centered individuals because they must always be right.

It is not your job or your husband's to make up to Uncle Charlie for his imagined slight. He owes your husband an apology, not the other way around. But please don't hold your breath waiting for it.

DEAR ABBY: As ardent readers of your column, my wife, Pamela, and I feel we must attest to the absolute truth about the "drunken geese" story you have printed.

It is, indeed, a true story and hundreds of years old. The geese were, in fact, ducks — owned by an innkeeper in Hawkshead in the Lake District of England. The inn is still there and is named "The Drunken Duck." It's complete with a beautiful pub sign showing the ducks clothed in fitted woolen hand-knit garments. My wife and I have dined frequently in this charming pub, which, by the way, offers superb food. — **BRIAN KERR, PORT CHARLOTTE, FLA.**

DEAR BRIAN: Some stories take on a life of their own. Thank you for setting the record straight. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The person who wrote and said the drunken geese story was first told in a book by Richard Brautigan should do more research.

The fact is, Jerry Clower told this story from 1957 until the day he died in 1997. I don't like it when people don't know what they are talking about. — **VERY UPSET IN MASSACHUSETTS**

DEAR VERY UPSET: Neither do I. I wonder if Jerry had been to England.

DEAR ABBY: I am a librarian in a medium-sized public library, and I'm losing my patience about one particular issue.

Parents who wouldn't dream of dropping off their 5- and 7-year-olds at the mall or grocery store bring their youngsters to the library and let them roam freely throughout the building with no supervision, or drop them off to fend for themselves while Mom and Dad go shopping or run errands.

To those negligent parents, I want to yell: The public library is not a "safe place" to leave your child unattended! Libraries are public buildings; anyone off the street can enter. I know of at least one convicted child molester who is a regular user of this branch, and there are probably more that we don't know about.

Public libraries are a popular choice for child molesters and "peepers" to frequent and search for victims. Parents, please do not leave your little ones alone at the library. We librarians have jobs to do, and although we care deeply about the safety of your children, we are not baby sitters.

Thank you for helping me get the message out, Abby. — **CONCERNED LIBRARIAN**

DEAR LIBRARIAN: You're welcome. It's hard to imagine a parent who is so irresponsible as to take a small child to a public place and leave him or her unsupervised. That said, if I were the concerned librarian, I would contact the local police and notify them that a child has been abandoned on the premises.

DEAR ABBY: We are Mothers of the Military. Our sons and daughters are the Army, Marines, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, Reserves and National Guard going into Afghanistan to protect our freedom. They are fighter pilots who drop bombs on the Taliban and protect the skies here at home, Navy cooks on the ships, infantry here and abroad, and the Coast Guard protecting our shores. They have many jobs, from private or seaman to general or admiral. All branches and all ranks are equally important; they are our sons and daughters.

During this time of uncertainty, we support each other in person and on the Internet. We laugh and cry together and know that there is always someone who shares our fears and joys. If you have never sent a child to war, it is hard to imagine either the cold terror that you feel or the joy at seeing them come home.

Our slogan is, "As one we are weak, together we are STRONG." We help anyone who has family in the military by networking them with others in their areas or finding someone for them to write to. There is almost always someone online on the Internet site, and we have chat rooms nightly. We would like to invite any who wish to join us — and that includes fathers, siblings, grandparents, anyone!

Thank you, Abby, for sharing our cause with others. — **ETTA LOVE, MOTHERS OF THE MILITARY**

DEAR ETTA: I wish you success in your support effort. Although I have never sent a child off to war, I empathize with the stress all family members feel when they send someone they love into danger — regardless of how noble the cause.

Readers, Mothers of the Military (MOM) can be reached via the Internet at www.mothersofthemilitary.com or e-mailed at mothersofthemil@aol.com. Those who do not have computers can write the organization at P.O. Box 65015, Lubbock, Texas 79464.

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New comet named

SIERRA VISTA, Ariz. (AP) — Amateur stargazer Doug Snyder had spent days scanning the skies with his 20-inch reflector telescope hoping to find something new when he happened upon "a little gray smudge."

The little smudge proved to be a very big deal: It was a new comet.

The Central Bureau for Astronomical Telegrams — the Harvard University-affiliated clearinghouse for new discoveries — confirmed Tuesday that Snyder was the first person to sight the comet Monday as it streaked through the Aquila Constellation in the heart of the Summer Milky Way, which is a specific section of the Milky Way galaxy.

A Japanese amateur astronomer, Shigeki Murakami, sighted the comet a few hours later and is considered a co-discoverer.

The find was dubbed Comet Snyder-Murakami.

Tipper Gore eyes running for Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tipper Gore is considering an overture from Democrats to run for the Senate seat her husband gave up to become vice president, sources close to her say.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Democrats urged Mrs. Gore to run after Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., said last week he would not seek re-election.

One source said Mrs. Gore believed she owed it to herself to give some thought to a run.

Her husband, Al Gore, held the Senate seat from 1985 to 1993, when he became President Clinton's vice president. Al Gore said immediately after Thompson made his announcement that he would not run for the Senate.

One Democratic operative close to the Gores, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Mrs. Gore had received a handful of overtures from Democrats urging her to consider running, and Mrs. Gore was weighing them.

The official said it appears unlikely that Mrs. Gore would run, however, given her tendency to shrink from the limelight during the presidential campaign and her general unease about the national political process. Still, the official said, it was telling that Mrs. Gore did not reject the overtures out of hand.

A Democratic official who spoke with Al Gore on Thursday said the former vice president had mentioned that his wife was talking to people in Tennessee who are eager for her to run and is thinking through the possibility of a Senate campaign.

Jano Cabrera, a spokesman for the couple, said Mrs. Gore was in Los Angeles Thursday night and could not be reached.

Earlier, Cabrera said the Gores were house hunting in Nashville.

Gore has been dividing his time between Washington and Tennessee, where he teaches at two universities.

Cabrera said the Gores will keep their farm near Carthage, where Gore's mother lives, as well as a house in Arlington, Va., that has been in Tipper Gore's family for 60 years.

Gore says he has not decided whether to run for president again, but he recently formed a leadership political action committee that he says will support Democratic candidates nationwide.

Should she run for Senate, Mrs. Gore would follow in the path of Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y. At the urging of Democrats, the former first lady ran for, and captured, her Senate seat at the end of her husband's term.

Mrs. Gore is known for her interest in mental health. She said she became interested partly because her mother suffered from severe depression. She said she also was treated for clinical depression after her son, Albert III, then 6, was hit by a car in 1989 and almost died.

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Roy Maldonado to Blanca Borrego, the north 75 feet of the east 75 feet of Lot 4, Block 38, Original Town of Snyder.

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Billy Leon Sterling to Teresa Ann Wilson, tract one being 40 acres out of the south 280 acres of the north 600 acres of Section 140, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being 40 acres out of the south 280 acres of Section 140, Block 97, H&TC survey.

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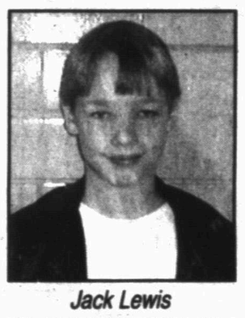
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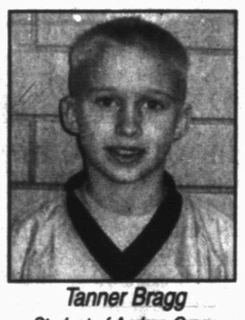
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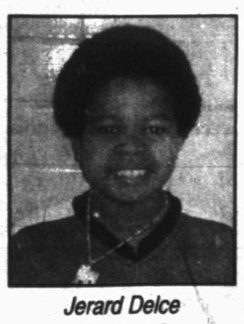
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Letters to the editor

Zero tolerance

Dear Editor:

There has been considerable coverage in your paper regarding the clerical sexual misconduct controversy in Boston. I believe it is appropriate for me, as the local Bishop for the Catholic Diocese, to comment in a way that reassures our Catholic faithful and the public at large what the Diocese of Lubbock has done in the past with regard to clerical sexual misconduct allegations and the policies set in place, so as to prevent similar situations.

