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SACROC becoming high tech

May extend field life fifteen, twenty years

By Wade Warren
Staff Writer

It's not a Star Wars movie set, yet.

But it's getting close.

It's Pennzoil and their neighbors at SACROC who have brought the latest technology in the oil patch to Scurry County and in doing so, have extended the life of the field by 50 million barrels.

Or, in more simpler economic terms, 15 to 20 years.

Eighty-five people are presently working at Pennzoil with another 100 employed by contractors. So, it's not hard to see the importance of the work Pennzoil has recently done at the field that started the Snyder boom in 1948.

"Pennzoil is hopeful the life of SACROC can be extended by at least 15 years by using the latest technology," said Pete Hagist, Pennzoil's superintendent in Snyder.

"And when these 15 years are up, who knows what advances will be made to extend the life of the field even longer."

Hagist said none of the giant fields in the United States, of which SACROC is one, have yet to be fully plugged.

"Someone always comes along thinking they might have a better way to do things...a better way to get more oil out of the ground. Perhaps working a little harder and a little smarter."

Hagist said the SACROC field originally contained 2.8 billion barrels of oil and previous operators have removed 44 percent.

"We're looking to remove two percent more," said Hagist. "That is where the fifty million barrels comes from. Just two-percent more of the oil that is down there."

It's obvious Pennzoil is dedicated to that goal at SACROC as the company spent $50 million last year on the CO2 project.

"Everyone out here is dedicated to keeping this field going," said Hagist. "This not only includes our local employees, but the people in Houston, also."

Hagist said Pennzoil was not the only company working to keep the field alive as Cynara spent some $3 million and Torch Energy around $2 million.

Hagist gave an example of how technology is working in the field.

The company constructed a new compressor station, located just off FM 1611 across from the gasoline plant, that will operate twice as efficiently as the old compressor station.

"That's not saying anything was wrong with the old ones, or the operators, it's just new technology," said Hagist.

While the technology is certainly 21st Century, it still hasn't replaced the manpower required to operate an oilfield.

"Technology has redefined many jobs out here," said Hagist. "A pumper used to go out with a pencil and paper and write down various readings throughout the day; now he needs to know how to operate a computer and other electronic equipment and even how to repair some of it in the field.

"Their skill levels are more technical now than they were in the past."

A pumper can now check the efficiency of many of his wells from a control room in the SACROC office.

Even CO2 that is being piped from McCamey is now controlled by a satellite link.

"When Exxon goes on-line with their C02 project in the Sharon Ridge, and they want more C02, we can adjust that from a control room here, beaming the message off a satellite," said Hagist.

Pennzoil is also supplying CO2 to a Union Oil of California project in Borden County from the same pipeline from McCamey.

Adjacent to the breakroom at Pennzoil's office at SACROC is a room with two computer monitors. What is being shown on the

See Technology, Page 12A



HIGH TECH — Pennzoil's Pete Hagist looks over a computer monitor that can display several functions at SACROC. The company is hopeful that new technology can extend the field 15 to 20 years, which equals 50 million barrels of oil. (SDN Staff Photo)

Democrats lift donations ban

On contributions from legal permanent residents

WASHINGTON (AP) The Democratic National Committee lifted a self-imposed ban on contributions from legal permanent residents Saturday, reversing a year-old policy designed to help the party weather accusations of widespread fund-raising abuses.

Party leaders, who lifted the ban at an executive committee meeting, said it was a mistake to deny permanent residents the ability to donate to Democratic campaigns.

"This is not about money," said committee co-chairman Steve Grossman. "This is about principle."

The ban was imposed at the height of the fund-raising controversy, fueled by allegations that Democrats had accepted donations from foreign donors.

With much fanfare, the party a year ago imposed the ban on permanent residents, limited donations to $100,000, and refused to accept contributions from U.S. subsidiaries of foreign companies. The $100,000 limit was lifted last year by the committee, with party leaders saying they could not compete against Republicans who have not capped their contributions. The committee's ban on donations from subsidiaries of foreign companies is under review and could well be lifted at a later date.

Republicans mocked Democrats Saturday for backtracking on these self-imposed bans.

"The self-righteous, self-imposed restrictions were nothing other than cover for the Democrats' fund-raising crimes in the first place," said Republican National Committee spokesman Mike Collins.

Foreigners are banned from donating to U.S. elections but green card holders who are granted permanent residency and pay taxes in the United States can make donations under U.S. law. The Republicans have always accepted contributions from permanent residents.

Taylor leaving for Amarillo

Mike Taylor, Texas Department of Transportation's area engineer in Snyder, has accepted a new position with the department in Amarillo.

Taylor will become the assistant director of operations for the Amarillo district of TxDOT on Feb. 2.

"I'm excited about the new job and very optimistic about it," said Taylor. "The position has great potential."

Taylor, who has been the area engineer since 1990, previously served as a design engineer in the local office.

He and his wife, Noreen, have lived in Snyder for 14 years, moving here after living in Abilene for a brief time. They had moved to Abilene from Montana.

She is the librarian at the county library and they have three children. Kevin is a sophomore at Snyder High School while Karen is in the fifth grade and Ross is in the third.

Taylor is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire.

"The job offer was officially made Thursday," said Taylor. "So we still have lots of things to work out concerning the move."

Big Spring man gets jail time

A 41-year-old Big Spring man, serving a probated sentence for forgery, will now serve two years in a state jail facility following action Thursday in 132nd District Court.

Ricky Olin Smith pleaded guilty to separate counts of forgery. Smith was serving a five-year probated sentence for a forgery that occurred in 1994.

Court records indicated that on May 24, Smith forged a $375 check on the account of Big Spring attorney Havey C. Hooser Jr. Then on June 10, he forged a check on the account of Big Spring resident Floyd Howell.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong revoked Smith's two-year probated sentence and assessed two years on each of the new counts. The sentences will be served concurrently.

In other court action Thursday afternoon, Thomas Alonzo Jr. III of 2409 Gilmore pleaded guilty to the Dec. 13 burglary of the Primera Iglesia Baustista Church.

Alonzo, 25, was given a two-year sentence in a state jail facility, probated for five years. He was also fined $500 and ordered to make $1,133.98 in restitution to the church.

Clinton pitches education in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — President Clinton has taken his new year's education theme from the poverty-plagued Rio Grande Valley to the nation's fourth largest city, where he was cheered by students and teachers alike.

Flanked by newly elected Houston Mayor Lee Brown, the president's former drug czar, Clinton spoke Friday about the importance of a college education, urging students to set high goals and work strenuously to reach them.

Clinton reminded students at the George Brown Convention Center that education was more valuable than money.

"We can open the door, but you have to walk through," he said. "The reason you need a good education is not so when you get out of college you know what you're supposed to know. You have to be able to learn for a lifetime, and then apply what you know."

He referred to Houston's referendum last year as an example of a community ignoring racial lines to defeat an anti-affirmative action measure.

Clinton reminded the audience how he supported Brown and others in defeating an anti-affirmative action measure in Houston. Clinton lent his voice to radio ads urging Houstonians not to support the measure, which would have eliminated affirmative action in city contracts.

"I was profoundly honored when your former mayor, your present mayor, your congresswoman and so many others banded together to defeat Proposition A and I was glad that I could come out and do my part." Clinton said.

"As your president, I have spent an enormous amount of time, the time you gave me to be president, trying to do what I could to save lives and stop people from killing each other over their racial, their ethnic and their religious differences."

After the speech, Clinton mingled with the crowd of more than 2,000 students and teachers before going to a private fund-raiser for Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Houston, who is unopposed.

Following the reception, which was expected to raise $200,000, Clinton went to Ellington Field for departure to Andrews Air Force Base aboard Air Force One.

Oil for food deal...

Iraq planning to import 1.3 million tons of wheat

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq plans to import more than 1.3 million tons of wheat during the next six months as part of its oil-for-food deal with the United Nations, according to a summary of the distribution plan.

The plan also calls for importing 352,000 tons of rice, 281,000 tons of sugar, 21,000 tons of tea, 141,000 tons of cooking oil, 9,000 tons of milk powder and 141,000 tons of lentils and beans. A summary of the plan was obtained Friday by The Associated Press.

The imports are similar to those Iraq requested under the first two six-month phases of the plan, which began in December 1996.

On Tuesday, the United Nations approved Baghdad's plan for distributing humanitarian supplies under the third phase of the deal, which allows Iraq to export $2 billion in oil to buy food, medicine and other supplies.

Iraq expects to start pumping oil this weekend.

Iraq has earmarked almost $805 million for food purchases out of the $1.3 billion that will be available after the government compensates victims of Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait and pays the costs for U.N. weapons inspectors.

The oil-for-food deal is an exemption to the U.N. trade sanctions imposed after the invasion of Kuwait.

Baghdad merchants said most of Iraq's wheat imports are expected to come from France and Australia, while most of the rice will be imported from Vietnam, Thailand and India.

The lentils and beans will come from Turkey, and soaps and detergents will come from Jordan. France and Cuba will supply most of Iraq's sugar needs, they said.

Before the U.N. trade sanctions were imposed, Iraq imported most of its grain supply from the U.S.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Cold weather is when your car won't start running and your nose won't stop."

Noticed where the weather watchers said 1997 was the warmest year on record.

Locally in December, despite a few chilly days, the temperature was an average of 10 degrees higher than in 1996.

During the past year, Snyder received 21.05 inches of moisture, the most since 1992 when 27.71 inches was recorded. According to the records, only 20 times in the past 86 years has Scurry County had a higher annual rainfall total.

There are some parts of the country that have a hard time believing in Global Warming.

It may be late spring before some folks in New Mexico see the ground again. It's been great for the ski industry and tough on ranchers.

Snyder's J.P. Ellis brought us a front page clipping from the Albuquerque Journal telling the plight of ranchers trying to get feed to their cattle.

Helicopters were used to drop hay for the livestock where a loss of cattle is estimated at 35,000 head. Estimates on the number of sheep was set at 60,000.

Featured on the front was Lincoln County resident Ruth Shannon, adopted daughter of Mrs. Wright Huddleston of Snyder.

Mrs. Shannon, 64, lives with her cat, Olive, on the 25,000-acre ranch between Capitan and Corona. She had been snowbound in her home after the Dec. 20 storm left snowdrifts higher than six feet.

She operates the ranch with 400 head of cattle and 200 sheep. For about 10 days, she was stranded watching TV and worrying about the condition of her livestock until her son plowed through on a tractor.

Mrs. Huddleston was in Ruidoso visiting her daughter, Judy, when the blizzard hit. She reported Ruidoso had more than enough snow for her, so she escaped back to Snyder by way of Las Cruces.

The recent deaths of two celebrities in skiiing accidents has brought attention to the dangers of the winter sport.

Raven Gist, granddaughter of Martha Gist, heard a newscaster say that in the past year, a total of eight skiiers had been killed by hitting a tree.

The first grader offered a solution. "Grandma, why don't they cut down that tree?"

ASK US

Q—Where does the Snyder Daily News get its quotations for "Today's Thought?"

A—From various sources, which have included the Bible and the Internet. Currently, they are being taken from a pocketbook put out by Honor Books, Inc., "How to be an Up Person in a Down World."

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 65 degrees; low, 26; 7 a.m. Saturday, 27; no precipitation; total for 1998, .05 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, cloudy. Light drizzle or freezing drizzle possible. Low near 30. E wind 10-20 mph. Measurable precipitation chance 20%. Sunday, mostly cloudy. High 45-50. SE wind 10-15 mph.



Mayela Borrego
Mostly cloudy

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Of nine days in 1998, the sun has shone nine days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

How much pain have cost us the evils which have never happened!

Thomas Jefferson

Judge convicts mother of misdemeanor

MARTINEZ, Calif. (AP) — Marlene Corrigan's 680-pound daughter died on a filthy bed sheet, surrounded by empty food cartons, feces in the folds of her body. She was 13.

In a decision her attorneys called a victory, Ms. Corrigan was found guilty Friday of misdemeanor child abuse at a nonjury trial. She escaped more serious charges that could have sent her to prison for six years.

"I can live with it," Ms. Corrigan said quietly after hearing the verdict.

Superior Court Judge Richard Arnason found there was "absolutely nothing in the record," to show that Ms. Corrigan knew her conduct was likely to kill or seriously harm her daughter.

Ms. Corrigan, 48, faces a maximum of six months in jail at sentencing Feb. 27. Defense attorney Michael Cardoza said she would probably get probation and community service. "It's a victory," Cardoza said.

Ms. Corrigan's daughter, Christina, died of heart failure in November 1996. The girl was found naked on the living room floor, covered with bedsores.

Ms. Corrigan had said she had taken care of her daughter the best she could. Although the girl had been to the doctor many times, she had not seen one in the last five years of her life.

The case had drawn attention to obesity and what some considered prejudice against overweight people. Some questioned whether Ms. Corrigan would have been charged had her daughter weighed less.

"It's a very scary message ... to the parents of other fat children," said Frances White, president of the National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance. "They may possibly be accused of heinous crimes when they're just raising their children the best that they know how."

And, say advocates for the overweight, Ms. Corrigan should not be sent to prison.

"This family has suffered quite enough," White said.

Prosecutor Brian Haynes said that he was not claiming that raising an overweight child is a crime.

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Fifth grade: Colton Long.

Sixth grade: Chad Everton, Savanna Sharp, Nathan Wilkins.

Seventh grade: Michael Allen, Colter Brown, John Gainer, Krystal Loggins, Celeigh Sterling.

Eighth grade: Kendra Krop.

Ninth grade: Tara Allen, Morgan Clements.

Tenth grade: Jerek Brown, Jenson Gainer, Katie Howard.

Eleventh grade: E'Lissa Goolsby, Lindsy Josey, Brook Wilkes.

Twelfth grade: Billy Keith Box, Olga Cabrera.

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Fourth grade: Travis Frey, Kerry Jamison, David Kirk.

Fifth grade: Brandon Crane, Wesley Kellner.

Sixth grade: Jake Barnes, Franki Briseno, Amanda Calley, Rusty Josey, Phil Payne, Bubba Walker, Jess Wall, Wesley White, Lindsey Wilson.

Seventh grade: Kali Clements, Tyler Frey, Michelle Nettles, Geoff Pinkerton, Candace Sanchez.

Eighth grade: Case Hardy, Lecia Knight, Brandy McGinty, Chet Stuart, Cade Tucker, Todd Wall, Dani White.

Ninth grade: Davi Barnes, Brian Coffman, Heather Darnell, Shade Everton, Kristen Harless, Cody Kellner, Trey Shirley, Tosha Walker.

Tenth grade: Korby Calley, Jamee Goolsby, Jose Juarez, Richard Wilkins.

Eleventh: Emily Hardy, Perry Jamison, Audra Oliver, Terri Robinson, Tye Shirley.

Twelfth grade: Jacey Davis, Chris Gee, Amanda Sims, Charity Sims, Hayley Smith.

11 suspended for cheating

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Postal Service has suspended 11 supervisors in the first suspected case of widespread cheating on the agency's system of measuring on-time arrival of first-class mail, The Washington Post reported Saturday.

The scheme by postal employees in West Virginia was intended to show Washington postal officials that the state had one of the fastest mail systems in the nation.

Since 1990, the Postal Service has used the Price Waterhouse accounting firm to index for how well it delivers the mail. Every week, Price Waterhouse sends mail to selected households to determine how quickly it is delivered by individual post offices. After the test letters are delivered, Price Waterhouse computes the effectiveness of postal operations based on the percentage that arrived overnight.

Michigan is the 26th state.

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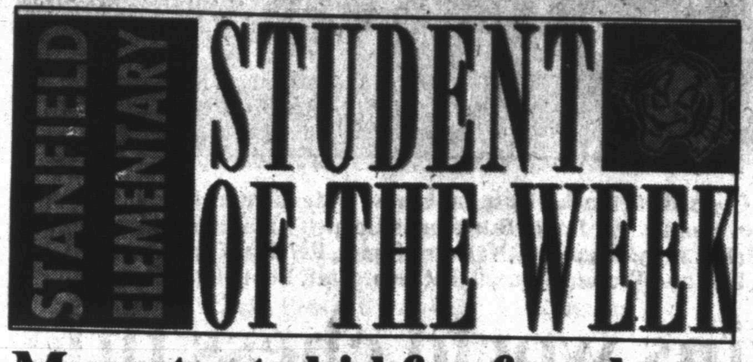
Awards

Stanfield Elementary Students of the Week for November and December are Jessica Devers, Forest Clayton, Rebecca Morin, Cody Presley, Jordan Derryberry, Stacey Elam, Jordan Wright, Katy Spradlin, Jessica Bilderback, Bradley Boyce, Brooke Burleson, Tara Smith, Edward Yruegas, Emilana Ramirez.

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And Heather Newton, Meghan Cooley, Kolby Kubena, Stacey Clifton, Andie Martinez, Raquel Ruiz, Nathan Witte, Brittani Carnes, Martin Smith, Cayelea Rhodes, Greg Resendez, Kaden Billingsley, Ashley Bruns, Wes Richardson.

Also Preston Munson, Jacob Scifres, Hena Elam, Laura Landa, Jessica DeLeon, Vallie Foreman, Nolan Williamson, Brooks Gafford, Jessica Sandoval, Ashley Lopez, Whitney Jenkins, Tatum Norwood, Yvette Hernandez, Tayla Wesson, Kyra Lara, Nick Zajicek.



Man starts bid for freedom after waiting on death row

HOUSTON (AP) — After being freed from death row because the Texas attorney general's office missed an appeal deadline, Danny Dean Thomas has begun his attempt to gain freedom.

He appeared briefly Friday in state District Judge Debbie Mantooth Stricklin's court and an attorney was appointed for a retrial, following a judge's decision that he may have been taking unnecessary medication at the time he first gave testimony.

The state office had 30 days to appeal that decision.

But an attorney in the attorney general's office missed the Aug. 28 deadline by a day, and the appeal was automatically dismissed.

Thomas had been on death row for 15 years for the 1981 abduction and shooting death of 19-year-old Sylvia Elaine Harrison.

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Laughter and tears at farewell to Bono

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — From Jerry Vale to Dan Quayle, they came to say goodbye.

In between tears and laughter, Sonny Bono was remembered Friday for his accomplishments in Hollywood and Capitol Hill by mourners who reflected the entertainer-turned-congressman's unlikely life.

The services included a tearful eulogy by his former wife and singing partner Cher, who called Bono "the most unforgettable character" she will ever know.

"Some people were under the misconception that Sonny was a short man, but he was heads and tails taller than anyone else," she told some 1,400 mourners at St. Theresa Roman Catholic Church.

Sonny was often the butt of Cher's jokes during their 1970s television shows, but Cher said he purposely decided to cast himself as the duo's straight man.

"Some people thought that Son wasn't very bright, but he was smart enough to take an introverted 16-year-old girl and a scrappy little Italian guy with a bad voice and turn them into the most successful and beloved couple of this generation," the Academy Award-winning actress said.

Bono, 62, a two-term Republican congressman and former Palm Springs mayor, died Monday when he skied into a tree at a ski resort near Lake Tahoe. He reportedly talked about buying a helmet to avoid the kind of injuries that killed Michael Kennedy during a ski outing five days earlier.

A large color portrait of a grinning Bono hung near his American flag-draped mahogany casket. Another 2,500 mourners clutched umbrellas in a light drizzle outside, listening to the service on a loudspeaker.

Mourners included Quayle, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, a dozen congressmen, former President Gerald Ford, California Gov. Pete Wilson, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, who represented President Clinton, actor Jack Scalia, singers Tony Orlando and Vale, actress Suzanne Somers and Morton Downey Jr.

Cher described first meeting Bono, then traced the formation of their professional and romantic partnerships. Laughs filled the church when Cher lovingly recalled Bono's "weird hairdo — between Caesar and Napoleon."

"One of the first things he told me was he was a descendant of Napoleon and his father shortened the name to Bono, but he didn't want to make a big deal of it," she said.

In his eulogy, Gingrich told mourners how members of Congress had gathered before dawn in Washington for the trip to California.

"It was the sort of group Sonny would have liked, a lot of people, important, early in the morning being inconvenienced for him," said Gingrich, who called Bono a dedicated politician.

After the Mass, a cortege of several hundred cars drove to the cemetery at Desert Memorial Park in Cathedral City for the burial. There, as the sun broke through the rainy skies, Bono was given a 21-gun salute from a military color guard.

Bono's wife Mary and their children — daughter Chianna, 6, and son Chesare, 9 — then released several dozen doves into the sky.

Bono was married four times, and had two other children — Chastity with Cher, and Christy with his first wife, Donna Rankin.

Late Friday, CNN's Larry King read a statement from Mary Whitaker Bono on his show: "Sonny fulfilled my life as my husband and best friend. The love we shared was the most precious gift I have ever known.

"I will love him always."

Doyle graduates from Texas Tech

Brandi Doyle received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree in accounting from Texas Tech University during formal commencement exercises on Dec. 20.

While at Tech, Doyle was a member of the Honors Program as well as the High Riders spirit organization which supports the Lady Raiders basketball team and other women's athletics.

A member for three years, Doyle held various offices including vice-president. This past year, she has also served on the United Spirit Arena Advisory Board and has served as chairman of the Texas Tech Spirit Coordinating Committee.

Doyle plans to continue her education at Texas Tech this spring as a graduate student seeking a master's degree in sports administration.

She is also employed as a graduate assistant in the accounting department of the Division of Extended Learning at Texas Tech.

She is the daughter of Tommy and Nancy Doyle and is a 1994 graduate of Snyder High School.

Underprocessed sausage recalled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some 30,000 pounds of sausage that could spoil prematurely because of improper processing is being recalled by its producer.

The Agriculture Department said Friday that Ideal Sausage Co. of South Hackensack, N.J., is voluntarily recalling the following dry fermented sausage brands: Ideal Sausage Co. Inc., Corrado's, Salmartino, Calabria, Prestia, Piedmont Provision Co. Inc., Liguria, Savona and Maglio.

All packages with these brand names that do not contain a code date of Jan. 6 or later are being recalled. They can be identified by the "Est. 7543" that appears inside the USDA inspection seal on the label.

The sausage was distributed mainly in food stores in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and elsewhere in the Northeast. The recalled product should be returned to the place of purchase.

USDA officials say the sausage was not sufficiently aged. The sausage could cause nausea, vomiting, abdominal pains and diarrhea if eaten. The department learned of the problem when a distributor had some of the sausage tested in a laboratory.

Singer hospitalized

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — An asthma attack sidelined Johnny PayCheck, who was recuperating in a New Mexico hospital after falling ill on the way to a performance.

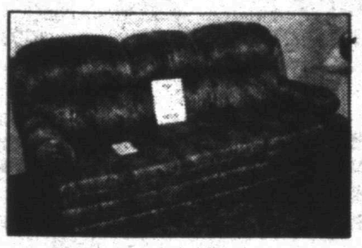
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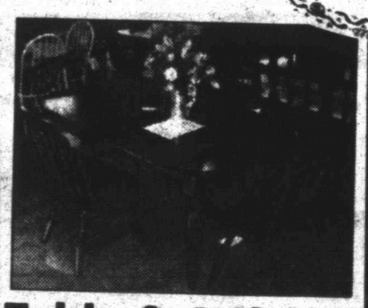


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Fox TV considering 'ER' to bolster program schedule

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The head of Fox television says his network will soon pass NBC to be No. 1 among young adults, maybe by stealing NBC's most successful drama: "ER."

"We believe we will pass NBC and become the No. 1 network for adults 18 to 49," Fox Entertainment President Peter Roth said. "We believe it's just a matter of time."

Roth also sounded ready to join a bidding war for the top-rated medical drama, which could become a free agent if it doesn't strike a deal to stay with NBC during an exclusive negotiating period in February.

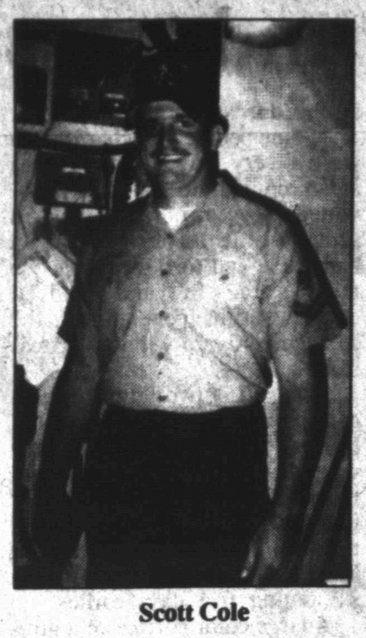
"We are seriously looking at the 'ER' situation and the opportunity it presents our network," Roth told television writers at a meeting Friday.

If Fox took "ER," it could schedule the show at 9 p.m. EST on Sunday nights, followed by "The X-Files." Fox currently offers network programming from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

There's been speculation that Warner Brothers, which produces "ER," could ask for as much as $10 million an episode.

Such an expensive deal could "change the entire economic structure of television," Roth said. "You have to look very, very carefully at the positives of that as well as the negatives."

With Fox on the upswing due to the successes of "King of the Hill" and "Ally McBeal," Roth said the network would continue its strategy of working in new series midseason.



Scott Cole

Cole on duty in U.S. Navy

Scott M. Cole, a 1988 graduate of Snyder High School and the son of Bob and Mae Cole, has been stationed onboard the USS Safeguard APS-50, homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, as a radioman second class.

The USS Safeguard is a 255 foot at sea fire and rescue ship equipped with a mobile deep sea dive platform and 12 U.S. Navy divers.

It recently completed a Western Pacific deployment from April to September of 1997, participating in a joint international dive operations with Singaporean, Korean, Malaysian, Indonesian and Thailand Navy divers.

While on deployment, the ship assisted with special warfare submarine operations with explosive ordance disposal teams, special warfare combat crews and various seal teams, providing communications.