First of all, the Diocese of Lubbock has a policy of zero tolerance for anyone guilty of pedophilia. Some years ago, we had only a very few priests accused of sexual misconduct with minors.

These men have either been removed from priestly ministry, restricted and not permitted to exercise any public ministry, or have died. The Diocese acted swiftly and firmly in order to effectively prevent any further harm to victims and their families.

We have reached out to the victims, provided psychological and professional counseling, and settled the cases. I have also personally apologized to each victim, and I look forward to a reconciliation with the victims and their families.

As always, if anyone believes to be a victim of sexual abuse by a Catholic in ministry, please call the Review Board of the Diocese, namely Rev. Nicolas Rendon, Chancellor.

The Diocese of Lubbock has established a Review Board for Sexual Misconduct, which is ever vigilant about accusations. We are committed to the reporting to the proper authorities any credible suspicion that a priest, deacon, religious teacher, or Church worker has molested a minor.

We have been diligent in developing policies for protecting minors from harm by Church workers.

All priests, deacons, and lay workers — volunteers as well as hired staff — must take the required sexual abuse harassment prevention workshop that we offer in the Diocese.

All our personnel have signed the policies with a commitment and promise to observe them. No misconduct can be considered a church action. The individuals must respond for such actions.

No priest coming from outside the Diocese may celebrate Mass or work in the Diocese without presenting credentials that he is in good standing.

I have been personally zealous to do everything possible to restore the trust of the people we serve. Our priests have been working as true apostles, gaining the trust and confidence of our people.

I want to reassure the public, those not of our Catholic "fold," that you can be certain we are ever vigilant for your and for the Common Good of our Society. As we share the same communities and neighborhoods, you have my pledge and that of the Catholic Diocese, to continue to be vigilant in protecting minors from harm.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Rev. Placido Rodriguez,
Bishop of Lubbock

Bus policy?

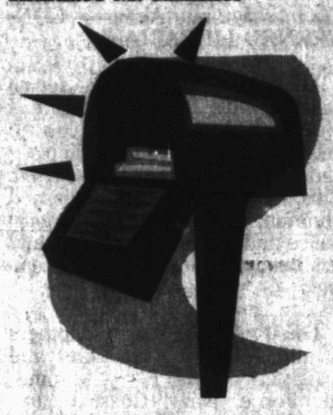
Dear Editor:

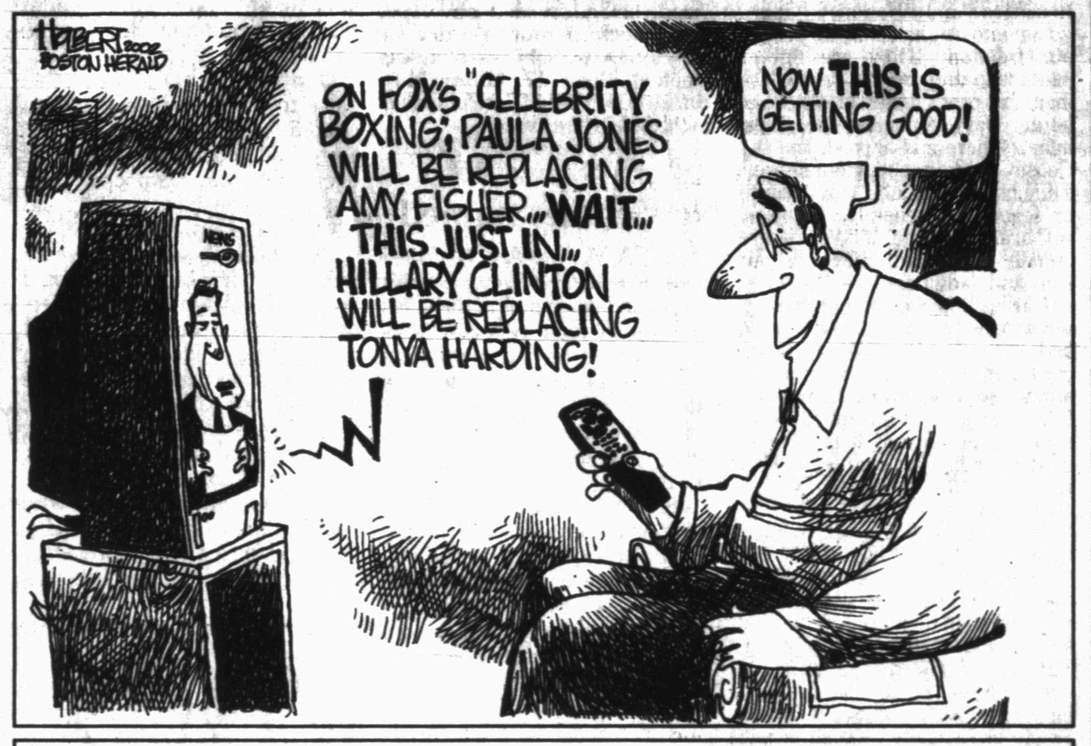
I recently heard that on some of the Snyder High School sports buses, the team members were allowed to carry pornographic magazines, such as Playboy. Is this true? Did the coaches allow this to happen? Is this something that is school policy, or is Snyder ISD unaware of what is going on?

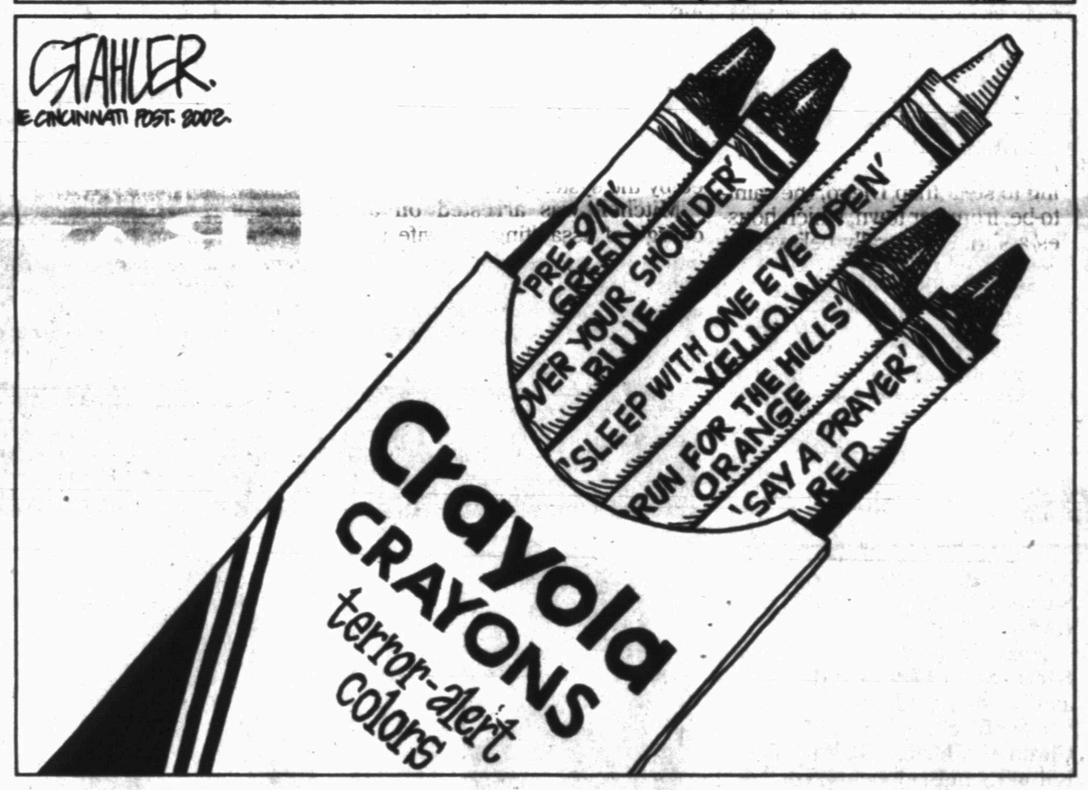
Another item that sparked my interest was the idea that not only did the students have these types of magazines on board a school vehicle, but the coaches did also.