Cole has completed seven years active duty service and has been reassigned to the Safeguard until 1999.

During most of the history of the Earth, the North and South poles have been free of ice.

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CMH TRAUMA FACILITY — Cogdell Memorial Hospital is now designated as a level 4 trauma center by the Texas Department of Health. Dr. James Burleson is Cogdell's trauma doctor. Several staff members are pictured from left, Cheryl Chance, RN; Kerry Smith, RN; Dr. Tom Kerr; Melanie Wirsching, CRTT; Laurie Stark, RN; and Wanda Stansell, ER tech. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Karpov wins world chess title

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — Defending champion Anatoly Karpov defeated Viswanathan Anand in two tiebreaker games Friday to retain the FIDE World Chess Championship title and win its $1.37 million prize.

The tiebreaker decided a six-game match after Karpov and Anand tied 3-3. It required that they play two games with a time limit of 25 minutes for each player in each game.

Karpov, playing white, won the first game today in 62 moves, and dominated the second in 32 moves, playing black.

Karpov first became the FIDE World Chess Champion in 1975, when the American title holder Bobby Fischer declined to play in the final and challenger Karpov was awarded the crown. This is the sixth time he has won the coveted title.

"It was a very tough match. Anand made my task as difficult as possible," said the Russian grandmaster. "He played fighting chess. I think it was one of the most interesting matches I have played."

The result capped a week's competition.

Karpov won the opening game and Anand came back with a victory last Saturday before the players drew Sunday. Karpov set himself up for a shot at the title with a victory in the fourth game Tuesday, but Anand forced a draw Wednesday and won Thursday's sixth game to make the score 3-3.

Anand won the right to challenge Karpov for the FIDE world crown at a three-week qualifying tournament at Groningen in the Netherlands.

Snyder woman gets greeting from Bush

Mrs. J.W. Shroyer of 124 33rd Street in Snyder celebrated her 83rd birthday Saturday and it included an "official" surprise from the state capitol.

Mrs. Shroyer's daughter, Vicki Shroyer, is administrative director for State Sen. Jerry Patterson of Pasadena. She hand-delivered a letter to Mrs. Shroyer from Texas Gov. George Bush.

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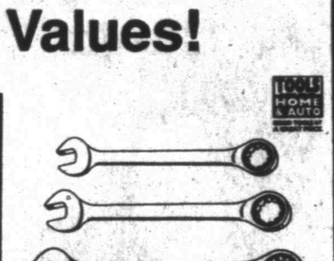


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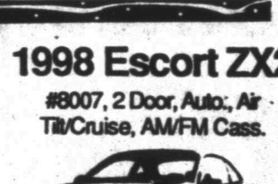
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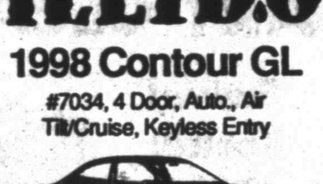
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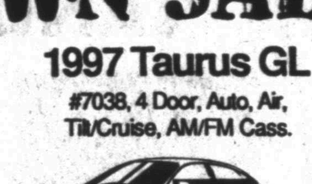
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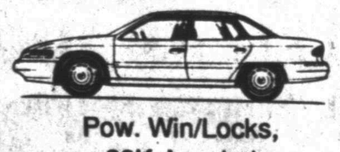
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California reports decrease in death in AIDS patients

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The number of AIDS deaths in the most populous state dropped 60 percent during the first half of last year, yet experts cautioned against reading too much into the decrease.

In the latest national figures, AIDS deaths in the United States dropped 26 percent from 1995 to 1996.



DINNER WITH BRAD — Leslie Cooley won a "dinner with Brad Hawkins" contest on local radio station KSNY Pure Country 101.7. She and the singer enjoyed dinner at the country club Tuesday. Also attending were friends, band members and KSNY representatives. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Brad Hawkins...

Leslie Cooley wins dinner with singer

Leslie Cooley listens to KSNY Pure Country 101.7 and regularly enters contests on the FM radio station. That paid off in a big way recently when she won a dinner with Brad Hawkins, an emerging country singer.

The payoff came Tuesday night at the country club when Cooley, several friends and KSNY representatives including station owners Dink and Lydia Foree, and their daughter, Abby, all had dinner with Hawkins and members of his band who had just driven in from Dallas. This was Hawkins' first real visit to Snyder.

Blue Moon Entertainment, Hawkins' management company, invited KSNY and about 1,400 other non-reporting radio stations to participate in a promotion for "We Lose," Hawkins' debut single.

Every time KSNY played the song, listeners were invited to call the station. Each caller received a picture of Hawkins and became eligible for a drawing for "dinner with Brad Hawkins."

Cooley entered the contest and forgot about it until Pete Garcia, Pure County DeeJay, called and asked if she was listening to KSNY. She said she was so he announced on the air that she had won.

She was very excited. While Cooley has entered many contests, this was her first time to win.

Hawkins, 23 and a native of Texas, describes himself as a "dreamer." And, indeed, some of his dreams are being realized with the release of his self-titled country album.

Born in Dallas, he spent much of his youth with his mother in Summerville, S.C. When she died when he was 14, Hawkins decided to live with his dad in Plano, graduating from Plano High School.

Hawkins, who had been drawn to music at an early age, began to playing in his dad's band. Other family members were also musicians and singers.

Hawkins also began studying psychology in college, continuing to play in his dad's band in his free time. He made a demo tape for $150 which he sent to the Nashville Network's program, "Be a Star." He was invited to audition that summer.

That didn't work out at the time, so Hawkins returned to Plano where a local talent agency encouraged him to pursue an acting career in Los Angeles.

After six months in L.A., Brad landed the lead role on Saban's TV series, "V.R. Troopers." The program lasted two years and was ranked #1 in children's programming.

When Hawkins was introduced to a music industry manager, he recorded a few of his favorite songs on his Karaoke player. The tape was forwarded to Steve Diamond, producer and songwriter of "Can You Love Like That."

Hawkins recorded his first professional demo with Diamond, later signing a recording contract with Curb/Universal Records.

Art aisle slow to catch on

NICE, France (AP) — Art? Aisle six, past the produce.

At supermarkets in the swanky Riviera town of Cannes, shoppers can fill their carts with paintings, sculptures and lithographs, shrink-wrapped and labeled for price scanners. Along with department store sales last year, it's part of an effort to boost a sagging art market.

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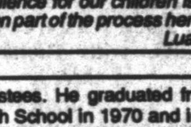
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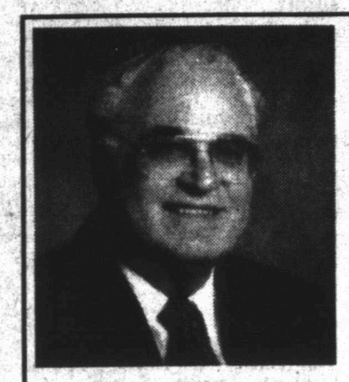
- School board members are ordinary people who have an extraordinary dedication to our public schools. It is time we thanked them for their untiring efforts.
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- Too often we are quick to criticize school board members without really knowing all the details that went into any given decision.
- Too often the efforts of school board members go unrecognized and unrewarded.



• We can begin to correct these oversights throughout January, which has been designated by Governor George W. Bush as School Board Recognition Month. This is a time to show our appreciation and to begin to better understand how school board members work together to provide leadership for our schools.

• The school board works closely with parents, education professionals, and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students. It then formulates goals, defines results, and sets the course for an adequate and equitable educational program for all students.

- The school board is accountable to the public. It is responsible for assuring the public that the money allocated to the public schools is providing a good return on the investment. Thus, the board oversees regular assessment of the district's students, staff, and programs.
- The school board is also a strong advocate for public schools and is responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district.



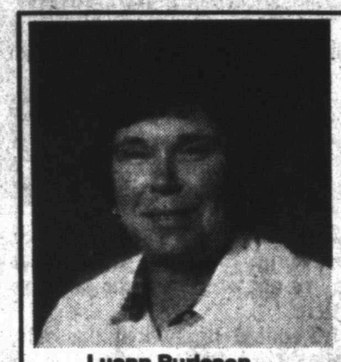
Charles Anderson, President

Charles Anderson is currently serving his sixth year as a member of the Snyder Board of Trustees. Mr. Anderson is a graduate of Abilene Christian College where he received his B.S. and M. Ed. degrees. His varied work experience includes having worked in the Arizona Copper Mines, serving in the United States Air Force and teaching as well as administrating for thirty-two years in the Snyder Public Schools. He is married to Margie Newhouse Anderson and they are the proud parents of two sons, Marcus Anderson, Counselor in Killeen Independent School District and Charles Anderson, Jr. M.D. of Abilene.

After his retirement from the Snyder Independent School District in 1989, Mr. Anderson has remained actively involved with education through his teaching for Western Texas College and Abilene Christian University. Currently, he teaches part time for the Adult and Juvenile Probation Departments. Mr. Anderson also serves as an Elder in the 37th Street Church of Christ. As well, he is a published author of three books of history and anticipates the future publication of a new book about Confederate General William R. Scurry.

"Snyder I.S.D. is the biggest and most important business in our town... we must educate our children to be ready for a future which will include many jobs not even developed at this time."

Charles Anderson



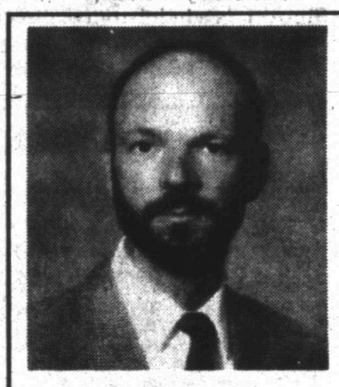
Luann Burleson, Board Member

A native of Stratford, Texas, Luann Burleson graduated from Texas Tech University where she received her B.A. degree in 1972. She has been employed as medical research technician at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas. Her husband, James, is a family practice physician in Snyder, Texas. They have two daughters, Jamie and Erin, who attend Snyder Public Schools. Mrs. Burleson is currently serving her 11th year as a member of the Snyder Board of Trustees. During her tenure, she has been elected to the position of Vice-President and President.

Mrs. Burleson is very active in the community. She coaches several youth sports in our community and is serving as an Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Snyder. Somehow she finds the time to play golf.

"I believe that the pursuit of educational excellence for our children is one of life's greatest callings and I am honored to have been part of the process here in Snyder."

Luann Burleson



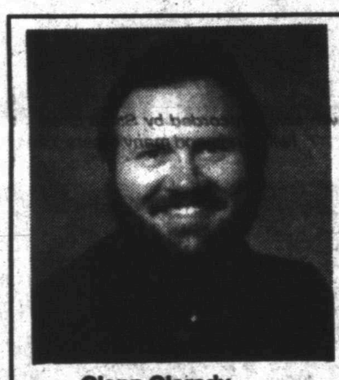
Mark McCormick Vice President

Mark McCormick currently is serving as Vice-President of the Snyder Board of Trustees. He was elected to the Board in 1993. A native of Snyder, Texas, Mr. McCormick graduated from Snyder High School in 1975 and entered Abilene Christian University. He received his bachelor degree in Business Administration in 1979. Currently he is president of a third-generation family business, McCormick Marketing, Inc. He is an active member of the Texas Oil Marketers Association and The Texas LP Gas Association.

Mr. McCormick is active in civic affairs. He is currently serving as President of the Board of County Development and has served as a member of the Board of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, Mr. McCormick is a deacon at East Side Church of Christ. He and his wife Janie have two children, Matt and Megan.

"Our Board is made up of a diverse group of men and women from the community, but our differences in background and experience never interfere with our unified goal of providing and maintaining the traditions of excellence in educational opportunities for all children."

Mark McCormick



Glenn Clarady, Board Member

Mr. Glenn Clarady is in his 8th year as a member of the Snyder Board of Trustees. He graduated from Snyder High School in 1970 and immediately entered the building trades profession. He is a partner in G & G Glass Company that he started 20 years ago. He and his wife, Ester, who is a recent graduate of Abilene Christian University, have three children. The oldest, Robert, will graduate from Notre Dame University this spring. David currently attends Western Texas College, while his youngest, Nathaniel, attends Snyder Public Schools.

Mr. Clarady and his family are active in Little League, where Glenn is a manager. His family attends St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. In addition, Mr. Clarady is a charter member of the Snyder Kiwanis Club.

"The Board of Trustees works hard to insure that the children of Snyder are educated and prepared for life. This is done with community, faculty, administrators and Board collaboration."

Glenn Clarady



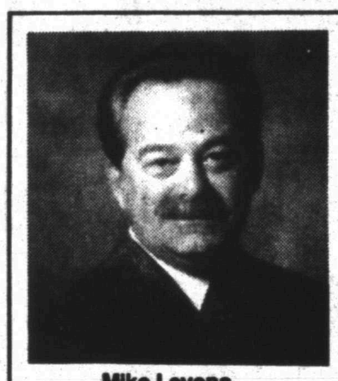
Janet Stribling, Secretary

Janet Stribling was first elected to the Snyder Independent School District Board of Trustees in 1993 and is currently serving as secretary for her third term. Mrs. Stribling and her husband Jimmy have three children. Her oldest, Justin, is currently serving in the United States Marines, while Dana and Annie both attend the Snyder Public Schools. Mrs. Stribling, a 1971 graduate of Snyder High School, received a BBA in Accounting from West Texas State University in 1975. She has worked as staff auditor and accountant for CPA firms, and is presently self-employed as a bookkeeper and tax preparer, as well as an employee of Advantage Capital for Brenda Hedges. Mr. Stribling is self-employed as a welder.

Mrs. Stribling and her family have been active in 4-H and other community organizations. She serves as a 4-H Parent Volunteer and Club Manager and is a member of the Fluvanna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary. In addition, Mrs. Stribling is active in the Snyder Future Farmers of America program.

"It has been a great honor and privilege to have served with such a dedicated group of board members... we respect each other and afford each individual the opportunity to be heard. I think my voice is important on the school board to help insure that all students are treated equally and fairly. Our students are our greatest asset and our future.

Janet Stribling



Mike Levens Board Member

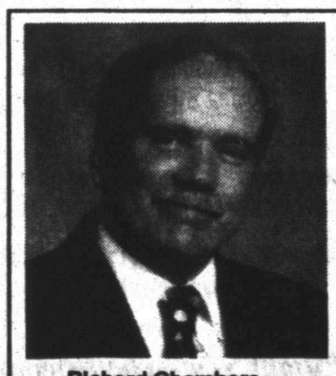
Mike Levens is currently serving his first year as a member of the Snyder Board of Trustees. He is a 1969 graduate of Snyder High School and earned his degree in Business Administration from Howard Payne College in 1973. He brings ten years experience in the oil and gas industry with petroleum chemical companies and is currently employed as a purchaser with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

His wife, Marsha, is manager of the Scurry County Federal Credit Union. They are the proud parents of three children, Jeffery, a sophomore at St. Edward's University in Austin; Joshua, a sophomore at Snyder High School; and Abby, a sixth grader at West Elementary.

Mike teaches the Nancy Caton Sunday school class at First Methodist Church and is a member and past Board President for the Scurry County Boys and Girls Club. He enjoys golf, gardening, and reading (with a major emphasis on the golf).

"Every child should have the opportunity to receive an education that will prepare them for life; not from a vocational standpoint only, but also a preparedness to be productive contributors to their respective communities and society as a whole. It is our responsibility as Board Members and staff to give every student the best we can in time and resources."

Mike Levens



Richard Chambers, Board Member

Board member Richard Chambers was elected to Snyder Independent School District Board of Trustees in May, 1994. Mr. Chambers earned an Associate of Arts in Business from Western Texas College in 1982. He has been employed the past sixteen years with Continental Emsco Company as a salesman and Artificial Lift Systems Specialist. He is also part-owner of Matlock Auto Sales. Mr. Chambers serves on the board of the Snyder Cemetery Association, holds a Texas Real Estate License and has been a member of Christian Temple Church for the past twenty-two years.

Mr. Chambers and his wife, Brenda, have one daughter, Dara, who is a 7th grader at Snyder Junior High School. Brenda is a homemaker and donates numerous hours each year as a volunteer to Snyder Independent School District.

"I am very proud of our school district's ability to help children of working parents with our Safe Child program. Through the vision of the Board and the Administration, this program has been one of the most successful projects during my tenure on the Board. Kids should always be the first priority of Board members."

"Being involved in the education of the future leaders of our society is a very fulfilling experience."

Richard Chambers

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SPORTS

Levelland deals Lady Tigers second district setback, 52-30

Until the University Interscholastic League crowns a new team in March, the Levelland Loboettes are still the state champion.

And it showed Friday night.

Levelland held Snyder to single digits in each of the first three quarters, as the Lady Tigers fell to the Loboettes, 52-30.

"This was a big win for us," Levelland coach Dean Weese said. "Snyder's kids can play and we needed this one pretty bad."

The Lady Tigers now fall to 0-2 in the 2-4A standings, two games behind district-leading Plainview. Levelland improves to 1-1.

"I thought our intensity level wasn't where it needed to be in the first three quarters," Snyder coach Rick Archer stated. "It got better in the last six minutes of the game.

"But in this district, you have to come out mentally ready to play or you're going to get your tail kicked."

Levelland took control early, breaking the Snyder press and hitting the open shots.

Shara Helmbeck drained two three-pointers in the opening quarter for a 12-4 Loboette lead.

Levelland kept it going in the second, specifically Bandy Bayer.

The 6'1" senior poured in nine points and gamered five rebounds, as the Lobettes put together a 9-2 run over the first 5:06 of the period.

"Helmbeck and Bayer are key for us," Weese stated. "We really need those two kids to score for us in order to be sucessful."

The Lady Tigers' struggles continued in the second quarter.

Snyder was out-rebounded, 8-1, while going 0 for 5 from the free throw line to trail 25-10 at halftime.

Unfortunately for the Lady Tigers, the third period would be much like the first two.

Freshman Ashley Delce, who led Snyder with points, registered the Lady Tigers' only two buckets of the third.

Facing a 36-14 deficit entering the final eight minutes of play, Snyder began to get untracked.

Senior Mandy Hess posted seven of her nine points in the fourth.

The Lady Tigers also outrebounded the Loboettes, 8-4, while forcing four turnovers.

While Levelland held on for the victory, the opportunity is still there for Snyder to reach the post-season, according to Archer.

"I told our girls after the game that 7-3 can make the playoffs," the second-year coach said. "We will have to pretty much run the table, but if we play like we are capable of, then we can do it."

In other district action Friday, Estacado nabbed a 64-61 victory over Lamesa to level both teams' records at 1-1.

In the other match-up, a battle for 2-4A's top spot, Plainview outlasted Frenship in triple overtime, 87-76.

Snyder will try to get things turned around Tuesday, when it travels to Frenship for a 6:30 tipoff.

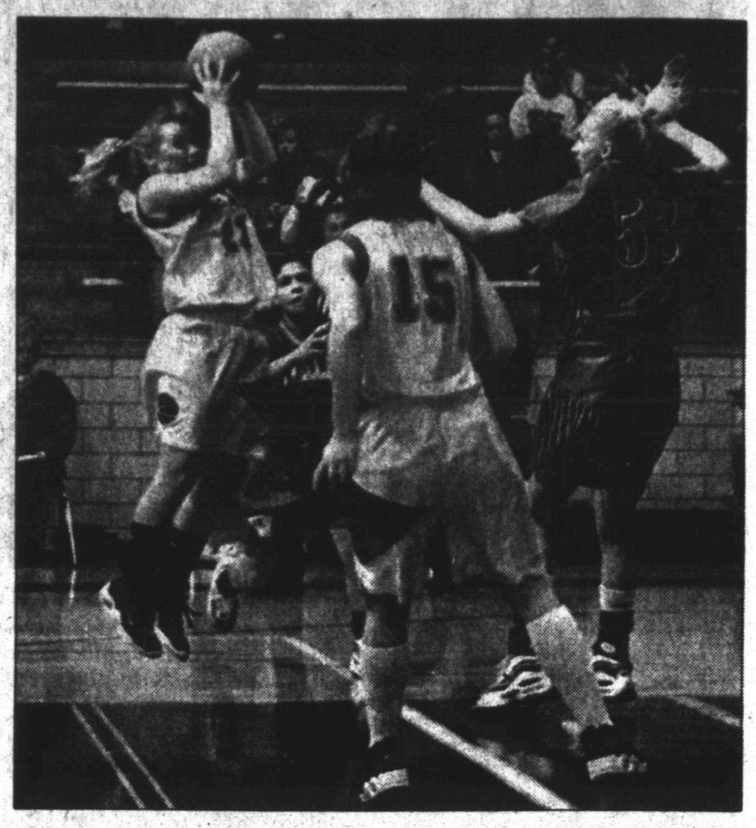
Levelland will play host to Lamesa, while Plainview visits Estacado.

LEVELLAND — Hernandez 2 2-2 6, Helmbeck 6 2-2 16, Brashear 0 2-3 2, Phelps 2 0-0 4, Bayer 7 3-6 17, Taylor 0 2-2 2, Wilson 2 0-0 5. Totals 19 11-15 52.

SNYDER — Hall 0 1-4 1, Delce 6 0-3 12, Kidd 0 2-2 2, Hess 4 0-0 9, Peoples 0 3-4 3, McGuire 0 0-2 0, Murray 0 0-2 0, Kallemeyn 1 1-4 3. Totals 11 7-21 30.

Levelland	12	13	11	16 — 52
Snyder	4	6	4	16 — 30

Three-point goals: Levelland 3 (Helmbeck 2, Wilson); Snyder 1 (Hess). Rebounds: Levelland 21 (Bayer 8), Snyder 20 (Delce 6). Total fouls: Levelland 20, Snyder 17. Fouled out: Levelland — Bayer.



GETTING ON THE GLASS — Snyder's Shannon Hall hauls in a rebound, as teammate Callie Bane (15) waits for a pass during district action Friday night against Levelland. The Loboettes toppled the Lady Tigers, 52-30. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bulldogs rip Rule, 76-59

It was over early in Ira.

The Bulldogs ripped Rule for a 24-8 first-quarter lead, before cruising to a 76-59 victory Friday night.

Ira, which registered its 12th win of the season, had five players finish in double digits.

Led by Logan Daves' 15 points, the Bulldogs used the opening outburst to distance themselves from the Bobcats.

Rule rallied back to oustcore Ira, 33-23, over the next two quarters.

But the Bulldogs closed the door in the fourth.

Ira went to work again on the offensive end, hanging 29 points on the Bobcats in the final eight-minute span.

Jerek Brown poured in 14 for the Bulldogs, while Drew Wall finished with 13.

Jose Juarez added 12 more and Billy Box, 11. Caleb Wilson posted eight points, with Richard Wilkins chipping in three.

Ira will carry a 12-5 mark into Tuesday's contest, when it hosts Hermleigh at 8 p.m.

Ira girls top Lady 'Cats

The Lady Bulldogs experienced something Friday night that they're not used to — a halftime deficit.

Ira trailed by two at the half, before Terri Robinson poured in 18 points over the final two quarters for a 54-43 victory over Rule.

The Lady Bulldogs were on the bottom of a 20-18 tally, entering the third quarter.

But Robinson, who finished with a game-high 24, got things going for Ira.

The Lady Bulldogs outscored Rule, 19-13, in the third.

Ira's defense then took over. Rule could manage only 10 points in the final quarter, as the Lady Bulldogs halted any hopes of a Lady Bobcat comeback.

In addition to Robinson, Morgan Clements also posted double digits, finishing with 13.

E'Lissa Goolsby poured in eight for Ira, while Jamee Goolsby added six more. Audra Oliver registered two points and Brook Wilkes chipped in one.

The Lady Bulldogs still have only one blemish on their record.

Ira will carry a 16-1 mark into Tuesday's action, when the Lady Bulldogs host Hermleigh at 6:30.

2-4A Glance

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Plainview	2	0	1.000	-
Estacado	1	1	.500	1
Lamesa	1	1	.500	1
Frenship	1	1	.500	1
Levelland	1	1	.500	1
Snyder	0	2	.000	2

Friday's results — Levelland 52, Snyder 30; Estacado 64, Lamesa 61; Plainview 87, Frenship 76, 3(OT).

Tuesday's games — Snyder at Frenship; Lamesa at Levelland; Plainview at Estacado.

Aging Denver running out of 'Super' chances

PITTSBURGH (AP) — John Elway is running out of time. Denver's lineup is full of 30-something starters. The Broncos still don't have a Super Bowl trophy.

Guess which team feels more pressure in the AFC championship?

It's not the Pittsburgh Steelers (12-5), who already have four Lombardi trophies on display in their offices. They look at the conference title game Sunday at Three Rivers Stadium as a chance to add a fifth.

No, the Broncos (14-4) are the ones with much more at stake in this game to decide who will play in the Super Bowl. Their aging lineup may not get a chance like this again.

"This is like a now-or-never type of situation," third-year running back Terrell Davis said. "We have a lot of players on our team who are older and this opportunity is not going to come many times.

"I think we have to take advantage of the situation we're in now. Right now, it's almost like a desperation situation. Getting to the big game has to happen now."

The Steelers' sense of history is much different. With four Super Bowl titles already in hand, the past isn't a problem.

"Pressure is something you put on yourself," coach Bill Cowher said. "You don't want to change who you are. You have to prepare like you always have and then go out and play with the trust and the confidence, not being tentative."

There might be a temptation to look at the great Steelers teams of the '70s and feel at least a little pressure to measure up. But the Steelers don't treat their history as a burden.

"No, no, no," defensive end Nolan Harrison said. "Those guys set precedents all around. You can't compare these teams. Those were some special teams with some special players. We're just trying to cut our own niche into history."

The Broncos are trying to change theirs. Denver has been to four Super Bowls and lost them all.