Playboy is the marijuana of pornography. It is the gateway drug to further actions taken by these individuals.

Cordially yours,
Kandace M. Kimmel







EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Dallas Morning News

Cheney's mission

Vice President Dick Cheney has been brought out of hiding to undertake one of his most important tasks in the Bush administration. Traveling to Britain, Turkey, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan and six other Arab states this week and next, Mr. Bush's trusted vice president will be the eyes, ears and voice of the administration as he discusses security concerns with foreign leaders.

Iraq, Afghanistan and the intensifying Israeli-Palestinian violence will feature prominently in the discussions. What Mr. Cheney says both to those leaders and then to Mr. Bush will greatly influence America's actions in the complex Arab world.

The vice president will face antipathy if not outright animosity in his fast swing through Arab capitals (if it's Tuesday, this must be Yemen?). Recent Gallup polls show the Arab world does not much like the United States. Even European allies complain that U.S. foreign policy is myopic. America's strong pursuit of its own interest in areas from global warming to steel tariffs colors many relationships.

Mr. Cheney cannot change that image in one trip. Nor should the United States simply let others dictate its foreign policies.

Still, the vice president can explain how American and world security interests are commensurate, especially over the long term. If America feels threatened by Iraq's development of weapons of mass destruction, how must its neighbors feel? Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait and used chemical weapons against Iran. Now, it appears that Iraq has continued its development of lethal weapons.

The vice president will be absolutely right to emphasize that point. But he will need to address related matters, too. For example, what happens after Saddam Hussein? Some anxious neighbors want a clearer idea about the alternative before they sign onto ousting the brutal Mr. Hussein.

Although the United States long has said it wants to change the Iraqi regime, some countries on Mr. Cheney's itinerary simply want to get United Nations inspectors back into Iraq without conditions. The vice president must assess their willingness to stand against Mr. Hussein's intransigence on the inspection issue. He also must share convincing intelligence that shows Saddam Hussein's weapons developments. Perhaps then some Arab nations might budge.

Another point of discussion is Afghanistan. Arab leaders may support U.S. and allied actions in Afghanistan. But they want to know when the shooting will end and how hard the U.S. will work to rebuild the devastated nation.

A successful Afghanistan example can show how a nation like Iraq could move from harboring hate and terrorism to realizing peace, freedom and prosperity. Then regional players may come away more convinced that it's worth shaking up Iraq.

Victoria Advocate

Reforming Iran

... Recently, President Bush singled out Iran as part of an "axis of evil" that includes neighboring Iraq and the Stalinist dictatorship that rules North Korea. It's true that Iran has been an enemy of the U.S. even longer than Iraq: Ayatollah Khomeini, whose Islamic revolution ousted the pro-American shah, labeled America as "the Great Satan," whose freedom and materialism he saw as an affront to Islam. At least partially in response to his hatred of America, he installed a repressive theocracy that imposed a rigid code on Iran, similar to that imposed on Afghanistan by the Taliban. The Iranian people, have not responded to the theocrats in the way the Afghans did, but in the way Chinese students responded to their country's communist tyrants: By denouncing them and demanding more democracy and freedom.

So palpable is the discontent of the Iranian people that the mullahs have been forced to call two national elections since 1997. Both times, the people overwhelmingly returned reformist Prime Minister Mohammad Khatami to office and elected a reform-minded parliament. Although a cleric himself, Khatami has advocated greater freedom, especially that of speech and press, more transparency in government, establishment of the rule of law and reform of the country's Koranic constitution to make it compatible with a secular democracy.

Most significant from the American viewpoint, Khatami prominently advocated normalizing relations with the United States in his campaign, an indirect repudiation of the mullahs' longstanding policy of funding and arming anti-American terrorists and other groups. His call clearly resonated with the Iranian people, who held candlelight vigils and chanted, "We love you, America" at soccer games following the Sept. 11 attacks. These developments are positive — but hardly irreversible.

Austin American-Statesman

Big gift to UT

The $150 million bequest that retired Dallas oil man John A. Jackson has made to the University of Texas at Austin set a new benchmark for generosity to the university, not only surpassing the not-very-old school record of $53.2 million set by Red and Charline McCombs of San Antonio but making him the largest donor to a single public university campus in U.S. history.

A 1940 UT graduate, Jackson could not make it to Austin recently for a celebration that included a tribute to his decision to leave his estate, estimated by his representatives to be worth $150 million, to the university. We'd like to add to the pile of thanks to Jackson for his wonderful gift.

We hope such generosity from Jackson and others, who in the university's "We're Texas" campaign have given or pledged $1.135 billion, will not prompt a financially pressed Legislature to cut back even more on state support for an institution that has contributed so much to the state's wealth. The heartfelt generosity of a donor should not be used by lawmakers as a substitute for appropriations.

Jackson, 88, is a widower; his wife of 60 years, Katherine Jackson, died last year, and the couple had no children. He was "very, very adamant about the fact that his intention at this point in his life is to leave something to the citizens of Texas and to this place that has meant so much to him," said Johnnie Ray, UT vice president for resource development.

The beneficiary of Jackson's gift will be the John A. and Katherine G. Jackson School of Geosciences at UT-Austin, which includes the Department of Geological Sciences and two research facilities, the Institute for Geophysics and the Bureau of Economic Geology. The money will pay for fellowships, scholarships and research, rather than construction.

But construction has not been overlooked; the Jacksons earlier had given the school $15 million for a 60,000-square-foot building addition and renovation. And they had previously given UT a $25 million endowment, prompting the university to name the school of geosciences after them.

Jackson's bequest really goes beyond generous. It was like Texas itself: an outsized, can-you-top-this grand gesture that, ultimately, is an expression of deep love for an institution and a state that reward — and are rewarded by — big doers.

North of Forty by Red Green

Starting out

If any of you younger guys out there are having trouble landing your first job, here are a couple of suggestions. You need to create an impressive resume. Now, I'm not telling you to lie, but you need to "embellish" everything by a factor of three — your prospective employers are only going to believe half of it anyway. If that doesn't lead anywhere, you'll need some short-term training that'll get your foot in the door somewhere.

Correspondence schools are a safe bet, because you can work at your own pace. You can even play hooky by mailing in an empty envelope. What you're looking for is vocational training. You need to get certifiable in something — that is very important in the business world. It doesn't matter whether you've got experience or even the slightest idea what you're doing.

If you have a certificate, when you screw up, your boss can pass the blame right back to whoever gave you the certification. So, get yourself some training. And if it doesn't work out, just tell prospective employers that you do everything Red Green tells you to. That'll prove you're certifiable.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

I notice that a lot of the television shows are asking for our opinions and comments. They want us to go to their Web site and send them e-mails describing how we feel and why we feel that way. Now this could be interpreted as an attempt to become interactive with us, to let us think that our opinions are important.

Not to me. I think they're looking for free content for their program. They spend two minutes asking for our comments on one episode and then five minutes commenting on our comments on the next episode.

That's seven minutes they don't have to create or produce. And, they've replaced opinions from knowledgeable paid experts with hare-brained theories from under-informed nutbars. I'm one of them, so I know what I'm talking about. People should earn the right to have their opinions presented in a national forum — I'd rather hear what the smart people have to say. Trying to create interactive experiences is where self-serve gas came from.

FIVE GOOD THINGS ABOUT NOT BEING IMMORTAL

— You can stop dieting.

— You don't have to share your feelings.

— You can trick a creditor with a post-dated check.

— No salesman will call.

— You can downsize your accommodations.

TIME TO GET ORGANIZED

Most men are not naturally neat. We can't help it. It's genetic. Women have the two "X" chromosomes, a matched set. We have an "X" and a "Y." As far as we're concerned, anything goes with anything else.

Disorder is how the human male marks his territory and, all things considered, it's an improvement on most of the other methods available to us. All your life you've thrived on chaos.

Remember your locker at school? Remember your first apartment? Remember the first time your mother dropped by your first apartment? Remember the first time you had to administer smelling salts? You never put much stock in neatness and organization, but maybe lately you've been feeling strange stirrings.

Unfamiliar yearnings like maybe you've passed the shed and thought "I'd like to get that cleaned up" or "A little landscaping would make this place a lot homier." I know it's scary, but don't panic. It doesn't mean that your wife finally managed to take over your mind while you slept. It's just a natural part of the maturing process, like gray hair, middle age spread and senility.

You've come to an age where you've pretty much carved out your place in the world. For better or for worse, you've acquired all the territory you're ever going to conquer so if you can't make it bigger, it makes sense to get it organized.

If you're smart, you'll just accept that you're a neater person now. If you're really smart, you'll let your wife think that you're doing it all for her.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument." — **Red Green**

Red Green is the star of "The Red Green Show," a television series seen in the U.S. on PBS and in Canada on the CBC Network, and the author of "The Red Green Book" and "Red Green Talks Cars: A Love Story."

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Sunday, March 17, 2002

In the year ahead you could find yourself being attracted to endeavors that have charitable overtones, which is admirable. But make sure the causes you select are worthy ones.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Today you could be prone to taking wishful thinking and talk yourself into believing it is a realistic perception. When it doesn't work out, disappointment will be inevitable. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — It's best not to get involved money-wise with anyone today if there is any question concerning the transaction, be it a loan, purchase or an investment. Chances are you'll lose.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Wishy-washy objectives aren't likely to get off the drawing board today. If you really want to accomplish something, take a firm stance once you assume a specific position.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — A normal amount of curiosity can be healthy by stimulating your mental processes. However, poking your nose into what doesn't concern you today will bring on reprimands.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's best not to make suggestions to anyone today who is trying to get a handle on something. Your information may be erroneous and cause this person a setback.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Unless both parties are forthright with one another, any partnership arrangement you attempt to forge today will fail. Be up front and make certain the other party is being so as well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — It is OK to express your opinion on something, but not to foist it on anyone else. Allow others the same freedom of thinking as you reserve for yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Be careful today, because someone could bait you into believing something for the purpose of getting you to yield to a temptation you would normally resist.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Continuity of purpose must be in place in order to fulfill your expectations today. Without this factor being operative, you could start a lot of things, but finish none.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — You'll only complicate things further today and cause additional irritation for yourself if you deal negatively with someone who is one of your least favorite people.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — In order to close a deal on something you're either selling or promoting today, it's best to have a backup available in case your first proposal doesn't fly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If you don't have any idea what you want to do today or how you intend to get it, don't expect others to figure out your mind for you. They'll be just as confused as you are.

Monday, March 18, 2002

Greater material security is very likely for you in the year ahead, because you'll have the patience and mental wherewithal to bring about positive results with anything you undertake.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Your faculties are keen, and you could be amazing at analyzing facts, figures or propositions proposed by others. No amount of mental gymnastics will seem to faze you. Major changes are ahead for Pisces in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — All commercial or financial involvements must be approached from a practical, logical manner if you hope to achieve success. Move at a speed comfortable to you, without rushing things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — The quality of your efforts will determine just what types of rewards you will receive. Avoid being slovenly and apply yourself carefully and properly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Keep your intentions to yourself if you wish to further your personal ambitions. Once announced, everyone will put their two cents in and confuse your endeavors.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — It's good to be a dreamer, provided that your hopes are realistic. If you apply initiative in going after your desires, you can produce favorable results.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your career or aspirations might need an impetus if you've been in a rut lately. In order to create an upward surge, be assertive and dogged in your efforts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Chances for success are excellent, provided you have plans that are well-structured, and you're willing to lay a strong foundation first. Begin layering one brick at a time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Through an arrangement where you've already laid good groundwork, something propitious could develop which would provide additional income from an unusual source.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — It won't bother you one bit if the attention and spotlight is focused on your mate or partner. You'll know that you will be an equally important part of his/her team.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — This is a good day to start that diet or exercise program you've intended to launch. Get the ball rolling now, because you'll stand a good chance of sticking to what you begin.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — One of your most outstanding attributes will be effectively reorganizing any social situation that others may have muddled. You'll bring stability back into the debacle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Home entertaining, whether it is planned or spontaneous, could prove to be a very pleasant happening for you. Welcome any guest who comes knocking at your door.

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Authorities weigh paving lake bed for papal Mass

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Bishop Onesimo Cepeda has a dream: His gritty parish of Ecatepec will host the biggest Mass in history as a 16th-century Indian convert is canonized by Pope John Paul II.

But it may take a miracle.

The idea is to pave over a dry lake bed, bus in 5 million people and hold the open-air Mass on July 30 — the middle of thunderstorm season.

Cepeda's plan, formally endorsed by Mexico's Roman Catholic hierarchy, would need about 100,000 buses to bring in the faithful. Bumper-to-bumper, they would stretch 750 miles and well beyond the Texas border.

Cepeda last month announced plans to use about 2,500 acres of land on the edge of Ecatepec, a blue-collar city of 1.7 million people just north of Mexico City.

The bishop is a passionate man. His voice can break with emotion when he talks of meeting the pope, who is probably Mexico's most beloved figure. He has promoted the plan in repeated television and radio interviews.

At one point, he hopped into a TV station helicopter during a live morning broadcast, shouting above the engine roar as he pointed here to the planned parking lot for buses, there to the mound of industrial waste that would be paved over and the altar placed on it. Mexico State Gov. Arturo Montiel has also joined in the enthusiasm, promoting the Mass in radio and television interviews, and promising state help to prepare the site.

But questions are emerging about cost and feasibility.

While Mexican clerics continue to insist on Ecatepec, the Vatican's advance scout, Monsignor Renato Boccardo, arrived Wednesday and told reporters that the site "doesn't correspond" to Vatican needs.

The mayor of neighboring Cuautitlan accuses Cepeda of trying to steal Juan Diego, the saint-to-be, from her town, which houses a shrine generally believed to be his home.