With Elway running the show, Denver went to the Super Bowl in 1987, 1988 and 1990, losing by scores of 39-20, 42-10 and 55-10. Elway is 37 now and unsure how much longer he'll play.

That's not all. There are three players still left from their last Super Bowl team — Elway and safeties Steve Atwater and Tyrone Braxton. The Broncos have six starters on offense and five on defense who are in their 30s.

"We're doing everything we possibly can to get John the best collection of talent on the offensive side of the football and the defensive side in order to win and to win now," tight end Shannon Sharpe said. "If you notice, there aren't a whole lot of 23-year-old guys on this team. Most of these guys are in their late 20s to mid-30s."

"You have players who have been there, but they have not won the big game," Davis said. "They understand this is their last opportunity to get there and win it. You can't sit there and say, 'Well, maybe next year.' "

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
NewJersey	28	13	2	58	131	88
Philadelphia	24	11	8	56	129	95
Washington	21	16	8	50	128	120
N.Y.Rangers	14	19	12	40	114	123
Florida	15	21	9	39	115	129
N.Y.Islanders	15	24	5	35	111	130
TampaBay	9	26	8	26	76	130

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	24	16	6	54	136	109
Pittsburgh	22	14	8	52	121	103
Boston	20	16	8	48	111	106
Ottawa	19	20	5	43	104	104
Carolina	16	23	6	38	114	128
Buffalo	15	19	8	38	99	109

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	28	10	8	64	143	95
Detroit	26	11	9	61	151	110
St.Louis	25	15	6	56	136	114
Phoenix	20	18	7	47	124	119
Chicago	15	19	9	39	98	99
Toronto	14	21	7	35	100	125

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	22	9	14	58	136	110
LosAngeles	17	18	8	42	119	121
Anaheim	14	23	8	36	105	137
SanJose	15	22	5	35	99	117
Edmonton	13	22	9	35	105	130
Calgary	12	24	10	34	116	137
Vancouver	12	25	7	31	120	154

Friday's Games

Washington 4, Philadelphia 1
New Jersey 4, Tampa Bay 1
Phoenix 4, Chicago 2
Detroit 3, Dallas 3, tie
Florida 3, Calgary 3, tie
Edmonton 5, Anaheim 1

Saturday's Games

Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, noon.
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Colorado, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Florida at Vancouver, 9:30 p.m.
Buffalo at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Washington at Detroit, 2 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Anaheim, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Wild Cards
Saturday, Dec. 27
Minnesota 23, New York Giants 22
Denver 42, Jacksonville 17
Sunday, Dec. 28
New England 17, Miami 3
Tampa Bay 20, Detroit 10

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 3
Pittsburgh 7, New England 6
San Francisco 38, Minnesota 22
Sunday, Jan. 4
Green Bay 21, Tampa Bay 7
Denver 14, Kansas City 10

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 11
Denver at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)
Green Bay at San Francisco, 4 p.m. (FOX)

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 25
At San Diego
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6 p.m. (NBC)

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 1
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC, 6 p.m. (ABC)

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SPORTS

Jones gives no clues to Switzer's replacement

IRVING (AP) — Barry Switzer resigned as coach of the Dallas Cowboys Friday, saying it was in the team's best interest to have someone else in charge.

"At this time I believe a fresh start at this position will give the Cowboys their greatest opportunity to return to the top," Switzer said in a statement.

"I am deeply proud of what our players and coaches have been able to accomplish. A Super Bowl championship and three division titles are a source of great pride for this organization and its fans."

Switzer did not talk to reporters. Team owner Jerry Jones, appearing alone at a news conference, said the decision was "a very difficult and emotional one for everyone who was involved."

"He had the toughness to walk into a situation that was as great a challenge as any football coach has ever faced in the NFL," Jones said. "Barry Switzer was the right man for the right time."

Switzer went 45-26 in four seasons, winning a Super Bowl in his second season and division titles in his first three. His final season, however, was a disaster, beginning with his arrest for carrying a gun in an airport followed by a 6-10 season that kept the Cowboys out of the playoffs for the first time in seven years.

Jones called the Cowboys' poor performance last season "a temporary setback."

He said he spent most of the last three weeks trying to decide whether a coaching change was needed. Switzer, 61, had long said Jones wouldn't have to fire him; he would resign.

"We have come to the realization we must chart a fresh and new path in returning this team to the level of success our fans demand ... of being a Super Bowl team," Jones said.

As for a replacement, Jones said: "I will not share with you a time frame I have or a process for selecting the next coach of the Dallas Cowboys."

Candidates include George Seifert, who left the San Francisco 49ers under strained circumstances a year ago. His contract with the 49ers expires Feb. 1.

Others include Terry Donahue, former UCLA coach; Jon Gruden, offensive coordinator for the Philadelphia Eagles; Miami coach Butch Davis; or perhaps even someone from Switzer's own staff such as defensive coordinator Dave Campo.

Jones did give a hint about who will next hold the job previously occupied by only Tom Landry, Jimmy Johnson and Switzer.

"It will be someone who can work within a system that works," Jones said. "The philosophy we have and how we approach football is why we've had three Super Bowl wins (under his ownership)."

Jones said Switzer would not have another role in the organization, even though he has at least two years left on a contract that pays him $1 million a year.

"His ledger is square with me," said Jones, who gave Johnson a $2 million going-away check when the parted ways in March 1994.

The fate of the assistants was not immediately clear. Jones said he'll bring some back, but he wouldn't be specific.

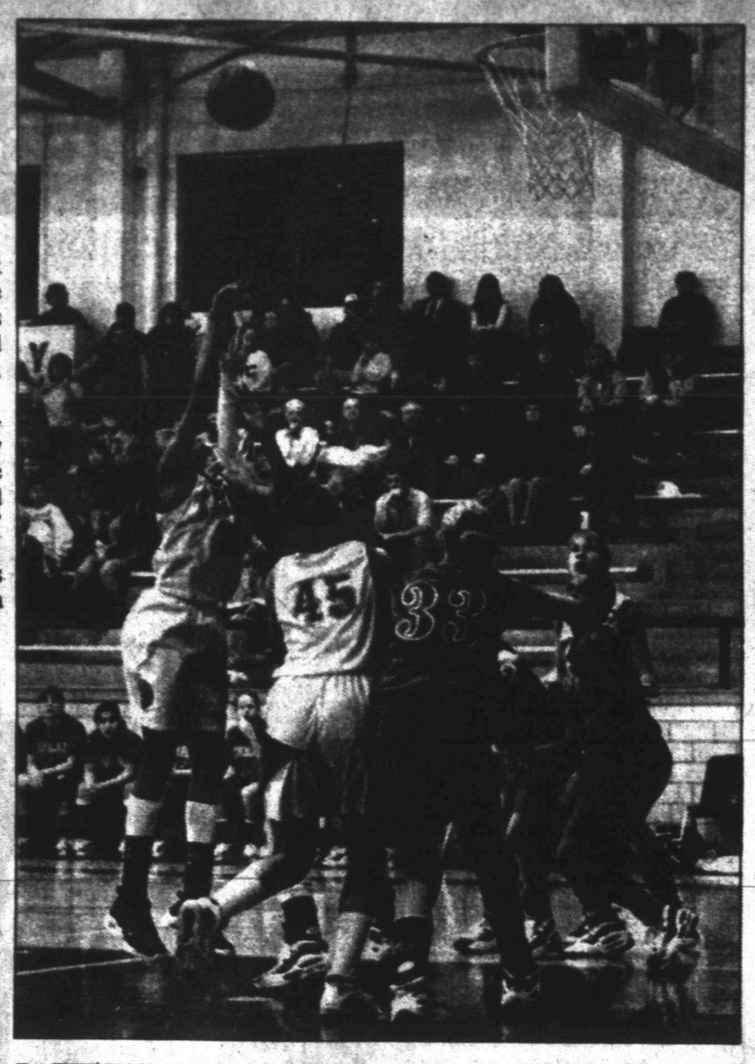
Switzer, who was seen entering team headquarters earlier today, said in his statement that he felt satisfied with the job he did.

"For nearly 40 years I have always cared deeply for ever player I have coached," Switzer said. "I can walk away from this position with that same love and compassion intact. Moving away from those relationships is the most difficult aspect of this very personal and difficult decision."

Jones said it was Switzer's decision not to attend the news conference.

"This is the way Barry wanted it, and under the circumstances we wanted to honor his wishes," Jones said.

Switzer's last year was the first losing season of his 20-year coaching career.



BATTLING UNDERNEATH — Snyder's Ashley Delce and Alicia Peoples (45) battle for a rebound with Levelland's Carrie Phelps (33) during action Friday night at the SHS gym. (SDN Staff Photo)

Loboettes edge JV girls, 47-44

It's a good thing Snyder's junior varsity girls team doesn't get motion sickness, because the Lady Tigers had an up-and-down ride Friday night.

Snyder dominated the second and fourth quarters, but could manage only single digits in the first and third, as the Lady Tigers fell to Levelland, 47-44.

The Loboettes held as early 12-9 advantage.

But the second period belonged to Snyder, outscoring Levelland, 14-10, for a 23-22 halftime lead.

The Lady Tigers, however, would hit another rut in the third.

Six points were all Snyder could muster, while the Loboettes posted 13 for a 35-29 tally.

But the Lady Tigers put things back together in the final eight minutes.

Paced by Kaycee Marricle, who finished with four buckets from behind the arc and 16 points, Snyder rallied to within one of the lead.

With under 15 seconds remaining, the Lady Tigers were forced to foul.

Levelland connected on both free throws, then forced Snyder into a desperation shot which fell short of the basket.

Jodi Dennis also finished with double digits for the Lady Tigers, registering 14 points.

Amber Burt added nine more, while Terrie Moore chipped in five.

Snyder, now 8-10 on the season, will be in action again Tuesday when it visits Frenship. Tipoff is scheduled for 5 p.m.

Cards fall to Paint Creek

LUEDERS — After jumping to an early 16-9 lead, the Hermleigh Cardinals saw Paint Creek get hot.

Paint Creek rallied to top Hermleigh, 69-60, Friday night at the Lueders-Avoca tournament.

The Cardinals, led by Jason Hernandez' 16 points, seized the 16-9 advantage to close the first quarter.

But Paint Creek started finding the range in the second, with 22 points.

Entering the third quarter, Hermleigh trailed by only five.

Paint Creek, however, wasn't satisfied.

The Cardinals were outscored, 20-15, in the period for a 51-41 tally.

Hermleigh tried to mount a rally by posting 19 points in the final eight minutes, but Paint Creek kept pace for the 69-60 victory.

Following Saturday's tourney action, the Cardinals will be back on the court Tuesday, when they visit Ira. Tipoff is slated for 8 p.m.

Paint Creek 69, Hermleigh 60
Hermleigh: Jason Hernandez, 16; Larry Lambaren and Joey Garza, 15; Caleb Callaway, 14.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	22	11	.667	-
NewYork	19	15	.559	3½
NewJersey	18	15	.545	4
Washington	19	18	.514	5
Orlando	18	17	.514	5
Boston	16	17	.485	6
Philadelphia	9	23	.281	12¼
Central Division				
Chicago	24	11	.686	-
Indiana	22	11	.667	1
Atlanta	21	12	.636	2
Cleveland	20	12	.625	2½
Charlotte	21	13	.618	2½
Detroit	16	18	.471	7½
Milwaukee	15	19	.441	8½
Toronto	4	30	.118	19½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	22	11	.667	-
SanAntonio	22	12	.647	½
Houston	17	14	.548	4
Minnesota	17	16	.515	5
Vancouver	10	26	.278	13½
Dallas	6	28	.176	16½
Denver	2	31	.061	20
Pacific Division				
Seattle	29	6	.829	-
L.A.Lakers	27	8	.771	2
Phoenix	22	10	.688	5½
Portland	19	14	.576	9
Sacramento	15	20	.429	14
L.A.Clippers	9	26	.257	20
GoldenState	7	24	.226	20

Thursday's Games
New Jersey 89, Orlando 87
Seattle 109, Cleveland 84
Sacramento 103, Dallas 92
Indiana 87, Houston 80
Utah 116, Milwaukee 109

Friday's Games
Seattle 111, Boston 92
Atlanta 82, Washington 77
Chicago 90, New York 89
Detroit 101, Golden State 72
Minnesota 96, Portland 91
Miami 98, Denver 79
Charlotte 98, Vancouver 90
Phoenix 100, San Antonio 79
L.A. Lakers 125, L.A. Clippers 115

Saturday's Games
Minnesota at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Atlanta at Washington, noon.
L.A. Clippers at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Seattle at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Vancouver, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

BIG 12 BASKETBALL STANDINGS

MEN

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas	2	0	1.000	-
Oklahoma	2	0	1.000	-
Baylor	2	0	1.000	-
Texas Tech	1	0	1.000	½
Oklahoma St	1	1	.500	1
Kansas St	1	1	.500	1
Missouri	1	1	.500	1
Nebraska	1	1	.500	1
Iowa St	0	1	.000	1½
Texas A&M	0	2	.000	2
Colorado	0	2	.000	2
Texas	0	2	.000	2

Saturday's Games
Texas Tech at Oklahoma St.
Kansas at Texas
Oklahoma at Texas A&M
Missouri at Iowa St.
Kansas St. at Baylor

WOMEN

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas Tech	2	0	1.000	-
Oklahoma St	2	0	1.000	-
Iowa St	1	0	1.000	½
Colorado	1	0	1.000	½
Nebraska	1	1	.500	1
Baylor	1	1	.500	1
Kansas St	1	1	.500	1
Texas	1	1	.500	1
Oklahoma	1	1	.500	1
Kansas	0	2	.000	2
Missouri	0	2	.000	2
Texas A&M	0	2	.000	2

Wednesday's Games
Texas Tech at Texas
Nebraska at Kansas
Missouri at Oklahoma St.
Colorado at Baylor
Oklahoma at Iowa St.

49ers face Packers without Jerry Rice

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Green Bay Packers are concerned because the San Francisco 49ers DON'T have Jerry Rice for Sunday's NFC championship game.

"They're more unpredictable now," defensiver coordinator Fritz Shurmur said. "They have two or three guys they go to instead of one. It's harder to stop a lot of guys than just one."

It's a curious spin, but it's a realistic one as the Packers and 49ers meet at 3Com Park, with the winner going to the Super Bowl. For as much as quarterbacks Brett Favre, Steve Young and the offenses get attention, it's likely to be defense that decides the game.

San Francisco's defense allowed the fewest yards in the NFL this season and Dana Stubblefield was chosen the league's defensive player of the year.

But Stubblefield might not even be San Francisco's best defensive tackle. Bryant Young, who was injured often this season, is considered by most offensive coordinators to be a little more mobile and a little stronger.

As for the Packers, they had to adjust early when Craig Newsome, their best cornerback, tore a knee in the first game and was lost for the season.

By midseason they had adjusted — with second-year man Tyrone Williams in Newsome's spot and rookie Darren Sharper in Williams' nickel back role. The result was that Green Bay didn't give up a passing touchdown in the final 27 quarters.

"What that means is that we'll have to be able to run," San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci said. "If we can do that, then we can pass."

The running game will be helped by the return of Garrison Hearst, out since Nov. 30 with a broken collarbone. He will split time with Terry Kirby, who ran for 120 yards last week in a 38-22 playoff win over Minnesota.

NCAA BASKETBALL SCORES

EAST
Cornell 63, Dartmouth 51
Harvard 66, Columbia 61
Loyola, Md. 80, Marist 61
Penn 75, Brown 58
Princeton 69, Yale 58
Towson at Maine, ppd., power fail

SOUTH
No major team scores reported from the SOUTH.

MIDWEST
Butler 66, SW Missouri St. 63
Ill.-Chicago 83, Cleveland St. 67

SOUTHWEST
No major team scores reported from the SOUTHWEST.

FAR WEST
Gonzaga 93, Loyola Marymount 62
N. Arizona 73, Montana 60
Pepperdine 72, Portland 47
Weber St. 69, Idaho St. 60

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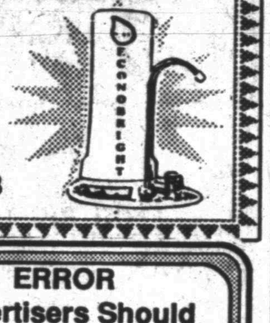
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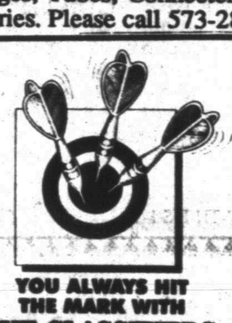
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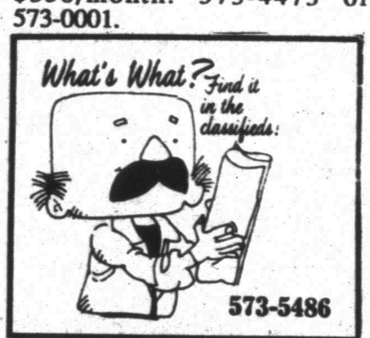
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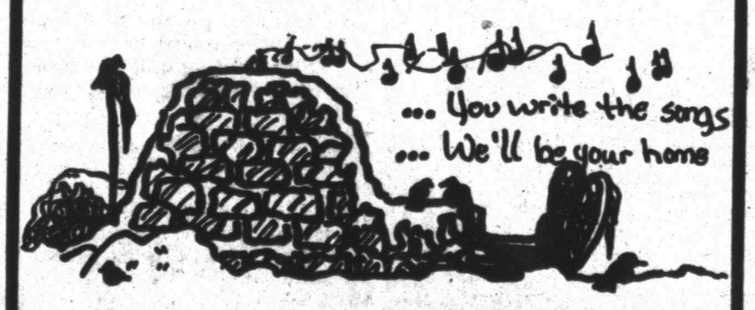


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Judge: Christian Slater must go to jail

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Christian Slater failed Friday to dodge a 90-day jail term for beating his girlfriend and fighting police who found him screaming in a hallway during a drug and alcohol bender.

Judge Joseph S. Biderman rejected Slater's request to substitute time already spent in a drug treatment center — 118 days — for the jail term, which would have wiped it out.

But the judge did let Slater begin the sentence on Wednesday, rather than Saturday, the date previously set. The new date is a day after the Hollywood premiere of Slater's new film, "Hard Rain."

Slater's term is to be followed by three months in a residential drug treatment program and a year in a treatment program for batterers.

Slater showed no reaction to the judge's ruling. He did not speak to reporters as he left the courthouse.

Prosecutor Susan Schmitter on Friday accused defense attorneys of trying to wriggle out of the plea agreement.

"The defendant is bound by what he negotiated, agreed to and signed," Ms. Schmitter said.

The 28-year-old star of such movies as "Broken Arrow" and "Interview with a Vampire" pleaded no contest last month to battery on a dating partner, battery on a police officer and being under the influence of a controlled substance.

His plea came one day after actor Robert Downey Jr. was ordered to spend six months in jail for violating parole on a drug conviction.

Slater was arrested Aug. 11 after officers were called to a brawl at the posh Wilshire Boulevard condominiums. Police heard screaming and found Slater in a stairwell "swinging his arms and yelling incoherently."

Slater threw one officer against a wall and tried to grab his gun. He was subdued and later told police he had been taking heroin and cocaine and drinking "for a couple days and had only a couple hours of sleep," officers said.

Police said Slater wound up in the hallway after fighting at a party with a man who tried to stop him from punching his own girlfriend.

Snyder officers arrest 2 men

City officers made one arrest Friday and one more early Saturday morning.

An 18-year-old male was arrested at 9:13 p.m. Friday at North Park on an outstanding warrant for Class C theft and disorderly conduct/gestures.

At 2:21 a.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 19-year-old male in the area of Snyder Shopping Center for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated. A juvenile male at the scene was transported to the police department where he was later released to his mother.

A report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted at 2 p.m. Friday as someone had spray painted the concession stand building at North Park.

Clora Guynes requested to speak to an officer Friday afternoon at 3202 25th Street in reference to items missing from a building. An offense report for theft is to be submitted.

Officers were called to the 900 block of 29th Street Friday afternoon to investigate threats. A person said a person had threatened to burn her house down. The officer advised the two people had been involved in a verbal disagreement. The parties were advised of the proper steps to take to solve the dispute.

Officers also investigated a report of a gas drive-off from Century Fuels, a report of telephone harassment, reckless drivers and loud music.

A person called 911 Saturday morning from a pay phone at the old Busy Bee grocery. He said two men had run him down the street and when they caught him, they beat him in the head.

An officer responding to the call found that the man's girlfriend was having a problem with him and had asked two other men to remove him from her residence.

The officer brought the man to the Law Enforcement Center and efforts were made to find him lodging for the night. But before he could be sent to a motel, his girlfriend called the police. She was complaining that her boyfriend called and threatened her.

Apparently, while waiting for authorities to secure him lodging arrangements, the man had stepped out of the Law Enforcement Center and used an outside pay phone to make the threatening phone call.

An offense report for family violence was filed against the man, who was not arrested.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Letter-Writing Father Wants Top Billing for His Thoughts

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My wife prefers that I write the letters to our children and relatives. Although she writes a delightful letter, she lacks confidence in her ability to punctuate and spell correctly. I enjoy writing, so I don't mind performing this task for both of us.

For many years I closed the letter, "With love," followed by "Mom and Dad" or both our first names. Last year I decided this was not correct. Although my wife occasionally suggests thoughts that I include, I am the one who generates most of the thoughts and takes the time to write them. Therefore, I started closing my letters, "With love from both of us," followed by "Dad" or my name. This angers my wife. She insists that I sign "Mom and Dad" or both our first names. I insist that she is welcome to add a postscript to my letter and sign it or write her own letters.

My wife wants the letter to be from both of us, but I feel I should sign my letters with my name because they contain my thoughts. Am I being hardheaded?

THE LONE WRITER, RICHLAND, WASH.

DEAR LONE WRITER: Yes. I empathize with you for wanting recognition for the work of art you have created, but it's a little late to begin asserting your individuality. I'm sure your children and relatives know who is really putting the words on the paper, so for the sake of harmony in the household, continue to sign your letters, "With love, from Mom and Dad."

In almost every marriage, the spouse with the stronger skills will assume responsibility for various chores — the gardening, balancing the checkbook, wardrobe coordination, etc. That's what makes a partnership successful.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in response to the letter that appeared in your column just before Thanksgiving from "Grieving Mom in Texas."

It is a tragedy that this family lost their firstborn in a drunk-driving crash. Drunk driving is not an accident. No one forces intoxicated drivers to get behind the wheel. They make that choice of their own free will.

I personally have lost two people who were very close to me. The first was my best friend from childhood. Eight months after that, his mother was struck and killed instantly by another drunk driver. Approximately 10 years later, I was struck and almost killed by a drunk driver.

Drunk driving is the most frequently committed violent crime in America, and the No. 1 killer of those between the ages of 6 and 33. I agree with your response that the holidays were rapidly approaching and your hope was that her letter would serve as a cautionary reminder about the dangers of driving under the influence. With a person dying every 32 minutes and being injured every 30 seconds, it's vital that people know how serious the drunk-driving problem is.

As a three-time victim, I must say that the best medicine for the pain all victims have endured is to get involved with Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD). Your readers can call MADD's national hotline — 1-800-438-6233 — to learn more about MADD and to get involved with their local chapter. The thousands of people in the organization support each other and are a tremendous help in our times of need.

STEVE EMERICK, CHATSWORTH, CALIF.

DEAR STEVE: I haven't mentioned Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) in my column for some time. Thank you for giving me the opportunity.

I can think of no more effective support than MADD for someone who has lost a loved one through an alcohol-related tragedy. People with a shared experience can communicate with one another on a more profound level.

MADD also promotes education and awareness, and serves as advocate for victims and families throughout the courtroom process.

DEAR ABBY: A few years back I got my husband, "Al," involved in coaching our son's hockey team. The sport is something our family enjoys, so I thought it would bring us together. Was I ever wrong! Al's obsession is driving us further apart.

Our son (for unrelated reasons) has been forced to stop playing, but Al is deeper into it than ever. He coaches three teams on a volunteer basis and is away from the house and our four children frequently. It's as if he had a part-time job.

Before you say it, I know there are worse things my husband could be doing. However, that doesn't make it easier to play second fiddle. Al says this is his "thing," so I have no right to intrude. I used to be involved, too, when our son was playing, but I can't justify it now. So Al has told me to butt out of his life and stay away from the whole thing.

Obviously there are other things troubling our marriage, but the fact that he's putting "his responsibility to his teams" before his responsibility to his family is more than I can handle.

I resent the way my husband has put other people's kids ahead of his own. Don't get me wrong; most of the boys and girls he coaches are great. Al may not believe it, but I'm proud of all he's taught them to accomplish. But enough is enough! I don't want it to cost this coach his marriage.

MRS. COACH IN FLORIDA

DEAR MRS. COACH: Marriage is a team sport that requires effort from both players in order to be successful. Coaching is the way your husband has managed to avoid confronting the "other things" troubling your marriage. The situation won't improve unless you and Al reach a compromise about the number of hours he devotes to coaching so the two of you can resolve your differences and revive your relationship.

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DEAR ABBY: I never dreamed I'd be writing to anyone for advice, but I have a problem. I have been seeing this man since last February. I like him a lot, and he seems to feel the same about me. I am 76 and he is 64.

Our problem is his ex-wife. She comes to his house every Friday evening and stays until Sunday evening. He sees me Monday through Friday afternoons, and sometimes in the evenings. She acts like they are still married and still wears her wedding rings, but they are divorced. She drinks and needs help, or so he tells me. I told him if she needs help, there are other places she can go to get it. (They have four children.)

He doesn't want me to call him on the weekends, as it upsets her. Frankly, this hurts me. I have feelings too.