Edelmira Gutierrez suggested to the newspaper Reforma that Cepeda might be grandstanding, or looking "for the profits of religious tourism. ... I don't know why he is doing it."

That truth has always been controversial. Mexico's bishops fought for years against doubters within the Mexican church itself to have the Vatican agree that Juan Diego even existed.

The church now says that the Virgin Mary — the dark-skinned Virgin of Guadalupe whom Catholics regard as the patroness of all the Americas — did indeed appear to Juan Diego in 1531.

The raw site chosen is one of the more desolate in Mexico: a slum-bordered, dust-blown expanse of salt-caked lake bed.

Fewer homes refinanced as interest rates are increasing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans took advantage of falling mortgage rates last year and redid their home loans in droves, making 2001 the biggest year ever for refinancing.

And although some economists think the boom in refinancing may be easing, they don't believe it is in danger of going bust.

For the last two weeks, mortgage rates, have moved up amid increasing evidence that the economy, bruised by the recession and the terror attacks, is on the mend.

Mortgage rates are creeping back up as investors are raising their odds that the Federal Reserve may boost short-term interest rates this year.

"The huge surge, or tidal wave in refinancing has crested and indeed there will be a much smaller wave in the spring because so many people have refinanced and those who didn't are finding that mortgage rates, while still low, are not as attractive as they had been," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist for PNC Financial Services Group.

For the week ending, March 15, the average interest rate on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rose to 7.08 percent, up from 6.87 percent the previous week, said Freddie Mac, the mortgage company. A year ago this time, 30-year mortgages averaged 6.96 percent.

"I think we are still in a boom, but refinancing activity is not as strong as it was in October and early November," said Phil Colling, economist with the Mortgage Bankers Association of America.

In early November, rates on 30-year mortgages dropped to 6.45 percent, the lowest point since Freddie Mac began conducting its survey in 1971.

Low mortgage rates fueled a record $1.1 trillion in home refinancing last year, exceeding the previous record of $750 billion set in 1998.

"This year home refinancing activity is going to be hefty but quite a bit lower than last year," predicted Sung Won Sohn, economist for Wells Fargo. He believes refinancing will total $520 billion this year.

Economists predict mortgage rates will be fairly stable this year — hovering above 7 percent.

Economists said the recent increases in mortgage rates may actually motivate some homeowners.

Denton prosecutor denies any wrong doing in case dismissal

DALLAS (AP) — A North Texas prosecutor denies any impropriety after dropping one spousal abuse investigation against a campaign contributor and dismissing an assault case against another.

The Dallas Morning News reported in its Friday editions that Denton County District Attorney Bruce Isaacks dismissed the assault case against bail bondsman William Lee Mitchell II of Corinth. Police said Mitchell admitted to beating his wife so severely that their Mercedes had blood smears and splatters inside it.

Within days of his arrest, Mitchell contributed to Isaacks' campaign.

The man investigated for alleged spousal abuse was lawyer Tim Powers, a former employee of Isaacks and also a contributor to Isaacks' campaign, the newspaper reported. Powers was arrested after his spouse called 911 to say he had hit her and "been physical in the past," according to the official summary of the call. The district attorney never prosecuted the case.

Isaacks, who said he did nothing improper or unusual and that a dismissal or decision not to prosecute "doesn't mean there was a quid pro quo or some kind of payoff or some kind of corruption going on. Sometimes justice requires that people be exonerated by the system."

Mitchell was arrested on a charge of assaulting his wife in September after motorists called police to say they'd seen signs of a struggle inside a parked vehicle. Found were blood splatters on the dashboard, console and door panels.

On Oct. 10, Argyle police filed drunken-driving and assault charges with the district attorney's office. On Oct. 12, county records show, Mitchell gave $1,000 to Isaacks' re-election campaign.

Mitchell said the timing was coincidental.

The case ended in mid-January with a deal: Mitchell pleaded no contest to DWI and was sentenced to four days in jail and fined $1,250. The domestic violence charge — a more serious misdemeanor offense under state law — was dismissed. According to court records, the sentence took into account his admission of guilt on the assault.

In an interview, Mitchell said he had never abused his wife.

Isaacks said he dismissed the charge against the Mitchell because a family-violence conviction could cost him his bail bond license.

Mitchell, who described the case against him as "a bunch of bull," also is active in real estate, which he described as his primary business. Isaacks, surprised to hear that, said he had not reviewed Mitchell's finances.

Isaacks, who was unopposed for re-election, said state law prohibits him from answering questions about the abuse allegation against Powers. The district attorney would not elaborate and Powers refused interview requests.

In Powers' case, his wife called 911 from their Flower Mound home in February 2000. The call log indicates that police arrested Powers, who worked as a prosecutor under Isaacks in 1997, and took him to jail. But the public trail of the case stops there. Flower Mound and county officials say no records exist except for the 911 call summary.

Powers is one of the larger donors to Isaacks' re-election campaign. Like Mitchell, the bail bondsman, he gave $1,000 last fall.

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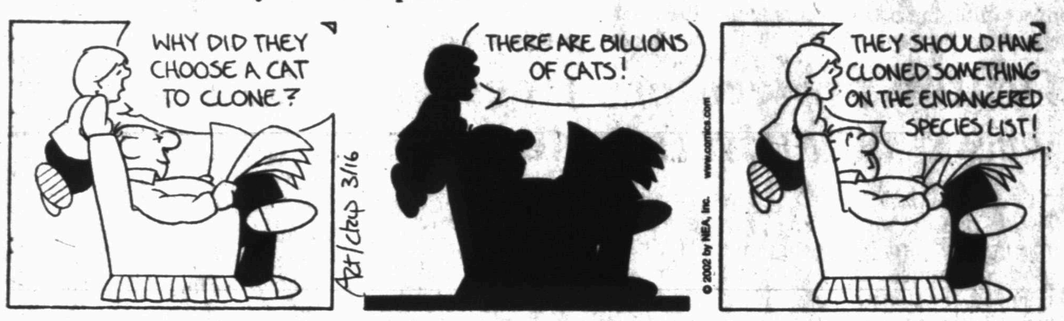

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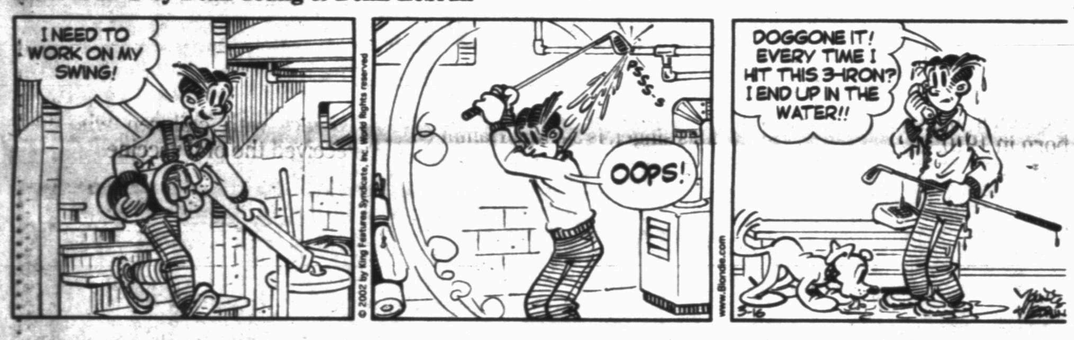

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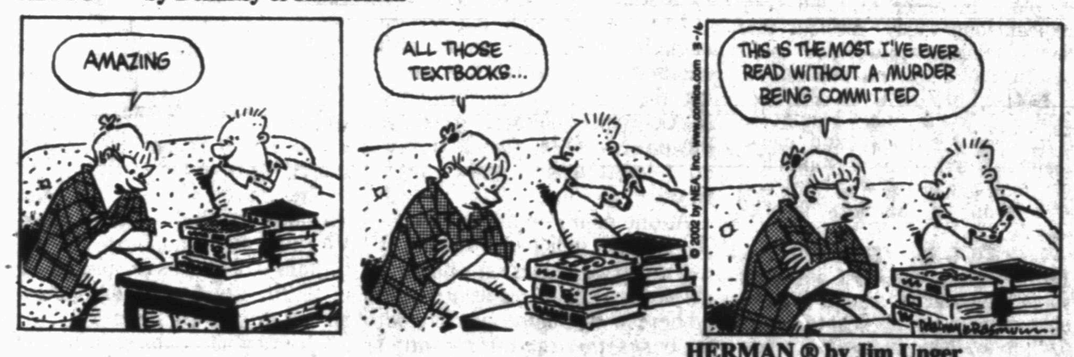

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NEA Crossword Puzzle

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1 Window part
5 Smart
9 Lounge
12 Heavy metal
13 Not cautious
14 Legal org.
15 Ducklike bird
16 Soprano Gluck
17 Purchase
18 Soliciting
20 Winter sports gear
22 Is, in Madrid
23 "How — — doing?"
24 Traffic sign
27 Gardner of - mysteries
31 TD passers
34 Ogle
35 Swerve
36 Legend
38 Weathervane site
40 Sticky fruit
41 Remarks
42 Enter data
44 Crusty dessert
46 Hoist a car
49 Grassy places
52 Dulcimer cousin
54 Yale alumnus
55 Certain something
58 Float downriver
59 Spinning toy
60 Like — — of bricks
61 Fraternity letters
62 Drag into court
63 Visited
64 Red ink

DOWN

1 Typewriter type size
2 Got up
3 Secluded corners
4 Thing
5 Jagged rock
6 Holbrook or Roach
7 Belief
8 Abyss
9 Rum-soaked cake
10 Border on
11 Zany Martha
19 Fasten boards
21 Ukraine capital
23 — — in the bucket
25 Spooky
26 Urie of "Topaz"
28 Ump cousin
29 Aloha garland
30 Physicist's unit
31 Milk amts.
32 Meadow sound
33 Foxy
37 Cable channel
39 Famous volcano
43 Made lace
45 Musician Hayes
47 Mailbox device
48 Shish —
49 Allows
50 Felipe or Moises
51 Rub lightly
52 Grey of westerns
53 Stop working
56 Actress Hagen
57 Gypsy man

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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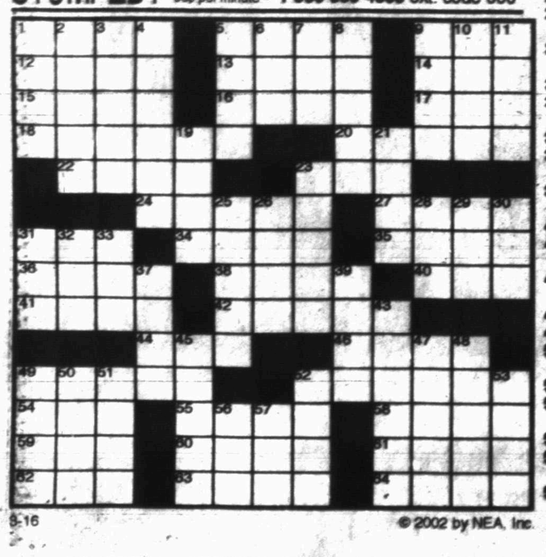

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"COME ON, GRANDPA. THERE'S STILL SOME GOOD OL' DAYS LEFT."

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Treasury chief veers from Bush policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill says that if Bush administration policy would let him, he would cut back on tracking down and fining U.S. citizens who travel to Cuba.

Those resources would be used better in chasing terrorists, O'Neill said at a Senate hearing Thursday where his comments were a departure from official policy.

"If you were a retired little old lady from Illinois, a school teacher who is now interested in a bicycling tour of Cuba, and then a year and a half later got a fine from the Treasury Department, you'd be apoplectic about it," Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., told O'Neill at a hearing by his Senate Appropriations subcommittee.

"I'm wondering whether you think it's such a particularly wise use of resources to ratchet up more energy toward enforcing a law like this at a time when ... it's a time to chase terrorists," Dorgan said.

O'Neill bypassed the chance to criticize Fidel Castro or his 43-year tenure in Cuba, never mentioning the man or the island by name.

"If I had the discretion for applying the resources, I would agree with you completely," O'Neill said. He urged a review of laws "that tell us what we must do" and appealed for changes that would "provide sensible discretion."

His position on enforcing the travel ban was directly at odds with that of President Bush, who pushed for increased enforcement last summer and in January.

A White House spokeswoman did not respond to a request for comment on O'Neill's remarks.

Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., a longtime critic of Castro, took issue with O'Neill's stance and suggested it might get the Cabinet member in trouble.

"I don't think he's expressing the policy of the Bush administration, and I don't know if you should give him Mike Parker's telephone number as to what happens when people go before Congress and begin expressing opinions that are not part of the head coach's game plan," said Graham, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

The president fired Parker as civilian head of the Army Corps of Engineers last week, shortly after Parker criticized Bush's proposed budget for the Corps.

The White House issued a statement later Thursday attributed to O'Neill saying the secretary fully supports the administration's travel ban.

"I am not seeking any change in the law or our enforcement of it. ... If any of my comments indicated otherwise that was not my intention," he said in the statement.

Dorgan is one of many in Congress who want to ease commerce and U.S. travel restrictions, saying it would increase farm and pharmaceutical exports while also giving visiting Americans the chance to promote democratic values among ordinary Cubans.

The senator did not accept O'Neill's contention that he lacked the discretion he needs, saying the Treasury has the ability to make choices.

Enforcement of the ban has been increasing, from 188 in 2000, the Clinton administration's final year, to 766 in 2001, the Bush administration's first year, Dorgan said at a hearing last month.

The ban actually bars U.S. citizens from spending money in Cuba, which is why it is enforced by the Treasury Department.

That ban, as well as strict limits on commerce, were heartily endorsed Tuesday by a State Department official.

Cuban-born Otto Reich, assistant secretary of state for Western Hemisphere affairs, argued before the Center for Strategic and International Studies that the United States should not be "throwing a lifeline to a failed, corrupt, dictatorial, murderous regime."

Heart pump endorsed as permanent alternative

HOUSTON (AP) — A heart pump pioneered in Texas has been recommended by a federal advisory panel as a permanent alternative to transplant for those with serious heart failure.

Like other heart-assistance pumps on the market, the device is now only approved for use in the period before a transplant.

If the Food and Drug Administration approves its panel's recommendation, as expected sometime within the next six months, the device should become the first heart-assistance pump to be used on end-stage heart-failure patients who are not eligible for transplantation.

"This has been the goal of the research we began here 30 years ago — to develop a pump that is feasible, meaningful and useful for patients dying of heart failure," said Dr. O.H. Frazier, director of surgical research at the Texas Heart Institute and chief of transplant service at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital.

"It's the first really acceptable solution for long-term support of these patients because it allows them to leave the hospital and return to active and productive lives," he told the Houston Chronicle for its Friday editions.

The device is the HeartMate Left Ventricular Assist System, one of at least four heart-assistance pumps being used in clinical trials.