I have been waiting patiently for him to get rid of her. He says he doesn't want her at his home, but he doesn't do anything about it. Should I forget him and move on? I'm sure I could find someone else because I don't look or act my age.

LONESOME IN CINCINNATI

DEAR LONESOME: Unless your friend finds the courage to tell his ex-wife that he has other plans for the weekends, your situation isn't going to change. And why should it? He's enjoying the best of both of you.

Since you think you could find someone else, you have nothing to lose by telling him he must make a choice. His reaction will tell you what you need to know.

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DEAR ABBY: Your advice for people to see that senior citizens get safely to and from places, especially after dark, reminded me of the joke about the 90-year-old man who married the 19-year-old girl.

"Was she beautiful?"

"No," he replied.

"Sexy?" "No."

"Rich?" "No."

"Well, why in the world did you marry her?"

"Well," said the old man. "She could drive after dark."

MAXINE TOWNSEND, CINCINNATI

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, Jan. 11, 1997

Several impressive new associations will be formed in the year ahead. They will involve people with whom you have much in common and be of a lasting nature.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Strive to be cooperative today with people who cooperate with you. However, don't embarrass yourself by trying to patronize those who aren't. Capricorn, 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.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Show proper gratitude today to people who go out of their way to help you. If they aren't acknowledged properly, they won't be there next time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) In financial matters today, let your prudent instincts prevail. Watch how you spend your money; it's the small outlays that could weaken your budget.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Usually you treat your guests in a gracious manner, but you might not be yourself today and cause others to feel uncomfortable. Lighten up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today, don't worry about things that may never happen. Instead, maintain a positive, hopeful attitude as you direct your own destiny.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You have been good about paying your part of the tab in your involvements with friends, but today could be an exception. Do not step out of character.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Ambitious urges are aroused easily today, but you might waste efforts on the wrong objectives. Prioritize so that you don't spin your wheels.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Suffering in silence won't help matters today. If others do things that disturb you, bring them out in the open so that they can be resolved and erased.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It could prove unwise today to immerse yourself too deeply in the problems of a close friend. Your input might complicate matters, actually.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In significant matters today, be prepared to fend for yourself. People who usually function as your back-up may not be available when you need them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Guilty feelings could spoil your day today if you fail to take care of responsibilities that need your attention. Do not neglect your duties.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be extra cautious in your commercial affairs today. There is a chance you might do business with an individual who isn't as forthright at you are.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Jan. 12, 1998

In the year ahead, you might be luckier career-wise than you have been for quite some time. Pursue your dreams and ambitions, and don't be afraid to aim for loftier targets.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Even though your intentions will be well-meaning today, keep your counsel to yourself. Companions won't appreciate you telling them how to run their lives. Major changes are ahead for Capricorn 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.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You will be pressing your luck with your boss today if you express indifference toward essential but tedious work assignments. Get the job done!

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Steer clear of someone who you feel is arrogant and dictatorial. He or she could try your patience and you might not be able to hold back angry comments.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It is unfair to take your frustrations out on loved ones today if the outside world has treated you unkindly. Do not reallocate the anger.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If there is something important you wish to express today, be careful in what you say and to whom you say it. Improper verbalization could be self-defeating.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Business dealings could be loaded with hidden complications today. Do not dive into something that is over your head and beyond your comprehension.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take time to study major decisions you might have to make today. Do not let others set the speed of your agenda for you or unduly influence your judgment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today at work, you might have to deal with a self-appointed supervisor. Do your own job as you know it should be done and ignore this person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today, it might benefit you to step back a few paces at gatherings. Pushy types who are anxious to inflate their egos might have them punctured instead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You will be out of line today if you expect associates to march to the tune of your drummer. Boasting your supremacy could result in arguments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Conditions are a bit touchy today and patience might not be your strong suit. Think before you speak and have the tolerance to listen to others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This might be one of those rainy days for which you've been saving your pennies. If you haven't put away a nest egg, you may be penalized.

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Date Book

Jan. 10, 1998

Today is the 10th day of 1998 and the 21st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1870, John D. Rockefeller incorporated Standard Oil.

On this day in 1956, Elvis Presley began his first recording session in Nashville.

On this day in 1994, Lorena Bobbitt went on trial in Manassas, Va., for allegedly cutting off her husband's penis.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ethan Allen (1739-1789), patriot; George Washington Carver (1864-1943), inventor-educator; Robinson Jeffers (1887-1962), poet; Ray Bolger (1904-1987), dancer-singer; Sherrill Milnes (1935-), operatic baritone, is 63; Willie McCovey (1938-), baseball great, is 60; Rod Stewart (1945-), singer, is 53; George Foreman (1949-), boxer-actor, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1991, Judy Sweet became the first woman to be elected NCAA president.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "An ideal wife is any woman who has an ideal husband." — Booth Tarkington

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1962, an avalanche on Peru's highest mountain killed over 3,000 people.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Jan. 5) and full moon (Jan. 12).

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Jan. 11, 1998

Today is the 11th day of 1998 and the 22nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1935, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to pilot solo from Hawaii to the U.S. mainland.

On this day in 1984, Michael Jackson's "Thriller" became the best-selling album of all time, topping the 10 million-copy mark.

On this day in 1989, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop announced that lung cancer was the leading cause of cancer deaths among women.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Alexander Hamilton (1775-1804), U.S. statesman; William James (1842-1910), psychologist-philosopher; Alice Paul (1885-1977), feminist-lawyer; Alan Paton (1903-1988), novelist; Grant Tinker (1926-), broadcast executive, is 72; Rod Taylor (1929-), actor, is 69; Ben Crenshaw (1952-), golfer, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, Dorothy Hamill won her third consecutive national figure skating championship.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook." — William James

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1969, heavy snow across Oregon's northern border caused 90 percent of the power lines in nearby areas to go down.

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TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Can Certo help arthritis pain?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In several past columns, you mentioned the use of Certo, a product available in most grocery stores, in treating the pain of arthritis. However, you varied the recommended dose, which must have confused many of your readers, me included.

DEAR READER: I can understand why you were confused. Here's why. No scientific study has been performed to show that Certo, a product used to make jams and jellies, may help the pain of arthritis when taken with grape juice. So, let me once again be upfront: Certo's effect has not been tested, although it is completely safe. Rather, I mentioned this antidote because so many readers extolled its virtues. Naturally, readers had a wide range of dosage schedules. Some people with severe arthritis swore by 2 teaspoons mixed with 3 ounces of grape juice three times a day; others with less severe pain recommended 1 teaspoon in 3 ounces two times a day. Moreover, readers with diabetes pointed out that unsweetened grape juice is appropriate; others claimed that Certo was equally effective when mixed with white grape juice.

Since publishing the original columns, I have received literally hundreds of letters about Certo and grape juice. This has enabled me to make the following general recommendations, which are offered with no guarantee of success:

For most patients, an initial dosage of 2 teaspoons of Certo dissolved in 3 ounces of unsweetened grape juice, taken three times a day, appears appropriate. If success is achieved, the dose can be reduced to 1 teaspoon three times a day. For maintenance, 1 teaspoon twice a day should suffice.

I'm sorry for any confusion I may have caused, but I am still learning about this novel approach to arthritis and I still lack conclusive, scientific answers.

Remember that the traditional treatment for arthritis pain continues to be ibuprofen or prescription anti-inflammatory drugs, such as Relafen, Lodine and others — all of which, however, can cause gastric irritation and intestinal bleeding.

The attraction of Certo and grape juice is that it is safe, natural and easily available. When it works, the results are astonishing. When it doesn't, other more customary therapy is in order.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can drinking tea affect cholesterol levels?

DEAR READER: Not directly. However, according to a recent study in Japan, the consumption of black tea (three cups daily for four weeks) slowed the oxidation of low-density lipoproteins (the "bad" cholesterol). Because oxidized LDL is believed to be a component of arteriosclerotic plaque, the researchers concluded that black tea may help prevent arteriosclerosis. More studies are needed to confirm this interesting finding.

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Author fights 'Twister' suit

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Michael Crichton is tangled up in a lawsuit that alleges he stole the screenplay for the movie "Twister."

Lawyers were expected to begin giving their opening statements Monday in the trial. Crichton's accuser seeks the entire multimillion-dollar profit from "Twister."

"I take this contention that I'm a liar very, very seriously," the best-selling author said Wednesday. "I truly have never seen anyone's screenplay."



MODEL CLASSROOMS — Four East teachers have been cited for outstanding performances in reading education. Renaissance Model Classroom Level 1 certificates were presented to from left, Billie Adams, Meloney Early, Bobbie Anderson and Freda Shephard. Wayne Kennedy, principal, is shown in back. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Four East teachers receive reading education awards

Four Snyder teachers have been cited for oustanding performances in reading education, the Institute for Academic Excellence announced recently.

Billie Adams, Bobbie Anderson, Meloney Early and Freda Shepard, fourth grade teachers at East Elementary, were awarded Reading Renaissance Model Classroom Level 1 certification by the Madison, Wisc. based institute.

Model classroom certification indicates that their efforts to adopt Reading Renaissance methods have resulted in measurable increases in student reading performance.

"Billie, Bobbie, Meloney and Freda exemplify the kind of committment to the success of every student that is at the heart of effective teaching," Institute CEO Michael Baum said in making the awards.

To receive Reading Renaissance Model Classrooms certification, teachers must demonstrate that their students receive a minimum of 60 minutes of reading practice time daily.

In addition, teachers must be actively working with individual students to meet institute-recommended standards for reading achievement.

In addition to national recognition, East Elementary School will receive discounts on educational software and staff development opportunities.

These teachers, four of only 1,399 nationwide, are now listed in "Advantage," the Journal of Learning Information Systems Magazine, Directory of Certified Model Classrooms.

The Institute for Academic Excellence works with educators nationwide to disseminate classroom-proven teaching strategies and techniques.

The Institute's Reading Renaissance program is a comprehensive reading improvement strategy that combines computer technology with a regimen of entensive reading practice to rapidly build student reading comprehension.

Transplant restores voice

CLEVELAND (AP) — A man who lost his voice in a motorcycle accident 19 years ago rasped "Hello" and "Hi Mom" just three days after the first larynx transplant since 1969.

Timothy Heidler, 40, could be speaking in a normal voice in five months or less, doctors at the Cleveland Clinic said Friday.

In a 12-hour surgery on Sunday, Heidler received the larynx, part of the trachea and 70 percent of the throat of an unidentified donor.

The surgery, last performed in 1969 in Belgium, is causing some controversy in the medical community over the risks vs. the benefits of transplanting a non-vital organ. Undergoing major surgery is always risky, and the body could later reject the transplanted organ.

"I think there will be some folks that will perhaps say we shouldn't do it, but I'm not one that ascribes to that," said Dr. Marshall Strome, leader of Heidler's surgical team.

"I think that if people want to be normal, or as normal as they can be, and are willing to make the sacrifices to make it happen, we're here to serve the population," Strome said.

Heidler's larynx was destroyed when he crashed his motorcycle on the way to firefighter training school. He spent years recovering from his injuries and currently is unemployed. The clinic paid for the surgery, but did not say how much it cost.

Before the operation, Heidler "talked" with the help of a vibratory device that produces an electronic voice. But in a video shot before surgery and shown at a news conference afterward, he complained the device was difficult to learn to use.

"I feel that if this can be done, it will benefit a lot of people down the road," Heidler said on the tape, using the device. "Not being able to communicate is hard on anybody."

Heidler, of Hollidaysburg, Pa., volunteered for the surgery last year after being informed of the risks of infection and organ rejection.



QUILT WINNER — Bobbie Baker of Colorado City, shown with her daughter, Amber, is the winner of the quilt raffle sponsored by the Senior Center. The drawing took place during the Dec. 11 Christmas dinner. (Contributed Photo)

There are more different kinds of insects in existence today than the total of all other animals put together.

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Two balloonists parachute

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The last 10 days haven't been pretty for the hot-air balloon crowd — three failed attempts at a nonstop round-the-world flight, including two pilots' desperate jump to safety from 11,000 feet.

Still, don't expect the flights to end any time soon.

"This is the last aviation milestone there is, and it's attainable," Dick Rutan said after parachuting into the New Mexico desert. "You just have to get off your tail and do it."

But reaching that milestone has been anything but easy for Rutan and copilot Dave Melton — or for any of the other teams hoping to make history.

Balloonists Steve Fossett and Kevin Uliassi have both tried since Dec. 31. Fossett went the farthest, but he had to land in Russia on Monday because of the freezing cold in his unpressurized capsule. Uliassi didn't make it nearly as far — after leaving Illinois, an equipment problem forced him down in Indiana a few hours later.

Rutan and Melton's flight also was three hours but about 35 miles shorter. They launched the 170-foot Global Hilton balloon just before sunrise Friday. By 9 a.m., a tear in an inner helium sac forced them to bail out.

They parachuted from 11,000 feet in 45 mph winds. Melton, 39, dislocated a hip crashing into the only fence for miles around and was hospitalized in Albuquerque. Rutan, 59, was dragged into cactus and was still removing spines after the news conference.

"I landed real hard, drug quite a bit," Rutan said, adding he had cactus in his back, legs, face and right hand. But he said: "It was a lot better than landing in the middle of Russia."

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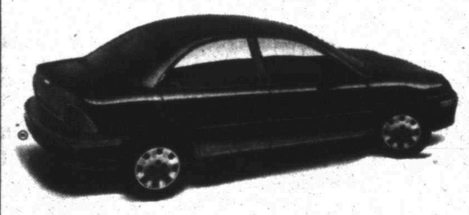
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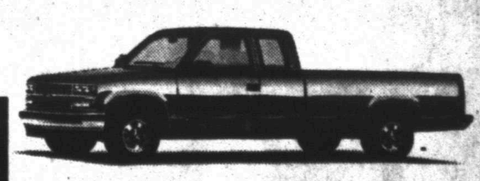
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Obituaries

Ramona Hill

1932-1998

Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Snyder Cemetery for Ramona Lete Morrow Hill.

Mrs. Hill, 65, died Friday, Jan. 9, in Mesquite.

Born May 17, 1932 in Snyder, she was the daughter of the late Luther F. and Ollie Saylors Morrow.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, David and Janice Hill of Edmond, Okla.; a sister, Beatrice Morgan of Dallas; a sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Arnold Kuhn of Dallas; a brother-in-law, D.G. Dabbs of Dallas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Betty Williams

1925-1998

Betty Louise Williams, 72, of Snyder died at 4:10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock following a brief illness.

Service is set for 2 p.m. Monday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Born on April 19, 1925 in Tahoka, she married Beryl Williams on April 10, 1945 in Los Angeles. Mrs. Williams, a Snyder resident since 1951, had owned and operated Bed and Bath in Snyder. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Beryl Williams of Snyder; a son, Jimmy Williams of Snyder; two daughters, Tommie Sue Bourland of Austin and Patricia Williams of Snyder; three sisters, Deanie Arnn of Arizona, Jo Hamilton of Dallas and Fran Thomas of Kermit; five grandchidren; and one great-grandchild.

John Wimberley

1929-1998

LITTLEFIELD — John Overton Wimberley, the brother of Iva Stinson of Snyder, died Friday, Jan. 9, in Lamb Healthcare Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Wimberley, 68, was set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the Crescent Park Church of Christ. Wilburn Dennis, a retired minister, was to officiate along with Eric Dickey, church minister.

Burial was to follow in Littlefield Memorial Park under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home.

Born in Wellman, he married Earlyne Legate on Dec. 30, 1949 in Levelland. He served as an elder of the Crescent Park Church of Christ. and was a technician with Southwestern Public Service Co.

Survivors include his wife, Earlyne Wimberley of Littlefield; two daughters, Connie Roach of Mount Vernon and Vickie Bolton of Arlington; a son, John Wimberley of Claude; his mother, Thelma Wimberley of Littlefield; three brothers, Alton Wimberley of Anton, Edwin Wimberley of Levelland and Lewis Wimberley of Montgomery, Ala.; another sister, Alicia Wimberley of Fillmore, Utah; and six grandchildren.

Mildred Clifton

1916-1998

COLORADO CITY — Mildred M. Clifton, a resident of Colorado City since 1965, died Friday, Jan. 9, in a Mitchell County Hospital.

Funeral service for Mrs. Clifton, 81, is set for 3 p.m. Sunday in the First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Kay Reed will officiate. Interment will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Born May 21, 1916 in Sevilles Bend, Tex. She married John A. Clifton on April 12, 1936 in Sevilles Bend. He died in 1995.

Mrs. Clifton was a member of the Sun Oil Company Retirees Club and the Mitchell County Hospital Auxiliary. She was a member of the Philathae Sunday School Class of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Bowman of Goree and Sandra Hendrix of Colorado City; three grandchildren, Michele Haskins of Midland, Michael Bowman of Munday and Lorainne Toombs of Colorado City; and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Jack Denman and Ross Carroll, both of Snyder, and Bill Muncrief, Richy Womack, Syl Monks and Frank Brownfield, all of Colorado City.

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Clinton seeks ban to cloning humans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Insisting that science cannot be allowed to trump moral values, President Clinton urged Congress Saturday to stop a Chicago physicist from trying to clone a human being.

The news this week that independent scientist Richard Seed would begin work on human cloning is "profoundly troubling," Clinton said in his weekly radio address.

"Personally, I believe that human cloning raises deep concerns given our cherished concepts of faith and humanity," the president said.

"Scientific advancement does not occur in a moral vacuum. ... We must move with caution, care and deep concern about the impact of our actions."

In Chicago, there was no answer at Seed's home.

After Scottish scientists successfully cloned the adult sheep Dolly in 1996, Clinton sent Congress legislation last year to outlaw the cloning of humans for at least five years.

4 men exposed to deadly gas

Four employees of B&F Well Service were released from Cogdell Memorial Hospital Friday after being treated for exposure to deadly hydrogen sulfide gas.

The four were on a pulling unit west of Ira when the gas started blowing from the well. The operator of the unit, Darrell Highfield, was able to call the company shortly before 9 o'clock and advise them of the situation, and they in turn called 911 with the information.

Highfield, 34, Adan Martinez, 27, and Jaime Valdez, 43, were all taken by Snyder EMS to Cogdell. Marcus Villa, 23, was taken by private vehicle.

Technology

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monitors is also projected on a screen in the room where it can be viewed by several of the employees at a time.

From this room, a person can monitor the status of production, the water stations and the compressor stations.

More techniology has not translated into fewer jobs.

"Our head count is going to stay the same, if not increase some," said Hagist.

"There has been some tough, hard work in the recent years out here. But we are now beginning to see the fruits of our labor."

Births

Kurt Randall Dryden was born Jan. 6 at 7:13 p.m. at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock. Parents are Randy and Joan Dryden of Snyder. His brothers and sisters are Josh and Christina Holder of Snyder, and Amber and Jadie Dryden of Clyde. Grandparents are Jimmy and Jo Morris of Paris, and Bill and Ellie Dryden of Snyder.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Price family here

The Price family will bring song, skits and stories designed to bring families together and draw them closer to God this weekend at the Church of the Hills. Times are 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Sunday. Bring a snack and stay for fellowship Saturday or have a pot luck lunch on Sunday. The church is located just of U.S. Highway 84 on FM 612.

WTC Booster Club

WTC Booster Club will meet at noon Monday at Rudy's. Anyone interested in WTC athletics is invited to attend.

Bible study tapes airing

The "Key to the Kingdom" video tapes and "Getting to Know God" series air weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "The High Price of Sin," followed by "Getting to Know God's Power," will begin at 7 p.m. Monday.

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge

Hermleigh Masonic Lodge 987 will receive the District Deputy Grand Master at 7:30 p.m. Monday. All Master Masons are welcome.

Ira ISD board of trustees

Ira school board will meet at 7 a.m. Tuesday to consider approving members of the textbook committee and the superintendent's salary and contract.

Blood pressure clinic

Total Home Health Care of Post will have a free blood pressure clinic from 9-10 a.m. Tuesday at the Fluvanna Cafe.

Stanfield Parent Council

Stanfield Parent Council will meet at noon Tuesday in Portable #21.

Rep. Stenholm coming

U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm will be at the Ritz Theatre from 4:45-5:15 p.m. Tuesday to announce locally that he will be seeking re-election to the U.S. House of Representatives.

AARP board meeting

The AARP board will meet at the Marie Armstrong residence, 3209 Houston, at 9 a.m. Wednesday for a Continental breakfast.

Women and Heart Health

A program, "Women and Heart Health" will air at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesday on cable TV Channel 2.

Rotary District Governor

J.B. Roberts of Big Spring, Governor for District 5730, will address the Snyder Rotary Club at noon Thursday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

GED test slated Thursday

The next GED test will be administered at 8 a.m. Thursday at Western Texas College. Peggy Kennedy will administer the test. To register, call 573-8511, ext. 322. Those taking the test must bring their driver's license and Social Security number. In the future, a more flexible testing schedule will be adopted, rather than once a month. The upcoming test is expected to alleviate the backlog for those needing to take it.

College information Hotline '98

The Texas Association for College Admission Counseling (TACAC) and the Greater East Texas Servicing Corporation will co-sponsor a toll-free HOTLINE. 1-800-347-3475 will be available on Jan. 17-18, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., to all Texans who desire to find out more about post-secondary educational opportunities and financial aid options.

Students and their parents will be able to ask questions about college selection, admission, testing and financial aid.

Spanish speaking counselors will also be available.

Pick 3

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

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Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

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Most wanted said arrested

CHICAGO (AP) — One of America's most wanted fugitives, a Chicago man accused of heading a drug distribution empire, was arrested in Africa after eluding authorities for two years.

Nathan L. Hill, 31, was arrested Wednesday in the Republic of Guinea, on the west coast of Africa, U.S. Attorney Scott Lassar said Friday.

Hill has been among the U.S. Marshals Service's top 15 most wanted fugitives since January 1996, when he was indicted by a federal grand jury in Chicago.

Authorities said Hill is accused of supplying more than 6,600 pounds of cocaine to Chicago street gangs from about 1987 until June 1996.

Playing Santa Claus family tradition

In the early 1950s, Melvin Newton was a volunteer fireman who delighted the hearts of local youngsters by playing Santa Claus at Christmas.

Each year, Newton would depart from the old fire station, which was located where the West Texas State Bank drive through is today. He would ride on the fire truck behind the SHS marching band, surrounded by local children, and make several loops around the courthouse. Newton always wore a red velvet suit with real white fur and a white wig and beard. The suit had been purchased in Dallas by Newton and his daughter, Ila Ruth Newton.

One of the many children who always rode on the fire truck with Newton was his niece, Betty Longbotham Richardson. These rides are some of Betty's fondest memories of Christmas.



PAST CHRISTMAS — In 1980, Santa John Richardson posed with Amy Richardon Hargrove and Jessica Richardson Raatz. (Contributed Photo)

As Mr. Newton aged, he wore the suit for different church activities as well as for the children of his family. No matter where he appeared, Santa delighted the hearts of the youngsters. It was during this period that Newton would visit the Bernard Longbotham home to see Betty's daughter, Jessica.

Upon his death in 1980, the Santa suit was given to Betty Richardson by her cousin, Ila Ruth. Then, Betty's husband, John Richardson, began wearing the Santa suit. Richardson made visits to several day care centers, the Howard Limmer home, the Jon Derouen home and his own home for his daughters, Jessica and Amy.

At each stop, the Santa suit had the same magical effect. John made an ideal Santa, due to his rosy cheeks and jolly personality.

This year, the very fragile suit was worn by Mark Hargove, son-in-law of Betty and John Richardson. The suit brought squeals of delight to the Richardson's grandson, Austin Raatz. Austin is the son of Jessica and Steve Raatz of Dallas.



TWOSOME — For Christmas 1997, Santa Mark Hargrove held Austin Raatz, son of Jessica and Steve Raatz. (Contributed Photo)

The Santa suit is a valued possession of the Richardson family. It has brought joy and happiness to this family for three generations. Each generation holds a special Christmas memory of a jolly man in a beautiful red velvet suit.



SANTA COMES TO TOWN — In 1949, Santa Claus came to town, thanks to Melvin Newton who rode the bright red fire truck for many years. Children shown include Betty Jo Longbotham, Newton's niece. J.J. Dyer drove the truck. (Contributed Photo)

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, dill pickle spears, apple cutie pie

TUESDAY

Spaghetti w/meat sauce, whole kernel corn, spinach, jellied vegetable salad, apricot cobbler, garlic toast

WEDNESDAY

Roast beef, brown gravy, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, waldorf salad, pineapple pudding

THURSDAY

Oven fried chicken w/cream gravy, great northern beans, broccoli w/cheese sauce, lettuce salad, bananas and strawberries

FRIDAY

Fried fish, hominy, blackeye peas, tomato wedges, brownie

Senior Center News

The Senior Center will host a shower for Noah Project West on Jan. 23. The facility is in need of several household items and monetary gifts.

A list of selected items is available at Wal-Mart's layaway department. Seniors may donate pennies or make monetary donations.

Anyone wishing to participate who will not be able to attend the shower may drop their gift off at the center. Community support for this project will be appreciated, center staffers say. Call 573-4035 for more details.

Bridge will be played on Monday and Friday at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday will feature games of 42/88 at 10 a.m. and every day is domino day.

The Kitchen Band will visit Snyder Oaks at 10 a.m. The advisory board meets at 11:30 a.m. and line dancing at 1 p.m. The Sunshine Choir practices at 10 a.m. and the Senior Saints will perform in the dining room at 11.

On Friday, the bridge tournament and blood pressure clinic both begin at 9:30 a.m.

Seniors are reminded that daily exercise begins at 11 a.m., including exercise bikes. The gym is available for walkers. Seniors may also borrow books, magazines and puzzles.

A class for "55 Alive" will be offered as soon as a sufficient number of seniors register. Call the above number for more details.