The HeartMate and similar devices called VADs, or ventricular assist devices, help but don't replace a weakened heart. They take over the work of the organ's main pumping chamber, the left ventricle.

The HeartMate, used in 3,000 patients worldwide, is roughly the size of a portable CD player. Implanted in the patient's abdomen, it is attached to the heart by tubes.

The FDA panel's decision followed results from a recent trial that showed implanted heart pumps can extend life and improve quality of life in terminally ill heart-failure patients.

Patients implanted with the HeartMate had a 52.1 percent chance of surviving a year, compared with a 24.7 percent survival rate for patients who took drugs and were medically monitored. Likelihood of two-year survival was 22.9 percent for patients with the device versus 8.1 percent in the medication-only group.

Minor structural improvements to the HeartMate pump after the study will make it even more effective, Frazier said.

Other primary VADs are the Jarvik 2000 and the MicroMed DeBakey, the two tiniest pumps, and the Novacor. Frazier predicted all three will soon win FDA approval as permanent alternatives to heart transplant.

A fully self-contained mechanical heart called the AbioCor has only been implanted in six patients so far.

The HeartMate was pioneered by Frazier, who worked with developers of the device and was the first to implant it. He also helped develop the Jarvik and the AbioCor.

An FDA spokesman said the agency usually follows the recommendation of its advisory panels and that final approval of the HeartMate should follow soon.

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Alexander Selkirk was rescued from the Juan Fernandez islands in the South Pacific in 1709. Selkirk's story inspired Daniel Defoe's *Robinson Crusoe*.

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Amelia Bloomer, the suffragette who lent her name to women's baggy trousers, was born in 1910.

Date Book

Saturday, March 16, 2000

Today is the 75th day of 2002, and the 86th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1850, Nathaniel Hawthorne's "The Scarlet Letter" was first printed.

On this day in 1945, the United States defeated Japan at Iwo Jima.

On this day in 1995, the Mississippi House of Representatives ratified the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, formally abolishing slavery in the state.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: James Madison (1751 —), fourth president; Jerry Lewis (1926 —), actor/comedian, is 76; Ruth Bader Ginsburg (1933 —), Supreme Court justice, is 69; Chuck Woolery (1942 —), game show host, is 60; Erik Estrada (1946 —), actor, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1938, Temple defeated Colorado in basketball to win the first-ever National Invitational Tournament. At the time, the NIT was just as prestigious as the NCAA Tournament.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "To secure the public good, and private rights, against the danger of ... faction, and at the same time to preserve the spirit and form of popular government, is then the great object to which our inquiries are directed." — James Madison, "The Federalist, No. 10" (1787)

TODAY'S MOON: In between the new moon (March 13) and the first quarter (March 21)

Sunday, March 17, 2002

Today is the 76th day of 2002, and the 87th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 432, St. Patrick returned to Ireland as a bishop. The former slave had originally fled the country to win his freedom.

On this day in 1753, St. Patrick's Day was celebrated as a holiday for the first time.

On this day in 1762, New York's first St. Patrick's Day parade was held.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Shemp Howard (1895 - 1955), "The Three Stooges" actor; Nat "King" Cole (1919 - 1965), singer; Patrick Duffy (1949 -), actor, is 53; Kurt Russell (1951 -), actor, is 51; Gary Sinise (1955 -), actor, is 47; Rob Lowe (1964 -), actor, is 38; Billy Corgan (1968 -), Smashing Pumpkins singer, is 34; Mia Hamm (1972 -), soccer star, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1955, Montreal Canadiens star Maurice "Rocket" Richard was suspended for the rest of the Stanley Cup playoffs because of an altercation with a Boston Bruins player. The suspension touched off the seven-hour "Rocket Richard Riot," which ended only when Richard himself appealed for calm.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "One day, my name will be up in lights, and we won't be poor anymore." — Nat "King" Cole, reassuring his mother.

TODAY'S MOON: In between the new moon (March 13) and the first quarter (March 21)

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Outbreak of polio in Caribbean reported

WASHINGTON (AP) — When a vaccine containing a live virus collided with a population that was poorly immunized, an outbreak of polio resulted among children in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, according to a new study.

Even though Haiti and the Dominican Republic, which share the island of Hispaniola in the Caribbean, were declared polio-free in the 1980s, both countries reported cases of the paralyzing disease in the summer of 2000.

Thirteen children were infected in the Dominican Republic and there were eight cases, including two deaths, in Haiti.

Teams from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Pan American Health Organization quickly responded, with disease detectives looking for the source of the disease.

In a study appearing Friday in the electronic version of the journal Science, researchers report that they found the new cases of polio originated from the modified polio virus that was used in the oral vaccine, which is usually given on sugar cubes.

Olen M. Kew of the CDC said that the outbreak resulted from unprotected children coming in contact with children who had received the oral vaccine.

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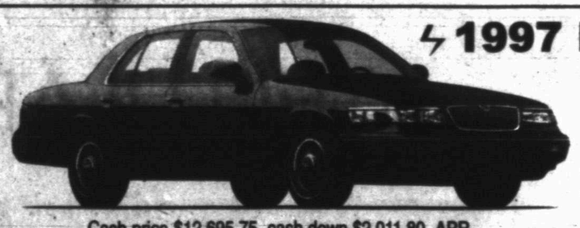

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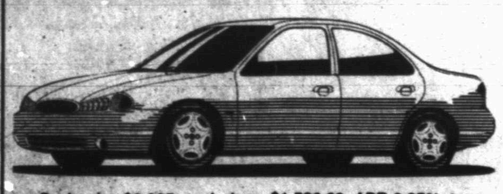

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S. Dakota first out of gate in U.S. Senate race

WASHINGTON (AP) — While the campaign for control of the Senate is just stirring to life in several of the most competitive states, the two Senate candidates in South Dakota are flailing away as if elections were being held in a matter of weeks.

That state's combination of inexpensive TV advertising, high-profile campaign connections and two candidates who are well-known in the state has the two parties battling as if control of the Senate depends on the outcome.

It might.

Democrats have a 50-49-1 edge in the body, which makes every close Senate race in 2002 potentially pivotal. And South Dakota's Tom Daschle, the Senate's majority leader, has become the Democrats' leading voice to oppose President Bush.

"The big guys each have a dog in this fight," said political scientist Ross Baker of Rutgers University.

The Democratic candidate in South Dakota is the incumbent, Sen. Tim Johnson, a first-term senator who recently toured the state with Daschle. They told voters that Daschle, as leader of the Senate, and Johnson, as a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, are in the best positions to deliver federal money and projects the state needs.

Johnson's Republican challenger is Rep. John Thune, the state's only congressman, now serving his third term. President Bush personally courted Thune to challenge Johnson, inviting the congressman and his wife to a White House dinner in April. Thune's campaign says his election would give the state bipartisan representation in the Senate and a direct connection to the White House.

The South Dakota contest has become the top one in the Senate as "a proxy fight between Daschle and the White House," said Thune spokeswoman Christine Iverson.

That contributes to numerous ads in the state paid for by outside groups, some criticizing Daschle, others criticizing the Senate candidates. Recent negotiations to ban ads financed by third-parties fell apart.

Johnson spokesman Dan Pfeiffer said the third-party advertising and the intensity of the attacks this early has been disorienting.

"It's only March," Pfeiffer said, "and it already feels like Election Day is around the corner."

Political analysts agree a major cause is the state's relatively inexpensive cost of TV ad time.

South Dakota has a population of just over 750,000 and two population centers — Sioux Falls, a city of 120,000 near the eastern border, and Rapid City, a city of about 60,000 in the west.

"One of the reasons they're in manic mode is that it's very inexpensive to run a full-blown media campaign there and sustain it," said Jennifer Duffy, an analyst of Senate races for the Cook Political Report.

Third-party advertising by political interest groups shows up in South Dakota because "this is a state the national media is watching," said Jim Jordan, executive director of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

South Dakota is among a handful of states where the November elections could decide control of the Senate.

Mexico: Top member of drug gang arrested

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Before his capture, Manuel Herrera Barraza allegedly operated as a "narco-junior," part of a group of rich young men from Tijuana recruited to help one of Mexico's most violent and powerful drug organizations.

Barraza's role in the organization apparently was crucial: Police say he was the Arellano Felix drug gang's "principal smuggler" of marijuana and cocaine into the United States from the border cities of Tijuana, Mexicali and Tecate.

Herrera, alias "Tarzan," was captured by Mexican soldiers on Wednesday after he was spotted driving a Ford pickup truck in Tecate, authorities from the Defense and Justice departments said Thursday.

The arrest was the third blow to the Arellano Felix gang in little more than a month: On Saturday, agents arrested Benjamin Arellano Felix, one of the two brothers allegedly in charge of the organization.

Benjamin quickly confirmed authorities' suspicions that his brother Ramon, the other alleged gang leader, had died in a shootout with police in the Pacific coast resort city of Mazatlan on Feb. 10.

Drug experts say the brothers' downfall essentially brought an end to the organization.

U.S. and Mexican officials say Ramon and Benjamin ran a drug ring that smuggled tons of cocaine and marijuana through Tijuana and surrounding parts of the border and into California and other regions in the western United States.

Benjamin was allegedly the overall leader of the organization while Ramon served as the gang's violent enforcer, police say.

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Nutrition

Don't sweat the timing

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: What is the best time to take a multiple vitamin/mineral supplement? With food or on an empty stomach? Should they be taken together or alone? Should some be spaced out over a day, or is it OK to take all of them at once? — **J.M, Longmeadow, Mass.**

Dear J.M.: The priority should ALWAYS be the quality of your diet, not the supplements. That being said, a general rule is to take your vitamins and mineral supplements at mealtime, when the body's absorptive machinery is in gear. Ingesting some oil helps, as it facilitates the absorption of the fat-soluble nutrients. Dividing the supplement between meals makes sense, especially if there are multiple pills, but it is nothing to get hung up about.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: In your recent article on macular degeneration, I was surprised that you did not mention bilberry. I have suffered from macular degeneration since 1990, and I began taking bilberry a few years ago, after reading of its use by British Royal Air Force pilots in World War II. At my next checkup, the retina specialist saw improvement in my tests. A few years ago, I had difficulty threading needles, even with glasses. Now I can do it without glasses. I also had problems reading small print in newspapers and maps, but today I do much better with both. The bilberry I take is inexpensive, but I feel it helped my vision, and my doctor agrees. - **M.B., Edison, N.J.**

Dear M.B.: Please forgive the omission. Dried blueberry fruit, in particular the bilberry (known in America as the huckleberry), contains color compounds know as anthocyanins (anth-oh-sigh-an-inz). These pigments act as antioxidants, and they have been shown to be useful for treating visual problems, including macular degeneration and glaucoma. In an earlier column I mentioned the compounds lutein and zeaxanthin and provided a list of good dietary sources, including spinach, corn and kale. Lutein and zeaxanthin are also antioxidant color compounds from the carotenoid family. There is a definite "color" theme here. Consider it a good overall strategy to include "colorful" whole foods (vegetables and fruits) in your diet every day. They usually contain healthful compounds that can assist in combating not only the progression of macular degeneration, but other degenerative chronic diseases, as well.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I was surprised recently to discover, on label inspection, that a can of light tuna packed in water contains 0.4 grams of trans fatty acids. Why would this be? Where does it come from? I came up with this number by subtracting the saturated and unsaturated fat content from the total fat content. The leftover number (I have been told) is the trans fatty acid content. It is not actually written on the can, but it states that the per-serving total fat is 1.5 grams, the saturated is 0.4 grams, and the unsaturated fat is 0.7 grams. Since the saturated and unsaturated fats total 1.1 grams, that leaves 0.4 grams trans fatty acids. This is what I am being taught in a natural health class here in Canada. Any insight would be appreciated. - **H.B., Toronto, Canada**

Dear H.B.: It is possible that your health class is teaching inaccurate information, or perhaps you misunderstood, so let's go through the calculation. First, it is true that the total fat is the sum of the saturated and unsaturated fat. It is also true that trans fatty acids are not presently listed on labels — a situation that I hope will change in the near future. There are other factors that need to be considered. The first is that the numbers on the label might not be precise because they are rounded off. The next, and perhaps most important, factor is that partially hydrogenated vegetable oils (the source of the trans fatty acids) has to be listed on the ingredient list if it is a part of the product. Canned tuna does not usually contain partially hydrogenated vegetable oils. If you did not find it listed as an ingredient, then the "missing" 0.4 grams of fat is indeed a product of mathematical rounding.

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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Church not protected from sex abuse suits

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida's highest court has ruled that the Constitution's guarantee of religious freedom does not protect churches from lawsuits alleging sexual abuse by clergy.

In its ruling Thursday, the Florida Supreme Court revived two separate cases that lower courts had dismissed because of the constitutional ban on government involvement in religion.

"The First Amendment does not provide a shield behind which a church may avoid liability" for negligent hiring and supervision of its clergy members, the court said.

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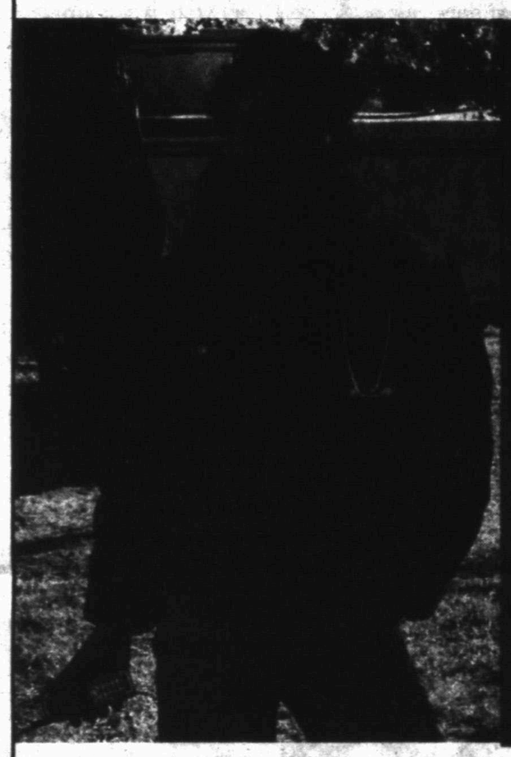

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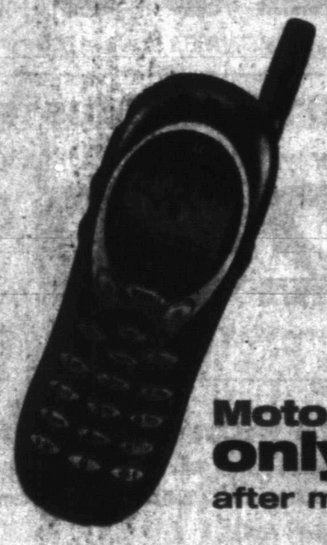

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