Bird flu not transmitted person-to-person

ATLANTA (AP) — Early tests indicate that the chicken flu that has sickened 16 people and killed four in Hong Kong is not spreading from person to person, U.S. health officials said.

But they won't rule it out.

"Some of our guesses are getting confirmed," Dr. Rima Khabazz, a viral disease expert at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Thursday. "But things may change and we still cannot rule out human-to-human transmission."

Test results from the first seven people stricken with the A H5N1 virus show at least two different strains of the virus sickened them — a sign that each victim contracted the virus not from another person but from a chicken.

"If you look at seven people and they all had the same exact virus, that would suggest that there was person-to-person transmission," Khabazz said. "The fact that we are seeing more than one strengthens the conclusion that primarily what is happening ... is transmission from poultry to people."

The CDC also said there is a low rate of bird flu among family members and others who have had contact with the sick. And no new cases have been reported since Dec. 28 — the same day that Hong Kong officials began a massive slaughter of chickens.



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COMMUNITY GARDENS — Gerre Sears, director of Land Use and Development in Lubbock, gave the program for 16 Snyder Garden Club members and guests Thursday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Charlie Wisdom, volunteer of the South Plains Food Bank, right, accompanied Sears. They presented slides on the overall program of community gardening, which involves individuals of all ages, the city, the county and many volunteers. Snyder gardeners are invited to Lubbock in May to observe the program in action. Bullard's Computers will present the Feb. 5 meeting on "Gardening on the Internet." (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Ira School Menu

MONDAY
Tacos
Vegetable Salad
Refried Beans
Peaches
TUESDAY
Pinto Beans
Cream Corn
Spinach
Corn Bread
Peach Cobbler
WEDNESDAY
Hamburgers
French Fries
Pears
THURSDAY
Frito Pie
Corn
Relish Cup
Crackers
Cowboy Cookies
FRIDAY
Chicken Spaghetti
Green Beans
Shredded Lettuce
Rolls
Chocolate Cake

All meals are served with choice of milk.

Hermleigh School Menu

All meals are served with milk.
BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Fruit
Pancake Pups
TUESDAY
Juice
Waffles/Syrup
WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Buttered Rice
Toast
THURSDAY
Juice
Cinnamon Toast
FRIDAY
Fruit
Biscuits/Sausage
LUNCH
MONDAY
Fried Ham
Macaroni/Cheese
Buttered Spinach
Hot Rolls
Chilled Peaches
TUESDAY
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Mixed Vegetables
Soft Bread Sticks
Chocolate Pudding
WEDNESDAY
Grilled Pork Rib Patties
Potato Salad
Cole Slaw
Hot Rolls
Fruit Jello
THURSDAY
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Pickled Beets
Hot Biscuits
Blonde Brownies
FRIDAY
Beef & Cheese Nachos
Refried Beans
Tossed Salad
No Bake Cookies

Snyder School Menu High School & Junior High

All meals are served with choice of milk. Breakfasts are served with assorted cereal, toast and fruit juice.
BREAKFAST
MONDAY
French Toast Sticks
TUESDAY
Sausage & Biscuits
WEDNESDAY
Breakfast Taco
THURSDAY
Waffles w/Syrup
FRIDAY
Breakfast Pocket
LUNCH
MONDAY
Barbecued Beef on a Roll
Chicken Salad Sandwich
Baked Beans
Fried Okra
Fruit Cocktail
TUESDAY
Beef Nachos
Frito Pie
Corn Bread
Pinto Beans
Peaches
WEDNESDAY
Grilled Cheese
Tuna Salad Sandwich
Soup
Tater Tots
Cowboy Cookies
THURSDAY
Steak Fingers
Sliced Turkey
Homemade Roll
Mashed Potatoes
Cream Gravy
Green Beans
Pineapple Chunks
FRIDAY
Chili Mac
Corn Dog
Tossed Salad
Mixed Vegetables
Peach Cobbler

Snyder School Menu Elementary

All meals are served with choice of milk. All breakfasts are served with assorted cereal, toast and fruit juice.
BREAKFAST
MONDAY
French Toast Sticks
TUESDAY
Sausage & Biscuit
WEDNESDAY
Breakfast Taco
THURSDAY
Waffles w/Syrup
FRIDAY
Breakfast Pocket
LUNCH
MONDAY
Rib Sandwich
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Baked Beans
Lettuce & Tomato
Fresh Apples
TUESDAY
Beef Nachos
Corn Bread
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Pinto Beans
Fruit Cocktail
WEDNESDAY
Chef Salad w/Crackers
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Buttered Corn
Pears
Cowboy Cookies
THURSDAY
Sliced Turkey
Gravy
Homemade Roll
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Peaches
FRIDAY
Grilled Cheese
Soup
Pizza
Hamburger on a Bun
Lettuce & Tomato
Orange Halves
French Fries

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Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.):

TOP SINGLES

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1."Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden (Columbia)
2."Together Again," Janet (Virgin)
3."Candle In the Wind 1997 — Something About the Way You Look Tonight," Elton John (Rocket) (Platinum)
4."How Do I Live," Leann Rimes (Curb) (Platinum)
5."It's All About the Benjamins - Been Around the World," Puff Daddy & The Family (Bad Boy) (Platinum)
6."My Body," LSG (East-West) (Platinum)
7."You Make Me Wanna...," Usher (LaFace) (Platinum)
8."Tubthumping," Chumbawamba (Republic)
9."Show Me Love," Robyn (RCA) (Gold)
10."Feel So Good," Mase (Bad Boy) (Gold)

TOP ALBUMS

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1."Let's Talk About Love," Celine Dion (550 Music)
2."Sevens," Garth Brooks (Capitol Nashville) (Platinum)
3."Tubthumper," Chumbawamba (Republic) (Platinum)
4."Harlem World," Mase (Arista)(Platinum)
5."You Light Up My Life — Inspirational Songs," Leann Rimes (Curb) (Platinum)
6."Come On Over," Shania Twain (Mercury)
7."Yourself Or Someone Like You," Matchbox 20 (Lava-Atlantic) (Platinum)
8."No Way Out," Puff Daddy & The Family (Bad Boy-Arista) (Platinum)
9."Backstreet," Backstreet Boys (Jive) (Platinum)
10."Aquarium," Aqua (MCA) (Platinum)

COUNTRY SINGLES

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1."Just to See You Smile," Tim McGraw (Curb)
2."I'm So Happy I Can't Stop Crying," Toby Keith with Sting (Mercury)
3."Between the Devil and Me," Alan Jackson (Arista Nashville)
4."A Broken Wing," Martina McBride (RCA)
5."He's Got You," Brooks & Dunn (Arista Nashville)
6."Longneck Bottle," Garth Brooks (Capitol)
7."Angel In My Eyes," John Michael Montgomery (Atlantic)
8."Love of My Life," Sammy Kershaw (Mercury)
9."On the Side of Angels," Leann Rimes (Curb)
10."I Wanna Fall in Love," Lila McCann (Asylum)

ADULT CONTEMPORARY SINGLES

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1."Something About the Way You Look Tonight," Elton John (Rocket)
2."At the Beginning," Donna Lewis and Richard Marx (Atlantic)
3."The Gift," Jim Brickman Feat, Collin Raye and Susan Ashton (Windham Hill)
4."How Do I Live," Leann Rimes (Curb)
5."My Heart Will Go On," Celine Dion (Music)
6."The Best of Love," Michael Bolton (Columbia)
7."So Help Me Girl," Gary Barlow (Arista)
8."I Don't Want to Wait," Paula Cole (Imago)
9."Promise Ain't Enough," Daryl Hall, John Oates (Push)
10."Quit Playing Games," Backstreet Boys (Jive)

R&B SINGLES

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1."My Body," LSG (Eastwest) (Platinum)
2."A Song for Mama," Boyz II Men (Motown)
3."We're Not Making Love No More," Dru Hill (LaFace)
4."Dangerous," Busta Rhymes (Elektra)
5."I Don't Ever Want to See You Again," Uncle Sam (Stonecreek) (Gold)
6."You Make Me Wanna...," Usher (LaFace) (Platinum)
7."No No No," Destiny's Child (Columbia)
8."Butta Love," Next (Arista) (Gold)
9."What About Us," Total (Timbaland) (Gold)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

Al-Anon meeting (smoke Free), brown bag lunch; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information, call 573-1579 or 573-5525; noon to 1 p.m.

The Rolling Plains Texas A&M Mothers' Club; at Mona's Mexican Restaurant, 117 E. 3rd Street in Sweetwater for a Dutch treat dinner; members are encouraged to bring their Aggie sons, daughters and dads; noon.

Morris Shaw Schools of Defensive Driving Course, first part (second part Tuesday); Snyder Savings and Loan Community Room, 27th & College Ave.; for more information, call 573-2850, no reservations necessary; 6 to 9 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

Daughters of the American Revolution; Snyder Country Club; "How to Preserve Papers," by Mary Boone; Helen Hatter and Nonnie Ward, hostesses; noon.

Plainview FCEC; 2 p.m.

Atheneum Study Club; MAWC; "Wills, Living Wills, Etc.," by Mark Hargrove, attorney; Sharon Bruns, hostess; 4:15 p.m.

Snyder Shrine Club; call 863-2702 or 573-7668 for place; 6 p.m.

Beta Sigma Phi; Brenda Hedges' office; "Traveling with Beth," by Beth Bowen; Wanda Early and Marie Boone, hostesses; 7 p.m.

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

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

Canyon Gun Club; 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

WEDNESDAY

AARP continental breakfast meeting in the home of Marie Armstrong, 3209 Houston; 9 a.m.

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

THURSDAY

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

Upper Colorado SWCD meeting; Snyder Country Club; noon.

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

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

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STUDY OF PAINTING — Part of the object of the Snyder Palette Club, "to promote the study of painting," was implemented Thursday when members brought something within 100 yards of their home to use. Jay Huckabee shows Helen Wadleigh, left, a painting he had done on burlap. The group met at Huckabee's workroom on 25th Street with Nena Mitchell as hostess. Palette members will meet again on Jan. 22 at the Winston Field terminal building with Virginia Lowrance as program chairman. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 01-08-98
♠ A J 3
♥ 8 7 4
♦ A K J 4 3
♣ 7 6

West
♠ 10 7 6 4
♥ 9 3
♦ 10 8 7 6
♣ J 9 2

East
♠ K 9 8
♥ K Q J 10 2
♦ Q 9 2
♣ Q 8

South
♠ Q 5 2
♥ A 6 5
♦ 5
♣ A K 10 5 4 3

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	1 ♥
2 ♣	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 9

Second hand high or low?

By Phillip Alder

Yesterday, I mentioned a rule of Blackwood. Today, let's look at a rule of play: second hand low.

It is normal, if you are the second hand to play to a trick, to contribute a low card because your partner is playing last. Let him win the trick as cheaply as possible. Fine — most of the time. Yet when should you play second hand high?

North's two-heart cue-bid showed game values and asked partner if he had a heart stopper for no-trump purposes.

South ducked the first two heart tricks and won the third, West discarding a spade. Now came a diamond to dummy's king, followed by a club to the eight, 10 and jack. West switched to a spade, but declarer called for dummy's ace, cashed the diamond ace, and ran his clubs for nine tricks: one spade, one heart, two diamonds and five clubs.

The common time not to play second hand low is when you can see it will (probably) cost a trick. If you have something like A-K-Q-2 or K-Q-J-2, it would usually be suicidal to play the two (but not always!).

However, this deal spotlights another example: When one hand has a long, nearly established suit but no entry on the side, playing an honor may disrupt communications. If East had put in the club queen on the first round of the suit, the contract would have failed. If South ducks the trick, East cashes his hearts. And if South plays three rounds of the suit, West switches to a spade.

Agreed, this play is much more difficult because the club suit is hidden in declarer's hand, but playing the queen is highly unlikely to kill the defense.

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Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY
Jan. 2

Four tables directed by Jane Hinton at the Snyder Country Club.

1. Rube McKinley, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Billisue Stuard, Louise Thompson.
3. Marjorie Brown, Jane Hinton.

SUNDAY
Jan. 4

Five tables directed by Jane Hinton.

1. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.
2. Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.
3. Charles Blakey, LaVerne Hood.

TUESDAY

Three tables directed by Jane Hinton.

1. Jane Hinton, Martha Fagin.
2. Linda West, Monte West.
3. Dot Casey, Barbara Yorgesen.

Recipes using GS cookies

It's the time of the year again for young girls to knock on doors seeking orders for Girl Scout cookies. Orders are taken for a few weeks with deliveries expected in mid February. Clip the following recipes, for the newest cookies offered, to use when the cookies arrive.

CHOCOLATE THIN MINT PIZZA SUPREME

1 pkg. (18 oz.) refrigerated chocolate chunk cookie dough
½ pkg. (19 cookies) Thin Mints
½ cup white chocolate morsels
Vanilla ice cream, optional

Press cookie dough evenly in the bottom of an ungreased 12-inch pizza pan or a 13x9x2-inch baking pan. (Dough will barely cover the pan.) Break Thin Mints into halves or thirds; press cookie pieces into dough, covering evenly.

Bake at 350 degrees for 12 to 18 minutes or until golden brown. Place white chocolate morsels into a small self-closing bag. Microwave the bag of morsels on Medium High (70 % power) for 40 to 50 seconds or until melted.

Snip one corner (about ⅛-inch) off the bottom of the bag. Hold bag tightly at top and drizzle white chocolate stripes over top of pizza.

When cool, cut pizza into 8 to 10 wedges. If desired, top each serving with a scoop of ice cream.

Makes 8 to 10 servings.

LEMON GINGER ICEBOX TREATS

20 Reduced Fat Iced Ginger Daisies
2 tbsp. margarine, melted
1 can (14. oz.) fat free sweetened condensed skim milk
⅓ cup lemon juice
½ tsp. vanilla extract
1 can (11 oz.) mandarin oranges, drained
6 maraschino cherries with stems

Crumble 14 Iced Ginger Daisies; reserve remaining cookies for garnish. In a small bowl, combine crumbled cookies and margarine.

Divide the cookie mixture between six 6. oz. custard cups or small dessert dishes; press down to make an even layer.

In a medium bowl, combine milk, lemon juice and vanilla; stir until thickened. Add mandarin oranges; mix. Spoon lemon mixture over cookie layer.

Refrigerate at least 1 hour. Stand one cookie in the middle of each dessert; place one cherry beside each cookie.

Makes 6 servings.

CRUNCHY CINNAMON STREUSEL BANANA MUFFINS

1 egg, beaten
2 cups buttermilk baking mix
⅓ cup sugar
⅔ cup milk
2 tbsp. vegetable oil
1 banana, cut in ½-in. pieces
8 Five World Cinnamons, crumbled

Streusel topping:

½ cup buttermilk baking mix
4 Five World Cinnamons, crumbled
2 tbsp. margarine

Grease bottoms only of 12 muffin cups (or line with paper cups.) Place egg, baking mix, sugar, milk and oil in a medium bowl; stir just until moistened. Fold banana and crumbled cookies into batter.

Divide batter evenly among the 12 cups. In a small bowl, mix streusel topping with a fork until crumbly. Sprinkle on top of each muffin. Bake at 400 degrees for 14 to 18 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm.

Makes 12 muffins.

Red corn and Fourth of July tomatoes

POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — As snow covers the North, gardening seed catalogs also descend upon us. The first to arrive in my mailbox came from the venerable house of Burpee with the promise of a Fourth of July tomato and a pitch for a brand-new corn colored red.

Now, a friend of mine who lives in Southern California picks tomatoes in March. But in my hilly, wooded country 50 miles north of New York City, good-sized, tasty tomatoes usually don't ripen until August and September. It's sort of a joke to speak of tomatoes by the Fourth of July.

In fact, at a college horticulture class I attended a standard joke was about a professor who grew tomatoes in the greenhouse until they were almost ripe, then transplanted them to the garden in late June and proudly proclaimed he had a red tomato on the Fourth.

Greenhouse tomatoes don't count, of course, in the early-bird sweepstakes. After you start them indoors from seed, the plants gotta do their thing outdoors. So with bated breath (and fingers crossed) I'm putting in an order to W. Atlee Burpee & Co, (Warminster, Pa. 18974, telephone 800-888-1447), hoping this hybrid plant with the name "Fourth of July" will, as the catalog says, start giving me "bunches of deliciously flavorful 4-ounce fruits" by that festive date.

Turning to the red corn, in five decades of gardening I've tried many kinds of corn and never found one better than the white-kerneled Silver Queen. This I grow religiously but still leave a little space for experimenting.

If tomatoes and beets can be red, why not corn? The picture that Burpee's catalog shows of this new variety called Ruby Queen is certainly appetizing. The caption says you can pick it early for maximum sweetness or let it go longer for old-time corn flavor. I'll give it a try.

Johnny's, another well-known seedhouse, features a vari-colored Swiss chard called Bright Lights on its catalog cover. This 1998 All-America Selections winner produces stems of gold, pink, orange, purple, red and white colors and green or bronze leaves. The plants, beautiful in the vegetable patch, should also have attractive flower bed possibilities. The colors are said to hold up to light cooking.

With four months to wait before spring gardening, an indoor sprouting gizmo called Bioset caught my eye in Johnny's catalog. This siphon-action germinator for seeds and grains promises to give you fresh greens and sprouts in the kitchen, without soil, the year round.

All you do is fill the top tray with water once a day. The three-tray contraption — 8¼ inches tall and 6 inches in diameter — costs $14 and Johnny's (1 Foss Hill Road, RR 1, Box 2580, Albion, Maine 04910, telephone 800-437-4290) also offers for it seeds of alfalfa, broccoli, canola, kale, mung beans, onion, radishes and wheat. The prices range from $1.40 for canola to $5.75 for broccoli seeds, in quarter-pound dimensions, with sprouting instructions included.

With raspberry prices as high as $5.99 a half-pint at the supermarket, it surely behooves a gardener to grow his own patch. For the backyard gardener, Miller Nurseries (5060 West Lake Road, Canandaigua, N.Y., 14424, telephone 800-836-9630) recommends the Heritage variety of red raspberry introduced by the New York Experimental Station at Geneva.

You're promised fruit in the fall from plants set out in the spring. Twelve plants cost $21.75, but you can also get Jewel and Allen virus-free varieties of black raspberries, or blackcaps, ripening early in July. This delicious fruit is rarely, if ever, found in the supermarket

Most strawberries are ordered as plants, but it's a fine gardening project — for kids, also — to start them from seed. Territorial Seed Company (P.O. Box 157, Cottage Grove, Ore. 97424-0061, telephone 541-942-9547) offers one called "Italian Alpine" producing aromatic, deep-red strawberries a bit larger than the wild types. You start them indoors in March for transplanting outdoors in May. A sampler packet costs $2.25.

Watching tiny plants sprouting from seed gives you a poetic sense of being close to the source of life. And with something unusually raised from seed, like strawberries, it also gives you a conversation piece.

Donor retrieves his donation

NEW YORK (AP) — Donors don't usually come back to the Goodwill looking for the clothes they gave away.

But struggling Manhattan songwriter Ron Rogers was thrilled Thursday to find his wayward tuxedo — and the $4,000 that he'd left stuffed in its pockets.

"I was at the point where I didn't want to have any hope anymore," said Rogers, 45, just before his reunion with the black Robert Wagner collection tux jacket from the Goodwill Industries store on Second Avenue.

Rogers left the tuxedo and a $500 donation, happy just to see the rest of his missing money.

Just before Christmas, his wife Debbie bundled up the jacket with some old sports coats and took them to the store. The couple, who live nearby, has made a donation there each holiday season for more than a decade, Rogers said.

"She decided the tux was a little tight on me and thought it would make a nice New Year's Eve outfit for somebody shopping at Goodwill," he said.

Rogers, on the other hand, had thought it would make a good safe and didn't realize his tux was missing until Dec. 29.

Goodwill store manager Gail Manning found the tux in a bag in a back room Monday.

Bride: choosing jewels

By The Associated Press

Whether to wear real precious jewels or fabulous fakes at the wedding is up to the bridal pair. But the selections are likely to be classic or classicly simple:

— A single strand of South Sea pearls ($45,100) from H. Stern's Bridal Collection can be regarded as an investment. After the wedding, the bride can integrate this necklace into her functioning wardrobe.

— High-quality simulated pearls are a good choice for those with more limited budgets. Carolee offers an heirloom-look single-strand choker of glass pearls with a crystal and platinum-tone clasp for $95 and drop earrings with pear-shaped faux pearls with sterling silver for $90.

— For a slightly different but still traditional look, consider wedding bands in silver, gold, or platinum with stones. The Silver Information Center reports increasing popularity of bands that have a hand-crafted, customized look, with engraved inscriptions both inside and outside the band. The rings also are a possible gift choice for attendants.

February is Black History Month.

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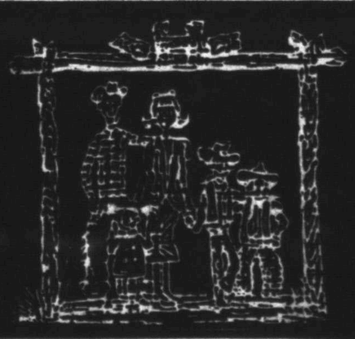
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CLASS	COMP	COURSE TITLE	DAYS	PERIOD	H	ROOM	INSTRUCTOR	LAB FEE
AG 235	0001	RODEO PROD	W	12:10-2:00	3	7A-111	RHODES, G	$15
		LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-111	RHODES, G	
AG 241	0002	SOILS	TTH	9:30-10:45	4	7A-111	JUDAH, J	$15
		LAB	T	1:00-5:00		GLT-103	JUDAH, J	
AGRI 1307	0003	AGRONOMY	MWF	8:00-8:50	3	7A-111	KATTES, D	$15
		LAB	T	1:00-4:00		7A-111	KATTES, D	
AGRI 1309	0004	COMPUTERS IN AG	M	11:00-11:50	3	7A-111	JUDAH, J	$15
		LAB	M	12:00-3:00		LRC-111	JUDAH, J	
		PERMISSION OF INSTRUCTOR IS REQUIRED						
AGRI 1325	0005	MKT AG PROD	TTH	8:00-9:30	3	7A-111	JUDAH, J	
AGRI 2322	0006	CARC EVAL II	TTH	11:30-12:30	3	7A-111	JUDAH, J	$20
		LAB	TH	12:30-5:30		7A-111	JUDAH, J	
		PERMISSION OF INSTRUCTOR IS REQUIRED						
AGRI 2330	0007	WILDLIFE CONS	MWF	8:00-8:50	3	2A-105	CARTER, J	$15
		LAB	TBA	TBA		2A-105	CARTER, J	

ART

ARTS 1312	0100	3D DESIGN	MW	1:00-4:00	3	FA-122	BRUNSON, T	$24
ARTS 2346	0101	CERAMICS	T	1:00-4:00	3	FA-122	BRUNSON, T	$24
		LAB	TBA	TBA		FA-122	BRUNSON, T	
		(THERE WILL BE A $25 CLAY & GLAZE FEE FOR THIS CLASS.)						
ARTS 2311	0102	ADV 3D DESIGN	T	1:00-4:00	3	FA-122	BRUNSON, T	$24
		LAB	TBA	TBA		FA-122		
		(THERE WILL BE A $25 MATERIALS FEE FOR THIS CLASS.)						
ARTS 1317	0103	DRAWING II	TTH	1:00-4:00	3	FA-117	SUM, B	$10
ARTS 1316	0104	DRAWING I	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	FA-117	SUM, B	$10
		(NON-MAJORS)						

BIOLOGY

BIOL 1409	0025	PRIN OF BIO I	MWF	10:00-11:00	4	2A-102	FREEMYER, S	$15
BIOL 1409	0026	PRIN OF BIO I	TTH	9:30-11:45	4	2A-101	FREEMYER, S	$15
		BIOLOGY STUDENTS MUST ATTEND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LABS:						
		LAB SECTION I	T	1:00-3:30		2A-111	FREEMYER, S	
		LAB SECTION II	W	12:00-2:30		2A-111	FREEMYER, S	
		LAB SECTION III	W	2:30-5:00		2A-111	FREEMYER, S	
BIOL 1411	0027	BOTANY	MWF	10:00-10:50	4	2A-101	KATTES, D	$20
		LAB	M	1:00 - 5:00		2A-105	KATTES, D	
BIOL 2402	0028	HUMAN ANAT/PHYS	MWF	9:00-9:50	4	2A-102	CARTER, J	$15
BIOL 2402	0029	HUMAN ANAT/PHYS	TTH	8:00-9:15	4	2A-101	CARTER, J	$15
		A & P STUDENTS MUST ATTEND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LABS:						
		LAB SECTION I	T	1:15-5:00		2A-105	CARTER, J	
		LAB SECTION II	W	1:15-5:00		2A-105	CARTER, J	
		LAB SECTION III	TH	1:15-5:00		2A-105	CARTER, J	
BIOL 2420	0030	MICROBIOLOGY	TTH	11:30-12:45	3	2A-101	FREEMYER, S	$15
		LAB	TH	1:00-5:00	2	2A-110	FREEMYER, S	

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

ACCT 2302	0175	PRIN OF ACC II	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	7A-117	HALBERT, W	
BUSI 1301	0176	INTRO TO BUS	TTH	11:30-12:45	3	2B-106	HALBERT, W	
BUSI 2301	0177	BUSINESS LAW	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	2B-106	HALBERT, W	
BUSI 2301	0178	BUSINESS LAW	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	2B-106	HALBERT, W	

CHEMISTRY

CHEM 1412	0035	GEN CHEMISTRY	MWF	9:00-9:50	4	2A-101	KATTES, D	$20
		LAB	W	1:00-5:00		2A-104	KATTES, D	

COMPUTER SCIENCE

COSC 1300	0180	INTRO TO COMP	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	LRC-111	STAFF	$20
		LAB	TBA	TBA		LRC-111	STAFF	
COSC 1300	0181	INTRO TO COMP	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	LRC-111	STAFF	$20
		LAB	TBA	TBA		LRC-111	STAFF	
COSC 1301	0182	INTRO/COMP SCI	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	LRC-111	STAFF	$20
		LAB	TBA	TBA		LRC-111	STAFF	
COSC 1309	0183	PROGRAM METHOD	TTH	8:00-9:15	3	LRC-111	STAFF	$20
		LAB	TBA	TBA		LRC-111	STAFF	

DRAMA

DRAM 1121	0120	THEATRE ACT	TBA	TBA	1	FA-105	COGAN, H	$8
DRAM 1352	0121	ACTING II	M-F	11:00-11:50	3	FAT	COGAN, H	$8
DRAM 1310	0123	INTRO THEATRE	TTH	1:00-4:00	3	FA-105	COGAN, H	

ECONOMICS

ECON 2302	0225	ECON PRIN	TTH	11:30-12:45	3	2C-104	PALMER, J	

ENGLISH

THE FOLLOWING COURSES REQUIRE A 2-HOUR LAB AND THE PERMISSION OF THE INSTRUCTOR:

ENGL 1301	0300	COMPOSITION I	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	7B-103	MARTIN, J	$8
		LAB (2 HOURS)	TBA	TBA				
ENGL 1302	0301	COMPOSITION II	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	7B-105	HALBERT, J	$8
		LAB (2 HOURS)	TBA	TBA				
ENGL 1302	0302	COMPOSITION II	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	7B-101	MCGLOTHING, W	$8
		LAB (2 HOURS)	TBA	TBA				
ENGL 1302	0303	COMPOSITION II	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	2B-110	LANCASTER, M	$8
		LAB (2 HOURS)	TBA	TBA				
ENGL 1302	0304	COMPOSITION II	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	7B-105	MCGLOTHING, W	$8
		LAB (2 HOURS)	TBA	TBA				
ENGL 1301	0305	COMPOSITION I	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	7B-103	HALBERT, J	$8
		LAB (1 HOUR)	TBA	TBA				
ENGL 1302	0306	COMPOSITION II	MWF	8:00-8:50	3	2B-110	LANCASTER, R	$8
		LAB (1 HOUR)	TBA	TBA				
ENGL 1302	0307	COMPOSITION II	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	2B-110	LANCASTER, R	$8
		LAB (1 HOUR)	TBA	TBA				
ENGL 1302	0308	COMPOSITION II	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	2B-110	BARKOWSKY, E	$8
		LAB (1 HOUR)	TBA	TBA				
ENGL 1302	0309	COMPOSITION II	TTH	11:30-12:45	3	7B-105	MARTIN, J	$8
		LAB (1 HOUR)	TBA	TBA				
ENGL 2311	0310	TECH WRITING	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	2B-110	HALBERT, J	
ENGL 2322	0311	ENGLISH LIT	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	7B-101	MCGLOTHING, W	
ENGL 2322	0312	ENGLISH LIT	TTH	11:30-12:45	3	7B-101	BARKOWSKY, E	
ENGL 2333	0313	WORLD LIT	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	2B-110	LANCASTER, M	
COM 131		TECH COMM	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	7B-105	MARTIN, J	

GEOGRAPHY

GEOG 1303	0227	WORLD GEOG	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	2C-104	PALMER, J	

GOVERNMENT

GOVT 2305	0230	US/ST/LOC GOV	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	2C-103	PRICE, J	
GOVT 2305	0231	US/ST/LOC GOV	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	2C-103	PRICE, J	
GOVT 2305	0232	US/ST/LOC GOV	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	2C-103	PRICE, J	
GOVT 2305	0233	US/ST/LOC GOV	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	2C-103	PRICE, J	
GOVT 2306	0234	US/ST/LOC GOV	TTH	11:30-12:45	3	2C-103	PRICE, J	
GOVT 2306	0235	US/ST/LOC GOV	MWF	8:00-8:50	3	7A-118	WILKS, D	
GOVT 2306	0236	US/ST/LOC GOV	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	7A-118	WILKS, D	

HISTORY

HIST 1301	0245	US HIST TO 1865	TTH	11:30-12:45	3	2C-105	ADAMS, R	
HIST 1302	0246	US HIST 1865-	MWF	8:00-8:50	3	2C-105	ADAMS, R	
HIST 1302	0247	US HIST 1865-	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	2C-105	ADAMS, R	
HIST 1302	0248	US HIST 1865-	TTH	8:00-9:15	3	2C-105	DURHAM, J	
HIST 1302	0249	US HIST 1865-	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	2C-105	DURHAM, J	
HIST 2320	0242	ADV HIS ANALYS	TTH	1:00-2:15	3	2C-105	DURHAM, J	

MASS COMMUNICATIONS

JOU 112	0370	DESKTOP PUB	W	4:00-5:00	1	SC-106	BROWN, D	$10
		LAB (1 HOURS)	TBA	TBA				
COMM 1307	0371	INTRO/MASS COMM	TTH	1:00-2:15	3	SC-105	BROWN, D	
COMM 2130	0373	PUBLICATIONS	TBA	TBA	1	SC-105	BROWN, D	$10
		LAB (2 HOURS)	TBA	TBA				

MATHEMATICS

MATH1314	0190	COLLEGE ALGEBRA	MW	10:00-11:15	3	2B-109	BUUCK, S	$8
		(INCLUDES LAB)	F	10:00-10:50	3			
MATH1314	0191	COLLEGE ALGEBRA	TTH	9:30-11:10	3	2B-109	DUCHENEAUX, S	$8
		(INCLUDES LAB)						
MATH1325	0192	MTH/BUS/ECO II	MWF	12:00-12:50	3	2B-109	BUUCK, S	
MATH1332	0193	MATH CONCEPTS I	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	
MATH1348	0194	ANALY GEOMETRY	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	2B-109	BUUCK, S	

ORIENTATION

ORIE 1100	0060	ORIENTATION	TTH	1:00-1:50	1	LRC-207	CORKRAN, G	
ORIE 1100	0061	COMMUTERS	TBA	TBA	1	TBA	OSBORN, D	

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

PHED 2102	0400	WT TRAINING	MWF	9:00-9:50	1	GYM-103	HARRISON, M	$10
PHED 2102	0401	FREE WEIGHTS	MWF	10:00-10:50	1	GYM-103	HARRISON, M	$10
PHED 2102	0402	RECREATIONAL BB	MWF	11:00-11:50	1	GYM-108	HARRISON, M	$10
PHED 2102	0403	BEG RACQUETBALL	MWF	11:00-11:50	1	RB-COURT	BURKE, L	$10
PHED 2102	0404	REC VOLLEYBALL	MW	12:00-1:15	1	GYM-108	BURKE, L	$10
PHED 2102	0405	WATER GAME/SWIM	MW	1:00-2:15	1	POOL	HARRISON, M	$10
PHED 2102	0406	ADV AEROBICS	MW	2:15-3:30	1	POOL	HARRISON, M	$10
PHED 2102	0407	WT TRAINING	MW	1:15-2:30	1	GYM-103	BURKE, L	$10
PHED 2102	0408	EXER/CONDITION	TTH	8:00-9:15	1	GYM-101	RHODES, G	$10
PHED 2102	0409	BEG RACQUETBALL	TTH	9:30-10:45	1	RB-COURT	BURKE, L	$10
PHED 2102	0410	BEG GOLF	TTH	9:30-10:45	1	G-COURSE	HARRISON, M	$24
PHED 2102	0411	BODY CONDITION	TTH	11:30-12:45	1	GYM-101	BURKE, L	$10
PHED 2102	0412	AQUA AEROBICS	TTH	1:00-2:15	1	GYM-109	HARRISON, M	$10
PHED 2102	0413	AIKIDO	TTH	1:00-2:15	1	GYM-101	BURKE, L	$10
PHED 2102	0414	SPRINGBD/DIVING	TTH	2:15-3:30	1	GYM-109	HARRISON, M	$10
PHED 2102	0415	ADVRACQUETBALL	TBA	TBA	1	RB-COURT	BURKE, L	$10
PHED 2102	0416	ADV GOLF	TBA	TBA	1	G-COURSE	HARRISON, M	$24
PHED 1176	0417	VARSITY GOLF	DAILY	1:00-5:00	1	G-COURSE	HAM, M	$24
PHED 1176	0418	VAR/BASKETBALL	DAILY	2:00-5:00	1	GYM-108	JACKSON, V	$10
PHED 2147	0419	WEST ACT/WOMEN	M	3:00-5:50	1	RODEO-GR	RHODES, G	$24
PHED 2147	0420	WEST ACT/MEN	M	4:00-6:30	1	RODEO-GR	RHODES, G	$24
PHED 2147	0421	WEST ACT/WOMEN	W	3:00-5:50	1	RODEO-GR	RHODES, G	$24
PHED 2147	0422	WEST ACT/MEN	W	4:00-6:30	1	RODEO-GR	RHODES, G	$24

PHYSICAL SCIENCE

PHYS 1417	0038	PHYS SCIENCE	TTH	8:00-9:15	4	2A-102	SWANSON, R	$15
		PHYS STUDENTS MUST ATTEND THE FOLLOWING LAB:						
		LAB	T	12:00-2:30		2A-102	SWANSON, R	

PHYSICS

PHYS 1402	0039	GEN COL PHYSICS	TTH	9:30-10:45	4	2A-102	SWANSON, R	$15
		LAB	TH	1:00-5:00		2A-102	SWANSON, R	

PSYCHOLOGY

PSYC 2301	0260	GEN PSYCHOLOGY	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	7A-118	WILKS, D	
PSYC 2301	0261	GEN PSYCHOLOGY	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	7A-118	WILKS, D	
PSYC 2314	0262	LIFESPAN	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	7A-118	WILKS, D	

SOCIOLOGY

SOCI 1301	0270	INTRO SOC	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	2C-102	DURHAM, J	
SOCI 1306	0271	CONT SOC PROB	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	2C-102	DURHAM, J	

SPANISH

SPAN 1412	0390	BEGIN SPANISH	MWF	11:00-11:50	4	2C-104	ADAMS, R	$5
		LAB (3 HOURS)	W	1:00-4:00				

SPEECH

SPCH 1321	0158	BUS/PROF SPEAK	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	FA-102	COGAN, H	
SPCH 1315	0159	FUND/PUB SPEAK	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	FA-102	COGAN, H	
SPCH 1321	0160	BUS/PROF SPEAK	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	FA-102	COGAN, H	
SPCH 1315	0161	FUND/PUB SPEAK	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	FA-102	COGAN, H	
SPCH 1321	0162	BUS/PROF SPEAK	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	FA-102	LANCASTER, R	
SPCH 1315	0163	FUND/PUB SPEAK	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	FA-102	LANCASTER, R	
SPCH 1321	0164	BUS/PROF SPEAK	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	FA-102	LANCASTER, R	
SPCH 1315	0165	FUND/PUB SPEAK	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	FA-102	LANCASTER, R	

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Western Texas College will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

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For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator and Section 504 Coordinator, Mrs. Terry Busby, at Western Texas College, Snyder, Texas 79549, (915) 573-8511, ext. 310.

Placement Testing

Placement testing is required for all students enrolling. Bring ACT or SAT scores. If unavailable, a Western Texas College placement test will be given during periods of scheduled registration. Those desiring to take the Western Texas College placement test BEFORE registration may do so on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 6:30 p.m.; Monday, Jan. 19, at 8:30 a.m.; and Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The test will be given at the Western Texas College Counseling Office.

Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP)

Students who HAVE NOT earned 3 semester college credit hours BEFORE the 1989 fall semester are required to take the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP) test. Such students must take the test before completing their first 9 hours of college coursework. All students will be required to provide documentation of TASP results. This documentation will be TASP test score reports, transcripts or both.

Special Notice

Evening registration will be conducted only one time on Monday, Jan. 19, from 6:30-8 p.m. After Jan. 19, all evening students must register during day hours from 9-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.

The last day to register, change schedules or add courses will be Jan. 21, 1997.

Refunds

For students withdrawing from classes, the following refund schedule will apply. Students withdrawing by the following dates will receive the stated percentage refund.

—Feb. 5	100 percent
—Feb. 10	70 percent
—Feb. 17	25 percent

There can be no refunds for students withdrawing from all classes after Feb. 17, 1998. Fees will be reassessed through Jan. 27, 1997 for students changing their schedule but not totally withdrawing.

WTC '98 SPRING SCHEDULE

ACADEMIC - NIGHT

CLASS	COMP	COURSE TITLE	DAYS	PERIOD	H	ROOM	INSTRUCTOR	LAB FEE
		ART						
ARTS2346	0105	CERAMICS	T	6:30-9:20	3	FA-122	BRUNSON, T	$24
		LAB	TBA	TBA		FA-122		
		(THERE WILL BE A $25 MATERIALS FEE FOR THIS CLASS.)						
ARTS2311	0106	ADV 3D DESIGN	T	6:30-9:20	3	FA-122	BRUNSON, T	$24
		LAB	TBA	TBA		FA-122		
		(THERE WILL BE A $25 MATERIALS FEE COLLECTED FOR THIS CLASS.)						
ARTS1304	0107	ART HISTORY	W	6:30-9:20	3	FA-102	SUM, B	
ARTS1301	0108	ART APPREC	W	6:30-9:20	3	FA-102	SUM, B	
ARTS2351	0109	COMPUTER GRAPH (ADVERTISING ART)	TH	6:30-9:20	3	FA-105	BRUNSON/SUM	$10
		LAB	TBA	TBA		FA-105		
		BIOLOGY						
BIOL2402	0031	HUMAN ANAT/PHYS	T	6:30-9:20	4	2A-102	CARTER, J	$15
		LAB	TH	6:00-10:00		2A-105	CARTER, J	
		COMPUTER SCIENCE						
COSC1300	0184	INTRO TO COMP	T	6:30-9:20	3	LRC-111	STAFF	$20
		LAB	TBA	TBA		LRC-111	STAFF	
		ENGLISH						
ENGL1302	0314	COMPOSITION II	M	6:30-9:20	3	7B-101	LANCASTER, R	$8
		LAB (1 HOUR)	TBA	TBA				
ENGL 2322	0315	ENGLISH LIT	M	6:30-9:20	3	2B-110	HALBERT, J	
		GOVERNMENT						
GOVT 2306	0237	US/ST/LOC GOV	TH	6:30-9:20	3	2C-103	PRICE, J	
		HISTORY						
HIST1302	0250	US HIST 1865-	W	6:30-9:20	3	2C-105	DURHAM, J	
		MATHEMATICS						
MATH 1314	0195	COLLEGE ALGEBRA	TH	6:00-9:30	3	2B-109	BUUCK, S	
MATH 1333	0196	MTH CONCEPTS II	TH	6:30-9:20	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	
MATH 2313	0197	CALCULUS	M	6:00-8:50	3	2B-109	DUCHENEAUX, S	
		PHYSICAL EDUCATION						
		NON-ACTIVITY						
PHED1308	0423	OFFICIATE\SPORT	M	6:30-9:20	3	GYM-109	HARRISON, M	$10
	LAB	TBA	TBA					
PHED1331	0424	INTRO/FIT/SPORT	W	6:30-9:20	3	GYM-109	BURKE, L	$10
PHED2102	0425	DIET/WTCONTROL	T	5:30-6:20	1	GYM-109	BURKE, L	$10
		ACTIVITY						
PHED2102	0426	AEROBIC ACT	MWTH	6:00-7:15	1	GYM-108	WARD, R	$10
PHED2102	0427	SCUBA DIVING	T	6:30-9:20	1	POOL	REED, R	$24
		PSYCHOLOGY						
PSYC2301	0264	GEN PSYC	TBA	TBA	3	SHS	OSBORN, C	
		SOCIOLOGY						
SOCI1301	0272	INTRO SOC	M	6:30-9:20	3	2C-102	DURHAM, J	
		SPANISH						
SPAN2312	0391	INTER SPANISH	M	6:30-9:20	3	2C-104	ADAMS, R	$5
		LAB (2 HOURS)	TBA	TBA				

COLLEGE PREPARATORY - DAY

		ENGLISH						
DEN011	OMIT	BASIC SKILLS	TBA	TBA	1	7B-104	LANCASTER, M	$12
DEN031	0339	BASIC ENGL I	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	7B-105	MARTIN, J	$12
		(LAB 3 HOUR)	TBA	TBA		TBA		
DEN032	0340	BASIC ENG II	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	7B-105	MARTIN, J	$12
		LAB (3 HOURS)	TBA	TBA				
DEN032	0341	BASIC ENG II	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	7B-103	McGLOTHING, B	$12
		LAB(3 HOURS)	TBA	TBA				
		MATHEMATICS						
DMT012	OMIT	BASIC MATH	TBA	TBA	1	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	$12
DMT031	0200	FUND/MATH	M-TH	12:00-1:00	3	2C-102	LANCASTER, M	$12
		(INCLUDES LAB—11:30-1:00 TTH)						
DMT032	0201	BASIC ALGEBRA	MWF	8:00-9:40	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	$12
		(INCLUDES LAB)						
DMT032	0202	BASIC ALGEBRA	M-TH	12:00-1:00	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	$12
		(INCLUDES LAB—11:30-1:00 TTH)						
DMT033	0203	INTER ALGEBRA	MWF	8:00-9:25	3	2B-109	BUUCK, S	$12
		(INCLUDES LAB)						
DMT033	0204	INTER ALGEBRA	TTH	9:20-11:25	3	2C-101	BUUCK, S	$1
		(INCLUDES LAB)						
		READING						
DRE011	OMIT	BASIC READING	TBA	TBA	1	LRC-207	CORKRAN, G	$12
DRE031	0350	READ SKILLS I	TTH	8:00-8:50	3	LRC-207	CORKRAN, G	$12
		LAB (3 HOURS)	TBA	TBA				
DRE032	0351	READ SKILLS II	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	LRC-207	CORKRAN, G	$12
		LAB (3 HOURS)	TBA	TBA				
DRE032	0352	READ SKILLS II	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	LRC-207	CORKRAN, G	$12
		LAB (3 HOURS)	TBA	TBA				
DRE032	0353	READ SKILLS II	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	LRC-207	CORKRAN, G	$12
		LAB (3 HOURS)	TBA	TBA				
DRE033	0354	READ SKILLS III	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	LRC-207	CORKRAN, G	$12
		LAB (3 HOURS)	TBA	TBA				
DRE033	0355	READ SKILLS III	MWF	12:00-12:50	3	LRC-207	CORKRAN, G	$12
		LAB (3 HOURS)						
DRE033	0356	READ SKILLS III	TTH	11:30-12:45	3	LRC-207	CORKRAN, G	$12
		LAB (3 HOURS)						
DRE033	0357	READ SKILLS III	TBA	TBA	3	LRC-207	CORKRAN, G	$12
		LAB (3 HOURS)						

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VOCATIONAL CLASSES - DAY

CLASS	COMP	COURSE TITLE	DAYS	PERIOD	H	ROOM	INSTRUCTOR	LAB FEE
		CRIMINAL JUSTICE						
CRIJ1306	0602	CRTS/CRIM PROC	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	TBA	STAFF	
CRIJ1310	0603	FUND CRIM LAW	MWF	1:00-1:50	3	TBA	STAFF	
CRIJ1318	0604	PATROL ADMIN	TTH	8:00-9:15	3	TBA	STAFF	
CRIJ2313	0605	COR SYST/PRAC	TBA	TBA	3	TBA	STAFF	
CRIJ2314	0606	CRIM INVEST	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	TBA	STAFF	
CRIJ2322	0607	JUVENILE PROC	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	TBA	STAFF	
		GOLF-LANDSCAPE TECHNOLOGY						
GLT131	0560	LANDSAPE MAINT	MWF	8:00-8:50	3	GLT-106	BUCKLAND, D	$15
		LAB	M	1:00-3:00		GLT-106	BUCKLAND, D	
GLT132	0561	TURFGRASS MAINT	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	GLT-106	BUCKLAND, D	$15
		LAB	T	1:00-3:00		GLT-106	BUCKLAND, D	
GLT134	0562	BASIC SURVEY	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	GLT-106	TATE, S	$15
		LAB	W	1:00-5:00		GLT-106	TATE, S	
GLT135	0563	RELATED WORK	TBA	TBA	3	TBA	TATE, S	
GLT142	0564	LNDSCP CONST	TTH	11:00-12:15	4	GLT-106	TATE, S	$15
		LAB	TH	1:00-5:00		GLT-106	TATE, S	
GLT242	0565	APP AG CHEM	MWF	11:00-11:50	4	2A-102	KATTES, D	$15
		LAB	TH	1:00-5:00		2A-102	KATTES, D	
		WELDING						
W 121	0555	WELDING SCIENCE	DAILY	TBA	2	W	WALKER, C	$5
W 132	0556	INTRO WELDING	DAILY	7:00-8:00	3	W	WALKER, C	$24
W 151	0557	BASIC ACETYLENE	DAILY	7:00-9:10	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
W 152	0558	ELEC ARC WELD	DAILY	9:10-11:20	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
W 153	0559	ELEC ARC WELD	DAILY	7:00-9:10	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
W 154	0540	ADV ACET WLDG	DAILY	9:10-11:20	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
W 251	0541	BLUEPRINT/READ	DAILY	12:00-1:00	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
W 252	0542	ADV PLATE WELD	DAILY	7:00-9:10	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
W 253	0543	ADV PIPE WELD	DAILY	9:10-11:20	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
W 255	0544	SPEC WELD (TIG)	DAILY	7:00-9:10	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
W 256	0545	SPEC WELD (MIG)	DAILY	9:10-11:20	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
		ELECTRONIC OFFICE TECHNOLOGY						
BUS137	0619	AUTOMAT ACCT	MWF	9:00-9:50	3	7A-104	SNIDER, S	$15
		LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-104	SNIDER, S	
BUS235	0620	BUS ACCT I	TTH	1:00-2:15	3	7A-107	SNIDER, S	$15
		LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-107	SNIDER, S	
BUS236	0621	BUS ACCT II	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	7A-107	SNIDER, S	
		LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-107	SNIDER, S	
BUSI1301	0176	INTRO TO BUS	TTH	11:30-12:45	3	2B-106	HALBERT, W	
BUSI1304	0623	BUS COMM	MW	1:00-2:15	3	2B-110	HALBERT, J	
BUSI1309	0624	BUS MACHINES	TTH	11:30-12:45	3	7A-107	WESSON, T	$20
BUSI2301	0177	BUSINESS LAW	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	2A-106	HALBERT, W	
BUSI2301	0178	BUSINESS LAW	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	2B-106	HALBERT, W	
OFAD 1311	0630	KEYBOARD/TYP I	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	7A-105	SNIDER, S	$20
		LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-105	SNIDER, S	
OFAD 1312	0631	KEYBOARD/TYP II	MWF	10:00-10:50	3	7A-105	WESSON, T	$20
		LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-104	WESSON, T	
OFAD 2301	0632	ELEC KEY/TYP	TTH	9:30-10:45	3	7A-104	WESSON, T	$20
		LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-104	WESSON, T	
OFAD 2312	0633	OFFICE PROCED	TTH	1:00-2:15	3	7A-102	WESSON, T	
		LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-104	WESSON, T	
		COMPUTER INFORMATION MANAGEMENT						
CIM131	0610	BAS COMPUT/INF	MWF	11:00-11:50	3	7A-102	WESSON, T	$15
		LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-104	WESSON, T	
CIM132	0611	MICROCOMP WP	MWF	12:00-12:50	3	7A-104	SNIDER, S	$24
		LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-104	SNIDER, S	
CIM235	0612	ADV SP/DKTOP PB	TTH	11:30-12:45	3	7A-104	SNIDER, S	$24
		LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-104	SNIDER, S	

VOCATIONAL CLASSES - NIGHT

		COMPUTER INFORMATION MANAGEMENT						
CIM131	0613	BAS COM/INF	M	6:30-9:20	3	7A-102	WESSON, T	$15
		LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-104	WESSON, T	
CIM132	0614	MICROCOMP WP	T	6:30-9:20	3	7A-104	SNIDER, S	$24
		LAB	TBA	TBA		7A-104	SNIDER, S	
		CRIMINAL JUSTICE						
CRIJ2301	0600	COM RES CORR	M	6:30-9:20	3	TBA	STAFF	
CJ139	0601	CNT/ISS CORR	T	6:30-9:20	3	TBA	STAFF	
		GOLF-LANDSCAPE TECHNOLOGY						
GG130	0520	BASIC DRAFTING	T	6:00-10:00	3	GLT-104	BUCKLAND, D	$15
GG131	0521	GC MACH & SHOP	TH	5:00-11:00	3	GLT-106	BUCKLAND, D	$15
GLT133	0522	BASIC LDSP DSGN	M	6:00-11:00	3	GLT-104	TATE, S	$15
GLT133	0523	BASIC LDSP DSGN	W	6:00-11:00	3	GLT-104	TATE, S	$15
		WELDING						
W 132	0546	INTRO WELDING	MT	6:00-11:25	3	W	WALKER, C	$24
W 151	0547	BASIC ACET	MT	6:00-11:25	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
W 152	0548	ELEC ARC WLD	MT	6:00-11:25	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
W 153	0549	ELEC ARC WLD	MT	6:00-11:25	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
W 154	0550	ADV ACET WLD	MT	6:00-11:25	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
W 252	0551	ADV PLATE WLD	MT	6:00-11:25	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
W 253	0552	ADV PIPE WLD	MT	6:00-11:25	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
W 255	0553	SPEC WLD (TIG)	MT	6:00-11:25	5	W	WALKER, C	$24
W 256	0554	SPEC WLD (MIG)	MT	6:00-11:25	5	W	WALKER, C	$24

Registration Schedule
Spring 1998

Monday, January 19, 1998

8:30 a.m. placement testing

Registration of sophomore students

1-2 p.m.	Surnames A-G
2-3 p.m.	Surnames H-T
3-4 p.m.	Surnames U-Z

6:30-8 p.m. Registration of evening students

Tuesday, January 20, 1998

Registration of freshman students

8:30-9:30 a.m	Surnames A-G
9:30-10:30 a.m.	Surnames H-T
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Surnames U-Z

1-3 p.m. Registration continues for all students

It's Salem all over again



William A. Rusher

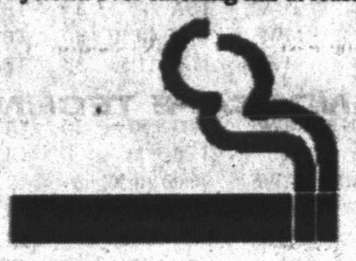
On January 1, California — America's bellwether for social experiments — became the first state in the union to ban smoking in bars. Together with earlier prohibitions against smoking other public places, the new law makes it effectively impossible for the 25 percent of Californians who smoke to do so anywhere in the state save inside their own homes or in the great outdoors.

Ordinarily, California is a pretty laid-back place. All sorts of behavior that might stir controversy elsewhere is genially allowed, or even welcomed there.

Last year, the voters legalized the sale and possession of marijuana "for medicinal purposes" under a standard so broad that any pothead who can persuade a friend to recommend it to cure a headache can buy a joint and light up. And not long ago it took a last-ditch stand by the business interests of San Francisco to keep its board of supervisors from putting up signs at the entrances to the city welcoming gays and lesbians.

But on the subject of tobacco, Californians have hearts of stone. Just before Jan. 1, placards hailing the bar ban went up all over the place proclaiming grimly, "It's about health. It's about time."

The snowballing national hysteria over smoking has at least



enabled me to understand what I had previously never been able to fathom: the psychopathology of the famous trials in colonial Salem, Mass., which resulted in 19 people (mostly women) being hanged as witches. The citizens of Salem knew that Satan was formidably powerful, and that individuals sometimes voluntarily threw in their lot with him. What could be more exciting than to identify these people? What could be more exhilarating than to extinguish them? Yet the high-minded rectitude of the whole effort was unassailable.

Similarly with the battle against smoking. It began as a quite reasonable warning to smokers that they were running a risk to their own health. But soon it escalated: Smokers were accused, on the thinnest of evidence, of killing nonsmokers through "passive smoking."

Cigarette manufacturers were demonized as murderers. The tobacco industry was forced to agree to pay more than $300 billion to state governments (and their lawyers) in return for exemption from individual liability lawsuits.

Small wonder that Britain's respected Economist magazine has begun to feel uneasy about this avalanche of high-minded hatred. In a long and thoughtful essay (by a non-smoker) in its Dec. 20 issue, it warns that "the attack on tobacco has crossed the admittedly fuzzy line that distinguishes moral enthusiasm from illiberal vindictiveness, and at such a time good fun should yield to good thinking."

Patiently the Economist reviews the arguments: the risk to the smoker (well-known, and a matter of choice, like drinking or motorcycling); to others, through "passive smoking" (evidence of medical harm from the stray wisps of smoke in a workplace or restaurant remains vanishingly thin" — and easily solved by segregating the smokers); to society, which must pay for their medical care (but they actually save society money, by dying earlier); the addictiveness of nicotine (perhaps, but "There are today as many people who have quit smoking as there are people who smoke"); and finally, protection of the young (justifiable up to a point, but "since 1992 teen-age smoking has risen in America even as the overall rate has fallen, a fact that anti-smoking hysteria may partly explain").

Soberly the Economist concludes, "Because they are nursing their dudgeon and savoring their victories rather than thinking with care, anti-smokers believe themselves to be upholding liberal social principles when, in fact, they are traducing them."

But such thoughtful protests wouldn't have stopped the virtuous citizens of Salem from extirpating the evil right under their noses, and it won't stop the anti-smokers, either.

Doing good is just too much fun.



Taking God out of Scouting

Motto, 'Be Prepared,' wasn't meant for this



Bill McClellan

Suppose there was the group, this organization.

And suppose the purpose of this organization was to teach young men self-esteem, moral integrity, preparedness, respect, and goodwill toward others.

And suppose the founders felt that a belief in God was an important part of organization.

This organization would be open to all boys of a certain age who agreed to follow its guidelines. Under no circumstances would anyone be forced to join.

Do you see anything wrong with that? Do you believe that organization ought to be able to hold to those ideals, those guidelines?

Sounds reasonable to me.

Well, not everyone agrees. In California, athesists and gays are suing the Boy Scouts because the organization won't bend its rules to allow them in.

There's a separate case, by the way, on whether the Boy Scouts should be forced to admit girls. Seems to me there is an organization called the *Girl* Scouts, that case isn't the focus here.

It was just this past week that attorneys were arguing their point before the California Supreme Court on whether to allow atheists and gays into the Scouts, the Boy Scouts, that is.

American Civil Liberties Union attorneys are using sleight-of-hand to get the court to open the organization's doors to gays and atheists. Instead of trying to show that their atheist clients are being harmed by not being allowed to join a pro-religious organization — a no-win situation — they are taking a different tactic. They want the court to declare that the Boy Scouts is a business rather than a private organization.

ACLU lawyers contend that since the Scouts collect dues, sell camping supplies, clothing, patches and such, and have a full-paid staff, they must be a business.

The ACLU is taking this tactic because if the justices find that the Boy Scouts is a business, their clients would probably have to be admitted. The Boy Scouts would be subject to California laws that prohibit businesses from discriminating because of sexual orientation and religion.

The fact is though, the justices should throw this argument out. Hundreds, even thousands of organizations — most notably charities — collect money, pay their administrators and sell items, but they aren't considered businesses.

The items the Scouts organization sell are almost totally for Scouts, with Scouting in mind. While it's true that the general public can acquire their merchandise, it's doubtful many non-Scouts are going to clamor for a Scout cap the way they would for a cap with a Lakers' logo on it.

If atheists are allowed in, it is only a matter of time before the Boy Scouts' oath — which acknowleges a duty to God — is challenged. That oath, that acknowlegement of God, will be offensive to some.

But back to a key point in the whole mess. No one is forcing anyone to join the Boy Scouts. In essence the organization says "If you don't like what we stand for, don't join. If you do, we welcome you." It's as simple as that.

During arguments before the California Supreme Court on Monday, Scout lawyer George Davidson held up a Boy Scout book before the seven justices, and said: "There's God on the front cover, there's God on the back cover."

That ought to say enough, right there.



Editorial Comment

OIC doesn't address Algeria

The Jordan Times, Amman

If the silence of the international community in the face of the growing carnage at the hands of savages in Algeria is shocking, the muted reaction of the Arab and Islamic countries is mind-boggling.

The Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) states have recently convened a historic summit in Tehran but failed to give the situation in Algeria the due attention it deserves. On the other hand, the apparent lack of interest by the Arab World cannot be explained in any meaningful way.

There has to be an immediate investigation into the atrocities so that their perpetrators can be identified, whoever they may be. ...

State housing assistance

The Austin American-Statesman

Two proposed bills in Congress could allow Texas to provide more housing for families that earn less than $38,000 a year. Members of the Texas delegation should embrace those proposals.

A study by the Texas State Data Center estimates that 27 percent of Texas households will need some form of housing assistance by the year 2000. That's about 1.9 million households.

A Senate bill proposes to raise states' share of tax credits for housing for low-to-moderate income people from $1.25 to $1.75 per capita. It also includes an annual cost-of-living increase.

A House bill, also worthy of support, would increase the ceiling on tax-exempt bonds that are used to finance low-interest mortgage loans for first-time and rental developments for low-income families. The bill would raise the cap from $50 to $75 per capita.

Texas senators and representatives in Congress should support both bills.

Human rights and the U.S.

The Journal, Martinsburg, W.Va.

Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein encourages tens of thousands of women and children to act as human shields for military targets. He doesn't hesitate to use poison gas to wipe out entire villages.

Iran continues to sponsor international terrorism against innocent men, women and children.

China and Russia refuse to agree to an international ban against land mines. ...

So what nation deserves the most severe condemnation on the human rights front? Why, the United States, according to Human Rights Watch, a private group in New York.

The organization recently accused the United States of "arrogance" for refusing to go along with a land mine ban which, even if this nation agreed, would not stop use of the most dangerous types of land mines. It would, on the other hand, imperil U.S. troops. ...

For all our failings, no nation on Earth has done more to ease human rights abuses around the world, even when young American men and women must be put in harm's way to do so. A score of other nations are engaged actively in horrible abuses, with no criticism from Human Rights Watch.

Officials of the organization ought to be ashamed of themselves.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks, everyone!

Dear Editor:

The Scurry County Girl Scouts Troop 100 and Troop 158 would like to commend the people of the county for their response to help make Christmas better for all the children of the county.

Thanks seems like a small word for all the big things that were done for our Toys For Tots program this year.

Volunteers came from all walks of life and at all hours of the day and night to make possible the delivery of over 2,000 toys including 42 bicycles this year.

Rather than miss one, we would like to thank all involved for their help. All the hard work was much appreciated!!!

"It Takes A Village To Raise A Child." Congratulations To Our Village On A Job Well Done!

God Bless You All,
Scurry County
Girl Scouts
Troop 158,
Leader Joni Huffman
Troop 100,
Leader Judi Martin
Service Unit Mgr.
Peggy J. Vernon

A lesson from my friend Kathy



Deanie Francis Mills

Whenever it gets to bothering me that we can't give our kids everything their little hearts desire, and I feel bad at having to disappoint them or make them wait months or even a year to get a prized possession, I think of Kathy.

When I was eleven, Kathy, nine, was my best friend. Nobody in our neighborhood really had very much money. Kathy's mother was divorced from her dad, whom Kathy never saw, and trying to make a second marriage work.

However, Kathy was a much-beloved only grandchild. Her grandmother was dead, and her grandfather doted on the little girl. Whatever her little heart desired, she got. In fact, there were no surprises at Christmas time or birthdays. Kathy would present a list to her granddaddy, and she would get everything on the list. Sometimes her mom would let her open a gift early if she was impatient to begin playing with it.

Kathy's room was a little girl's wonderland. Her bedroom furniture was not cast-off marriage rejects, like mine — it was white French provincial with a canopy bed. Curtains, canopy, bedspread and pillow shams were all matching frilly ruffled pink, and the bed was crammed with expensive stuffed toys. The wall-to-wall carpeting was pink. The French provincial bookcase contained an entire set of Trixie Belden mysteries. Kathy would buy them as soon as they came out, read them, and then loan them to me to read, since I couldn't afford to buy them myself.

Even more wondrous, Kathy had her own phone. And it wasn't just any phone, either. It was a pink princess phone. I didn't know anybody who had a princess phone — and wouldn't for five or six more years. But Kathy had one.

She didn't just have a hi-fi, like most kids. She had a stereo with two big speakers, and every album she wanted. Anytime a song came on the radio that she liked, she'd buy it, and had stacks of 45s to prove it.

Kathy would say, "You wanna play Barbies?" And I'd say yeah, and prepare to be blown away. Kathy didn't just have a Barbie doll. She had several Barbies, a Ken, a little suitcase stuffed with Barbie clothes on little tiny Barbie hangers, a Barbie car for Ken to drive when he came to pick Barbie up on dates, and a splendid fold-out Barbie house filled with Barbie furniture.

My parents couldn't afford a Barbie doll. I had to make do with Babette, which was okay because Kathy would let Babette wear Barbie's clothes. We'd play around in a desultory fashion for half an hour or so, and then abandon the entire mess. It was never a problem because Kathy's mother always picked everything up for her.

That was a problem I noticed with Kathy. She seemed to get bored easily.

Mary lived across the street from Kathy and was my other best friend. Mary was my age and her parents didn't have much money either, although they did manage an actual Barbie doll for Mary. Still, Barbie clothes were expensive, and neither one of us had very many. We didn't have a Ken either, or a car or a house.

But when Mary said, "You wanna play Barbies?" I'd say yeah, and get ready for hours upon hours of fun. We'd construct elaborate Barbie houses out of stuff we thieved from our mother's closets and sewing boxes. Scarves made such pretty curtains, we thought. Scraps of satin stuffed in a shoe box made a perfect bed for Barbie. A pair of nylon socks with holes cut in them made very slinky dresses for Barbie and Babette when they double-dated with imaginary Kens, and you'd be surprised how fast a roller skate-turned sports car could go with Babette at the wheel.

Sometimes it would take all day long just to get the house like we wanted it, then we'd play and play, and then we'd have to take the time to return all the things to our mothers before we got fussed at. We always had lots of fun, Mary and me.

By the time Kathy was in seventh grade, though, she was in trouble. Her mother had allowed her to bleach her hair and start wearing make-up, and she'd sneak out of her window at night and go off with fast boys five or six years older than her. Kathy invited me to see the Beatles in concert, but my parents wouldn't let me go because there wouldn't be an adult supervising us. I thought they were so mean. Now I see they were just wise.

By the time Kathy was 14 she was smoking. At 16 she was pregnant, married, and dropped out of school. I'd long since lost touch with her by then. The last time I saw her, when I was in college, she had a baby on her hip, was living in a small apartment without furniture, and looked ten years older than she was. Her granddaddy had long since died and her young husband vanished. Cracking gum, she talked too fast, with a desperate edge to her voice, about how happy she was, but mentioned, off-hand that she was having a little trouble giving up the drugs.

There just wasn't time or energy anymore, it seemed, to be bored.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Veloria Jones, 1997 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Karen Boggs, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Walter Beauchamp Jr., 1998 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

J.R. Swim, 1998 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Joel Bradley, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Richard L. and Linda S. McSpadden, 1998 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Steve Babcock, dba Babcock Slick Wireline, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Joe Fussell, 1998 Chevrolet Suburban from Big County Autoland.

J.C. Wells Drilling, 1998 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Ricky Cude, 1998 GMC Yukon from Big Country Autoland.

Lorena Gibson, 1998 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Kelly Gaskins, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Thomas McDonnell, 1998 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Samson Resources Company, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Harold Chevrolet Inc.

Gelco Corporation, three 1998 Chevrolet pickups from Thomas Chevrolet.

Lease Plan USA Inc., four 1998 GMC pickups from Jim Lupient GMC Truck.

Raymond and Helen Robinson, 1997 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Dwight Yarbrough, 1998 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Jennifer S. Davis, 1998 Mazda from Wieser Motor.

Rolltex Inc. and Jimmy C. Floyd, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Monte and Janet McCright, 1998 Chevrolet van from Big Country Autoland.

Gelco, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Linden and Jajuana Solomon, 1998 Jeep from Snyder Chrysler.

Ilene Phillips, 1998 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

James and Julienne Stewart, 1997 Ford van from Wilson Motors.

Midwest Electric Cooperative, 1997 Ford Expedition from Wilson Motors.

Snyder Abstract & Title Co., 1998 Lincoln Navigator from Wilson Motors.

Janice Beard, 1998 Ford Mustang from Wilson Motors.

Midwestern Services Inc., 1998 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Wayne and Janet Davis, 1998 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

Virginia Wade, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Marriage License

Steven Glen Lee and Melissa Rhea Jones, both of Snyder.

James Carson Young and Nikki Michael-Xalyn Hudson, both of Snyder.

David Almanza and Nancy Gail Wilson, both of Hermleigh.

William Kyle Hilliard and Michelle Sunshine Carroll, both of Snyder.

John Jacob Abendschan VII and Sherry Lynn Fuston, both of Lewisville.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Michelle Renee Randle and Christopher Don Randle, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Julia Ann Ballard and Bobby Joe Ballard Sr., divorce granted.

In the marriage of Aniefiok Mfon Ekanem and Marilyn Elizabeth Ekanem, divorce granted.

Deed Records

John Wesley Graves to Griffey E. and Galya S. Leary, a 0.999-acre tract in the northeast one-quarter of Section 207, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Bertha Coy to Glenn Coy, Block 14 of the Helms Subdivision in the southwest one-quarter of Section 156, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Gaye Nelle Greene, Trustee of The Geral G. Greene Trust, et al, to Geral Mac Greene, tract one being 320 acres in the north one-half of Section 76, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being an undivided one-fourth interest in the east 250 acres of Section 85, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Gaye Nelle Greene, Trustee of The Geral G. Greene Trust, et al, to Judy Moss, tract one being 60 acres in the east one-half of the northwest one-quarter of the east one-half of the southwest one-quarter of Section 84, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract two being 80 acres in the west one-half of the west one-half of the northeast one-quarter and west one-half of the west one-half of the southeast one-quarter of Section 84, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract three being 20 acres in the south one-half of the southwest one-quarter of the southwest one-quarter of Section 84, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract four being an undivided one-fourth interest in the east 250 acres of Section 85, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Gaye Nelle Greene, Trustee of The Geral G. Greene Trust, et al, to John A. Greene, tract one being 160 acres out of the northeast one-quarter and the east one-half of the southeast one-quarter of Section 84, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract two being 80 acres out of the east one-half of the west one-half of the northeast one-quarter and east one-half of the west one-half of the southeast one-quarter of Section 84, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract three being an undivided one-fourth interest in the east 250 acres of Section 85, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Gaye Nelle Greene, Trustee of The Geral G. Greene Trust, et al, to Lealand W. Greene, tract one being all of the southwest one-quarter of Section 58, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being an undivided one-fourth interest in the east 250 acres of Section 85, Block 2, H&TC survey.

William H. and Judy K. Robinson to Brian Howard Robinson, Gregory Howard Robinson and Andrea Karen Robinson, an undivided one-half interest in Lot 1, Block 7, Parkview Addition, Section 4.

Eddie Don Gray to Barbara Ann Gray, tract one being 1.02-acre tract out of Section 295, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract two being all of Lot 9 in Block 9 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

Virginia Bethel to Wayne Bethel, tract one being all of Lots 6-8 in Block 4 of the Andress Heights Addition; tract two being all of Lot 13 in Block 4 of the Andress Heights Addition; tract three being all of Lots 9-12 in Block 4 of the Andress Heights Addition; tract four being all of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 6 of the Andress Heights Addition; tract five being all of Lot 16 in Block E of the Highland Park Addition.

Snyder Savings and Loan Association to The Word is Life Deliverance Church, the east 30 feet of Block 21, Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Charles W. and Denetriece C. Wilson to Gerald and Patricia Claxton, five acres in Section 211, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Max E. Vincent to Kerry and Tina Tidwell, the west 110 feet of the west 110 feet of Lots 3-5 in Block 18 of the Andress Heights Addition, a subdivision of the southwest one-quarter of Section 157, H&GN survey.

James R. Patterson Jr. to Alan Fletcher, Lot 5 in Block 1 of the Highland Terrace Addition.

John Fenton to Myron Fenton and Brenda Conatser, tract one being 130.652 acres in Section 12, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract two being 1.123 acres in Section 12, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Johnny Earl and Wanda Sue Frasier to Cole and Brenda Harvey, the east 100 feet of the south 70 feet of Lot 2, Block 37, Blankenship Addition.

L.R. and Mollie Warren to Vicky Lyn Sargent, all of the east 50 feet of the west one-half of Lot 4 in Block 28 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Lee H. Williams Jr. to Marciano Morales Jr., all of Lots 3 and 4 of the H.F. Murrary Subdivision of Blocks 39 and 42, Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Part-timers productive partners or perpetual problems?

Norman retired from the postal service two years ago. For awhile he enjoyed traveling and working in his shop. However, he missed his work friends and found that his retirement funds didn't go quite as far as he wished.

Norman mentioned his feelings to a friend over coffee. "My son is looking for a part-time shipping clerk," Norman's friend said. "You'd be perfect." Norman agreed, and is now working happily three days each week.

Ella wanted to be home when her children left for school and returned home in mid-afternoon. When she saw the help-wanted ad for a part-time bookkeeper, she hoped that the employer would be flexible.

"I don't care what hours you work, as long as you complete the record keeping each week," the owner stated. For Ella, it is a dream job. Her employer is pleased because he has a well-qualified, dependable employee.

Janet wants to finish her master's degree, but needs income to live on. Bill's dream is to make it big as a Western novelist, but he still needs to eat as he writes his best-seller. Tony wants to own his own car before he graduates from high school. For Janet, Bill and Tony, just as it is for Norman and Ella, part-time jobs are the answer.

Win-win work schedules

During the recent United Parcel Service, strike, the issue of part-time workers received a lot of negative press. Labor union bosses proclaimed, "Part-time America won't work."

Actually, part-time employment is good for many Americans. While not everyone who has a part-time job wants it that way, the majority do. According to "The Wall Street Journal" nearly 77 percent of all part-timers choose to work part-time jobs.

For employers, an "only-when-needed" work force lowers costs and helps them remain competitive. Many find that part-timers are solid workers who show their appreciation for flexible hours by working harder. In "Hiring Smart," author Tom Winninger points out other advantages for business owners, "Many employers have found that time flexibility far from disrupting operations, actually improves both morale and employee retention." Winninger, a nationally known business coach and survival specialist, adds that part-time employment can increase productivity and decrease turnover, tardiness and absenteeism.

Part-time experience

As both an employee and small-business owner, I know about part-time jobs. My first real job was part-time.

My current job with West Texas A&M University is also part-time. My writing and speaking business occupies the rest of my working hours. For me, it's the best of both worlds. Though I often spend more than 40 hours per week in each of my part-time jos, that is a personal decision. I love what I do and don't really consider the hours I put in as work.

Many part-timers feel the same way. They are working the hours they want to work. Not all part-time jobs are dead-end, no benefit positions. In fact, one of my valued associates started working with us just two days per week. Because of his good attitude and work eithic, we increased his hours and responsibility. He is now full-time and one of our highest paid associates.

While part-time work wasn't meant to be a career, you shouldn't consider it in a negative light either. For many of us, part-time work is a viable alternative in a rapidly changing world.

For employers, it's a way to stay competitive, give employees a fair trial and a place to begin the training process. I believe most part-timers are productive partners.

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Business," P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Bleacher railing collapses

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A bleacher railing gave way as audience members scrambled for compact disc prizes at a taping of "Vibe," sending a pregnant woman and six others tumbling onto the concrete floor.

An 80-year-old man also was injured during the evacuation of the television studio, said Fire Department spokesman Brian Humphrey.

The taping of the late-night TV show was suspended Thursday after the collapse and the host, comedian Sinbad, "personally expressed his heartfelt concern for those who were injured," the show said in a statement.

"Vibe Television's primary concern is for the welfare of those injured, all of whom received immediate medical attention," the show said.

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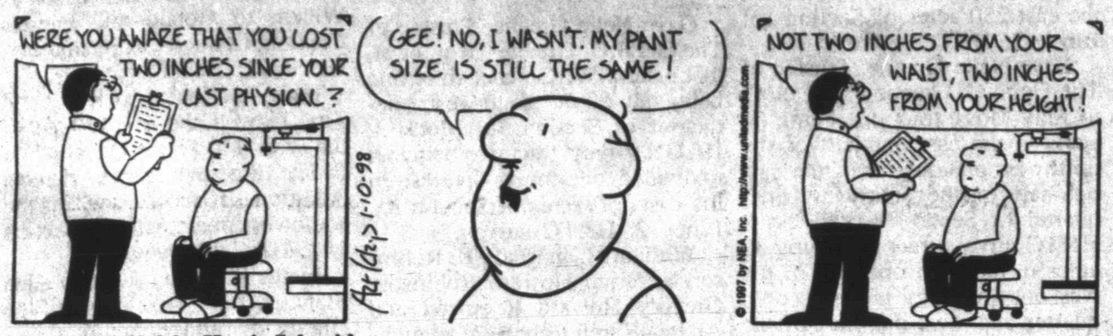
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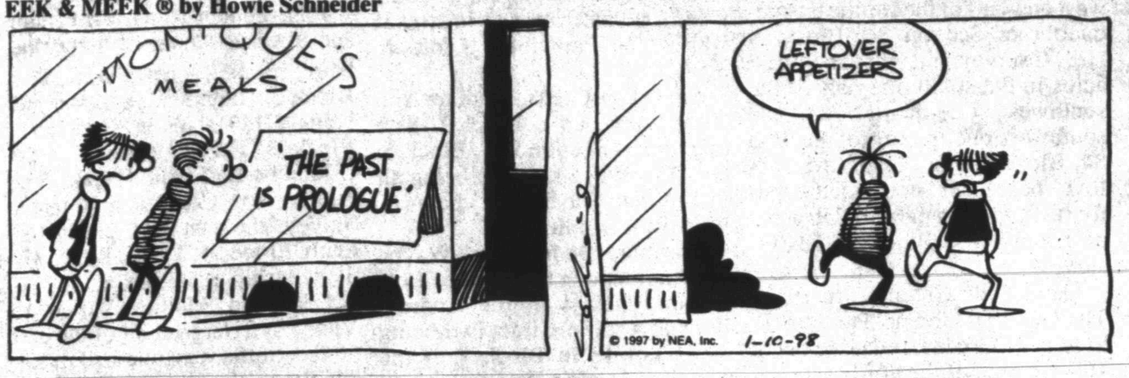
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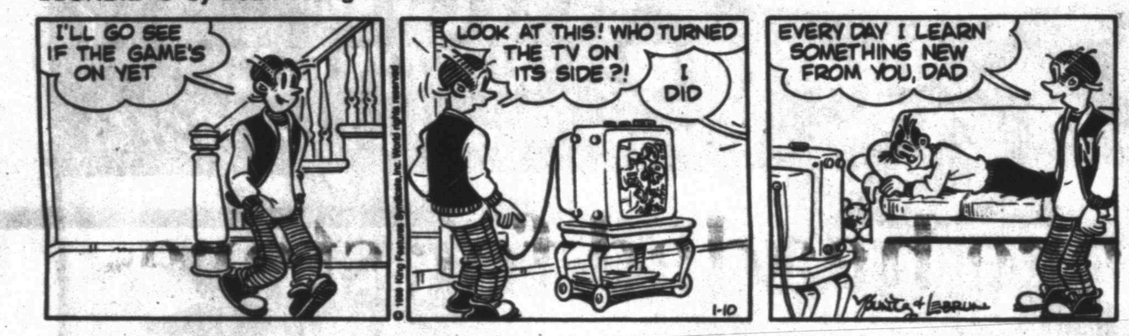


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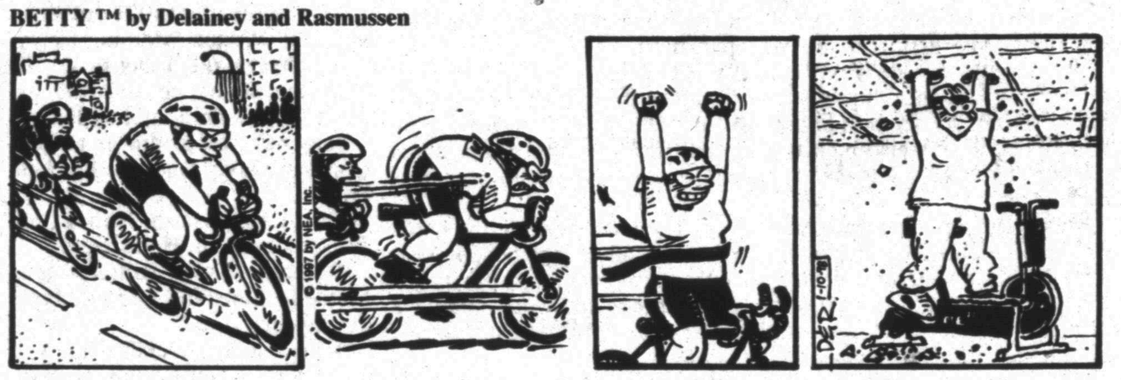
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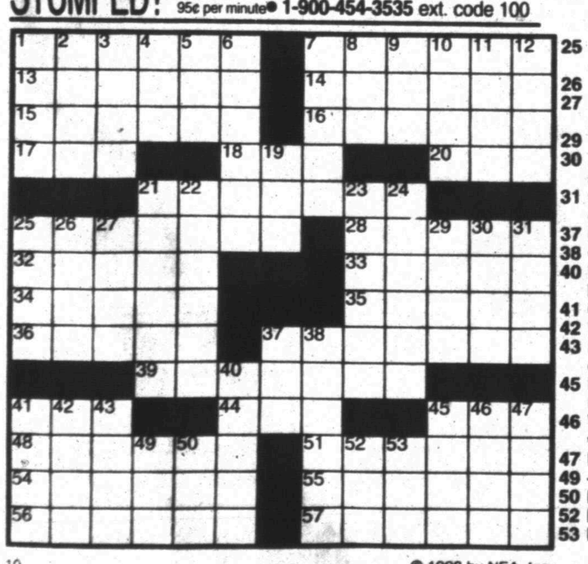
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Hank the Cowdog: Slim gets a haircut

Ninth of 12 chapters

They stared at each other for a long moment. Then Viola said, "I'm sorry to be the one to tell you, but it's true."

Slim's adam's apple moved up and down. "Well, a guy ought to do everything he can not to look ridiculous, I reckon." She nodded.

"Nobody but a barber's ever cut my hair."

"Do you want to go into town to the barber?"

"Not really."

"And you don't want to go around looking like a scorched possem, so...where does that leave us?"

He smiled. "Scorched possem, huh? Does it really look that bad?"

"Why don't you go into the bathroom and look at yourself in the mirror."

"Well, okay." He pushed up from the chair and shuffled into the bathroom. He was in there for several minutes, then came back and flopped into the chair. He handed her a pair of rusted scissors. "It does look pretty strange. Are you sure you know how to cut hair?"

She rolled her eyes. "Slim, I've been cutting Daddy's hair since I was eight years old."

"Well...okay."

And with that, Miss Viola went to work. Against incredible odds and using only the scissors and a comb from her purse, she attempted to make Slim the Cowboy look partly human.

She wrapped a towel around his neck, pinned it at the back with a safety pin she'd found on of one of his shirts, and went to work with the scissors.

While she snipped at his fried hair, I curled up at her feet. This was True Happiness, lying at the feet of...burp...a lovely lady, excuse me.

The snipping stopped, and Viola said, "Slim, do you notice a fishy smell in this house?"

"It's probably just my dirty socks. If I'd have known you was coming, I'd have spent some time picking up the house. It's kind of a mess."

She gave her head a nod and her lips formed the word, "Yes!" Slim didn't see it but I did. And then I surrendered my body and mind to the tide of sleep and drifted out into a delicious dream about...

My goodness, what a delicious dream! I had taken Miss Viola to the dance, see, and there we were in the moonlit yard, dancing the Texas Two Step and...yikes!

Someone stepped on my tail.

"Hank, you're going to have to move. I can't cut Slim's hair and stumble over you at the same time."

HUH?

I lifted my head and cracked one eye. Miss Viola was standing over me, with her hands on her hips, and we weren't dancing any more. It appeared that...

"Hank, please move."

Oh. It appeared that I had gotten in the way of her lovely little feet, so I jacked myself up and moved seven inches to the north and flopped down on the floor.

"Hank. Move."

Fine. I could take a hint, but it didn't seem fair that I had to move while Slim got her full and undivided attention. I mean, I was the one who had invited her to the dance...okay, maybe it was just a dream but...

I moved my freight over to the stove, where Drover was curled up in a little white ball. He raised his head and gave me his usual silly grin.

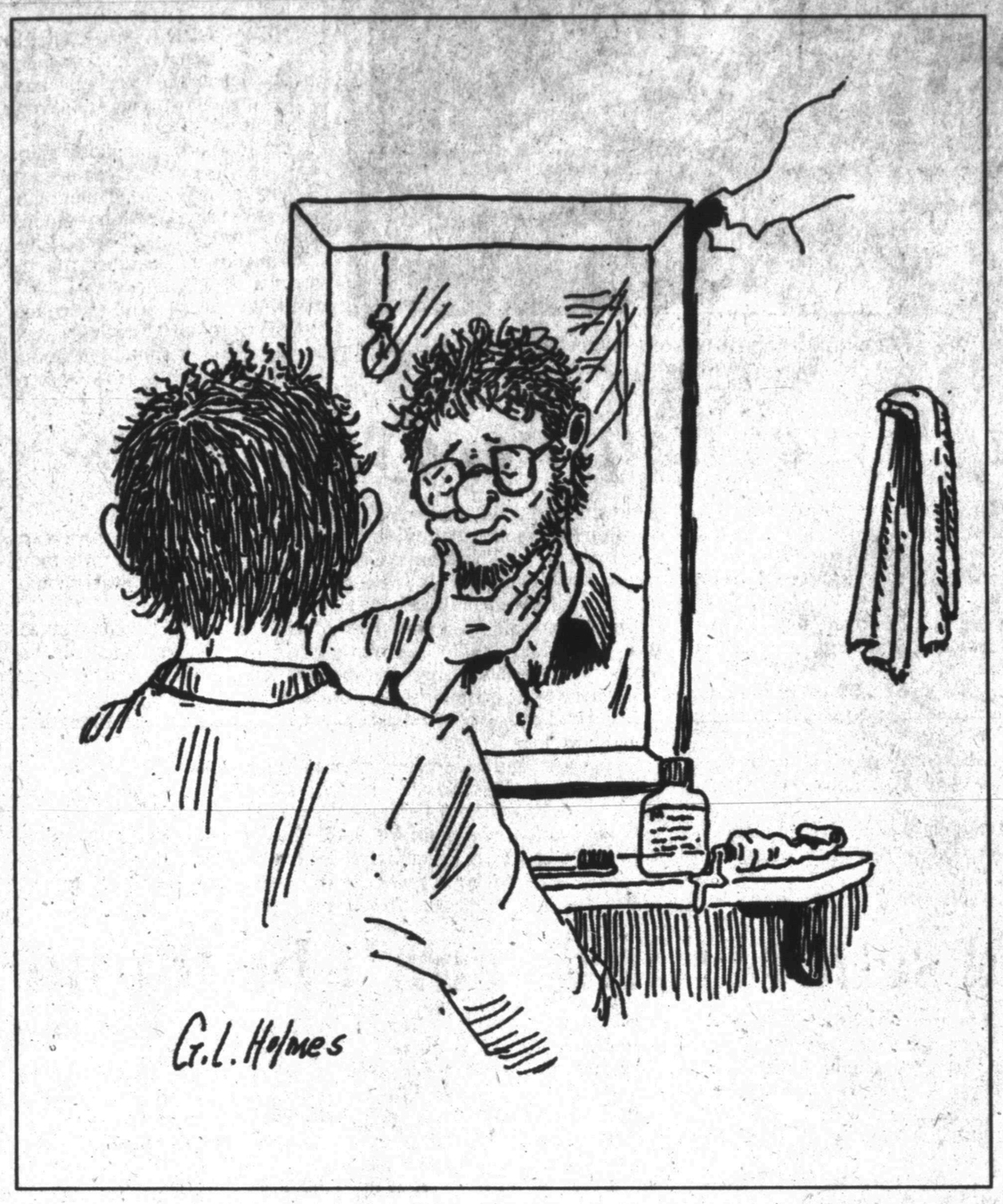
"Oh, hi Hank. What happened?"

"I was dancing with Miss Viola but she stepped on my tail, so now she's giving Slim a haircut."

"Boy, you miss a lot when you take a nap."

"Exactly, which just proves a point I've made many times, Drover. When you sleep all day..."

The runt was asleep again, which was fine with me. I had better things to do than carry on a pointless conversation with him.



I spent the next fifteen minutes casting adoring looks at Miss Viola, and wondering when Slim was going to invite her to the dance. I mean, here was a perfect opportunity. Surely he wouldn't let it pass.

The minutes dragged by. Miss Viola snipped and combed. Slim talked about horses and cattle, the grass, the weather, and a bearing that had gone out on the stock trailer.

And all at once, the haircut was over.

While Viola swept up the hair on the floor, Slim went into the bathroom and looked at himself in the mirror. He came back, all smiles.

"By gollies, Viola, you didn't have much to work with but you sure did a fine job. I believe it's just as good as store-bought, or even better 'cause..."

I held my breath and waited for him to finish the sentence: "'Cause you're a whole lot prettier than a barber." I KNEW that's what was on the tip of his tongue, but dern his hide, he didn't say it.

You know what he said? He frowned, chewed his lip, shuffled his boots around, started jingling the coins in his pocket, and turned red in the face.

Miss Viola stared at him, waiting to hear the rest of the sentence. "Yes? Because what?"

"Because..." We were all waiting. Even Drover had raised up to listen. "Because...your haircuts are free."

I couldn't believe it.

What a clod! What a meat head!

The little smile on Viola's lips faded. A shadow seemed to pass over her eyes. She went for her purse. Slim stared at the ceiling and jingled his coins.

He'd had a perfect opportunity to give that fine lady a compliment, and then to ask her to the dance, but he'd blown it, totally blown it. "BECAUSE YOUR HAIRCUTS ARE FREE."

No dog in history had ever made such a stupid statement or smudged such a great opportunity. I was very tempted to bite him on the leg.

In fact I made a vow to do just that. When Miss Viola left, I would sneak up behind him and...

All at once I kind of wished I hadn't eaten that last sardine.

Doohickeys, gizmos galore headed for stores

LAS VEGAS (AP) — It's a gizmo lovers' paradise.

The Consumer Electronics Show resembles a toy store as much as a serious industry event. And are there ever toys.

You can put your loved ones' voices with their pictures in a recording frame featured here. Ever been stumped in Spain? There's a pocket-sized gadget that scans and translates foreign words.

Check your electronic mail without turning on your PC. Press a button on a little device to find those car keys that are always disappearing. Or pick up that $50 doohickey that looks just like the communicators used on "Star Trek."

"But instead of 'Beam me up, Scotty,' you're opening up your garage door," said Sue Jelinek, a spokeswoman for Kash 'N Gold Ltd., which makes a variety of novelty electronics.

The company's booth drew quite a crowd Thursday at the show, which attracts more than 90,000 people. Many of them are retailers deciding what should go on store shelves.

The Star Trek garage door opener, expected on the market this summer, pops open a golden mesh square. On its back is a clip so you can wear it on your hip, just like Capt. Kirk or Mr. Spock.

Then there is Machina Inc.'s Chronocorder, a titanium-case sports watch with a voice recorder due out in May with a suggested price of $250. Press a button and you can record up to 90 seconds of reminders to yourself.

Is a two-way voice-and-video version, ala Dick Tracy, far behind?

"We're working on it," laughed Steve Riffel, the company's head of marketing.

Quicktionary anyone? This is the translation device that users hold like a pen. Once its tip rolls over a word, a translation and a few synonyms pop up on a small liquid-crystal display.

The Quicktionary is available in French-English and Spanish-English versions and retails for $250. Seiko Instruments USA, which produces the device, plans versions with different languages later this year.

Another manufacturer, Casio PhoneMate Inc., showed off a device for people who are happy with only occasional forays into cyberspace.

The IT-380 E-Mail Link is a combination telephone-answering machine that also checks electronic mail. The device calls users' Internet service providers, checks their e-mail and gives a directory of messages on a liquid-crystal display.

The machine, however, doesn't let users read the e-mail or send messages — something that could send the truly wired into fits. But the company believes the device makes a lot of sense for many.

"We really see it positioned more toward a casual e-mail user," said Dennis Cox, vice president of marketing for Casio PhoneMate.

The device, which can be programmed to check e-mail accounts on a regular basis, is expected on the market this spring at $129.

A cat named Delilah is responsible for the creation of a product that can prevent you from misplacing your car keys or TV remote ever again.

The feline, true to her species, didn't like to come inside when called, prompting her owner's dad, John Curtis, to develop a small UHF radio receiver they could attach to her collar. Or to a set of keys, a cordless phone or that elusive remote.

The Catfinder Plus from Curtis Electro Devices Inc. will be available in a few months for about $40.

Press freedom groups...

Report: 26 journalists killed in 1997

NEW YORK (AP) — Twenty-six journalists were killed in 14 countries last year, either in reprisals for their work or in terrorist attacks, according to two press freedom groups.

Seven journalists were slain in India, four in Colombia, three in Mexico and two in Cambodia, the Committee to Protect Journalists of New York and Reporters Sans Frontieres of Paris reported on Thursday.

Assassination claimed the life of a journalist in each of 10 other countries last year — Argentina, Brazil, Guatemala, Indonesia, Iran, Pakistan, the Philippines, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and the Ukraine.

"Tragically, homicide remains the leading cause of job-related death for journalists around the world and the motive is censorship," the organizations said in a joint statement. "If governments allow these crimes to go unpunished, constitutional guarantees of press freedom are meaningless."

In only four cases — in Argentina, Guatemala, Ukraine and Mexico — have authorities apprehended and officially identified those responsible for the killings. The two organizations have called on all 14 governments to conduct investigations.

All 26 journalists were killed either while on assignment or as a direct result of their work, according to researchers at the press freedom organizations.

In other cases of slain journalists in 1997, neither group could establish a clear link between the killing and the victims' profession. Several of these cases remain under investigation by the groups, which conduct their research independently.

In 1996, Reporters Sans Frontieres reported 28 slayings of journalists and the Committee to Protect Journalists reported 27 cases. Algeria and Russia were the most dangerous countries for journalists in 1996.

In 1997, for the first time since 1993, no Algerian journalists were assassinated, the groups said. Between 1993 and 1997, nearly 60 Algerian journalists were killed because of their profession, more than in any other country.

The seven deaths in India last year reflect a trend of increasing political violence and heightened risk for journalists there, the report said.

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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS — Torch Energy Employees at Snyder Gas Plant celebrated Christmas by donating money and gifts to several needy families. (Contributed Photo)

Torch Employees help needy families

Torch Energy Employees at Snyder Gas Plant celebrated Christmas by donating money and gifts to several needy families.

The plant did not have a Christmas party, but helping others proved to be more beneficial. In doing so, they said they discovered the true meaning of Christmas.

Each employee was asked to donate $10; however, many donated $20, $50 or $100. Mike Post, plant superintendent, said he was impressed with everyone's generosity.

In all, the 39 employees donated more than $2,000. One man who donated $100 said Torch Energy had been very good to him and he felt he should pass it along.

Those helped by the employees included former employee Rusty Barry, who is now confined to a wheelchair. He and his wife, Donna, were at the plant to receive $1,025.

Donna said that her husband had told his Sunday School class that while his physical walk was bad, his spiritual walk was the best it has ever been.

He also said if it took what he was going through to be where he is in his spiritual walk, then he never wanted his legs back.

Alton Patterson said they were also privileged to help a family with two small boys. The family was very appreciative of the gifts they received and the two boys "were bouncing off the walls of their home when the gifts were delivered."

Employees said the gratitude and humbleness of the family made them appreciate the Christ Child's gift at the first Christmas all the more. "To this family, we are very grateful," Tommy Wright said. "You made our Christmas just a little more special."

Another family helped was a women who has four children and worked two jobs.

Two other families received gifts and some money.

"We should never take the life we live, the family life we have, and our hope for happiness for granted," Darrel Lester said.

"I believe the employees of Torch Energy were very fortunate to have had the pleasure of helping these families and I also believe that we are fortunate to be allowed the privilege of working with friends who took time to believe in Christmas," Pam Collom said.

Once-obscure phone companies focus on industry's merger frenzy

NEW YORK (AP) — They're the most coveted merger prospects in the telecommunications business, and most people haven't even heard of them.

But long-distance phone giants are hungrily eyeing these upstarts — including WinStar, Intermedia and other small sellers of local phone service — as a wedge into the lucrative markets of the regional Bell companies.

In the latest such marriage, AT&T Corp. on Thursday agreed to buy Teleport Communications Group Inc., which provides local telephone service to businesses in 66 major cities, in a stock swap valued at $11.3 billion.

The acquisition comes after WorldCom Inc., the fourth-largest long-distance phone company, bought MFS Communications and Brooks Fiber Properties, two other non-Bell providers of local service. WorldCom last fall also agreed to buy MCI Communications Corp., the second-largest long-distance phone company, in a deal then valued at a staggering $37 billion.

These scrappy sellers of local phone service, primarily to businesses, are also combining with other small telecommunications companies. Last month, Intermedia Communications of Tampa, Fla. said it would buy privately held long-distance firm LDS Communications Group of Monroe, La., for $151 million in cash and stock. In another deal, New York-based WinStar Communications is buying Midcom Communications Inc., a long-distance firm in Southfield, Mich., for $92 million.

Unlike the five regional Bell companies that survived AT&T's breakup in 1982, these companies are free to sell both local and long-distance phone service, enabling them to offer all-in-one packages of phone and data communications to companies, the most profitable sector of the telecommunications business.

Most of the carriers also have built their own networks of fiber-optic cable, freeing them from the need to lease lines from the regional Bell companies.

In 1997, the competitive local exchange business grew more than 50 percent to $3.1 billion, according to the Yankee Group, a Boston-based research firm.

The companies became even more attractive last week after a federal judge in Texas ruled that the regional Bells could start selling long-distance phone service without first opening their local markets to new competition.

While the order is being contested by rivals and federal regulators, it has kindled a fire under long-distance companies worried the Bells will be the first to sell all-in-one packages. So far, long-distance companies have been stymied from buying Bell regional phone companies by federal regulators worried about stifling competition.

"In the end, everyone is under tremendous pressure to make the local market competitive," said Berge Vazian, an industry analyst with the Yankee Group.

As far as suitors, foreign telecommunications companies such as British Telecom could be next to try to snap up a local phone company. The British phone monopoly was forced last fall to pull out of a long-standing agreement to buy MCI when WorldCom announced it would pay billions of dollars more.

Buying a local phone company "would allow a foreign carrier a direct American presence," said Dwight Allen, a Washington-based telecommunications consultant with Deloitte & Touche's consulting unit.

Embezzled school funds can't be found

McALLEN (AP) — The former tax collector for the McAllen school district has admitted embezzling hundreds of thousands of dollars, but a judge is dubious of the official's claim that he squandered it all and has nothing left.

In addition to gambling losses and bad investments, he spent some of the money on new computers for his office, Jesus Gonzales told U.S. District Judge Ricardo Hinojosa on Thursday.

"How can you possibly have stolen $1.2 million and have nothing to show for it?" Hinojosa asked Gonzalez, referring to a financial statement that Gonzalez provided to a federal investigator.

Gonzalez was McAllen's school district tax collector for 14 years.

Under federal sentencing guidelines, Hinojosa can order Gonzalez to pay restitution to the school district. Gonzalez also faces up to 13 years in prison and an additional $350,000 in fines.

But Gonzalez said he had no income and is losing between $800 to $900 a month. The money he invested in the stock market has dwindled to $879, he said.

"Don't you have furniture that is expensive, jewelry, cars?" Hinojosa asked. "I mean, where did the money go?"

The judge speculated out loud if Gonzalez could have some of the money in a Mexican bank account.

Charles C. Murray, a lawyer representing the school district in a pending state civil lawsuit against Gonzalez, said the FBI could not account for the missing funds during an initial investigation into the misappropriation of tax revenues.

"If the FBI can't find the money, then I doubt we'll be able to find it," he said.

"You can't imagine, your honor, the love I had for the school district," Gonzalez told Hinojosa.

"No I cannot," the judge replied. "Stealing $1.2 million from the taxpayers is a funny way to show your love for the school district."

2,200 jobs will be cut

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Owens Corning plans to cut 2,200 jobs, or 9 percent of its work force, and will close a plant in Canada because of declining insulation product prices.

The company said Friday it is streamlining around the world as part of a major restructuring program.

Chairman and Chief Executive Glen Hiner said residential insulation prices dropped 10 percent last year. The company had originally estimated a drop of about 5 percent.

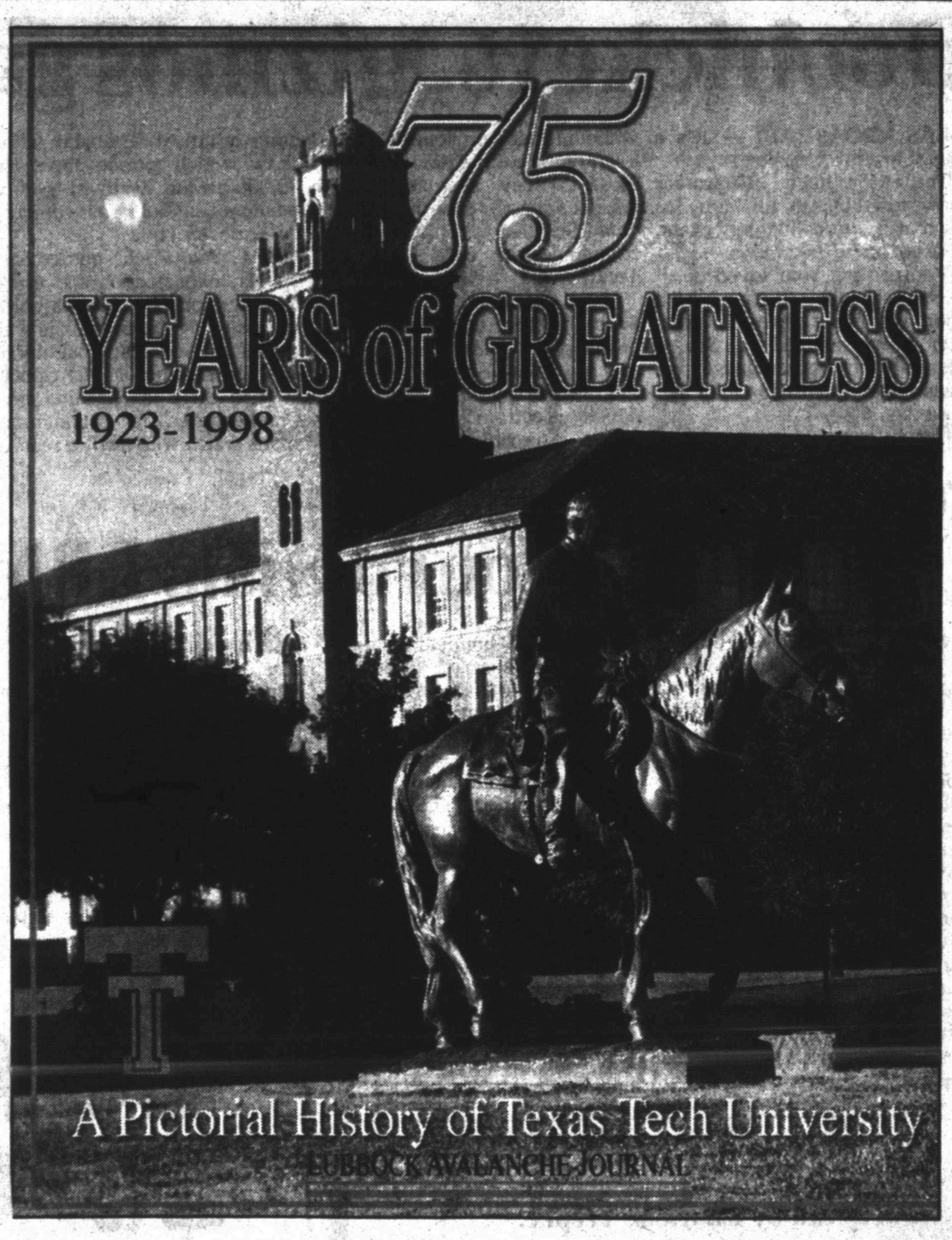
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