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In packed coliseum...

SHS seniors graduate

Two hundred and twenty five Snyder High School seniors received diplomas Friday night during graduation ceremonies in the packed Scurry County Coliseum.

The 1999 graduates were presented diplomas by Snyder ISD trustees Mike Levens and Bill Moss.

Prior to the awarding of the diplomas, SHS principal Larry Scott announced scholarship winners in the amount of $433,000 to the graduates.

Class valedictorian Vanessa Jones addressed her fellow classmates as the highest ranking student, and told them to "look around you and within yourself before you start searching elsewhere."

"You may be richer than you think, whether it be riches in intellect, money, talents, or any other quality you possess," said Jones.

"Continue to depend on yourself and God, and you will continue to achieve your goals. I encourage each of you to take the knowledge you have obtained and put it into practice," she added.

"My greatest prayer for each of you is that you are successful and happy."

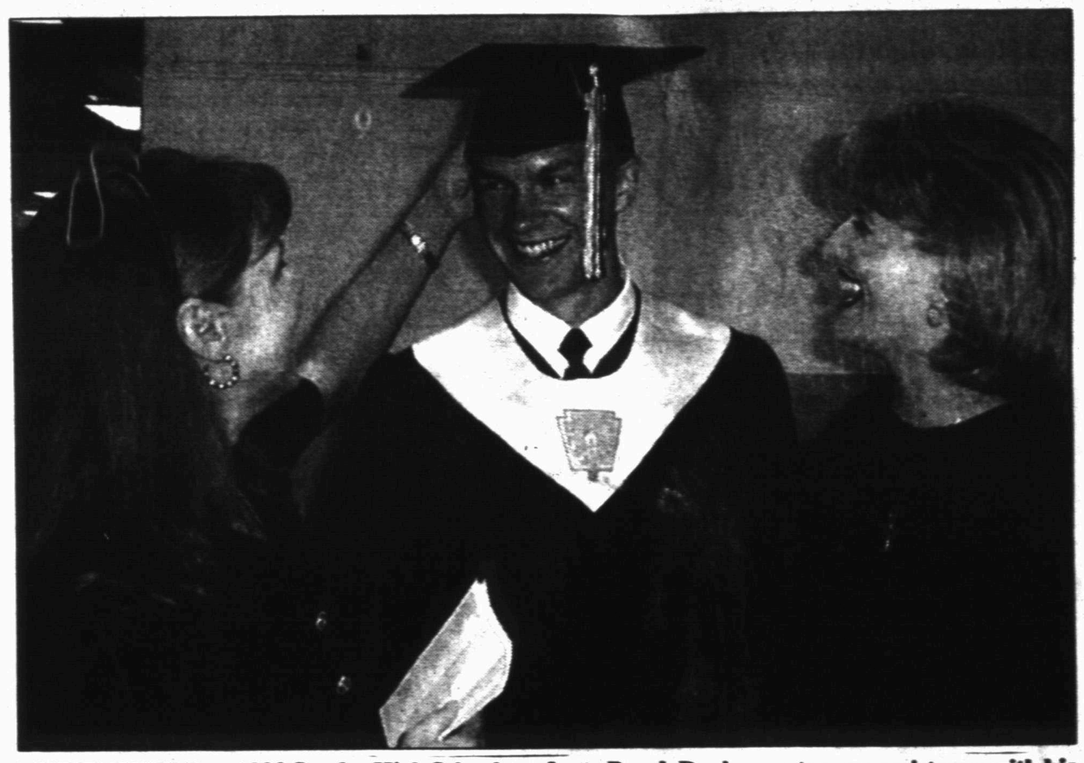
"Our work at Snyder High School has come to a close, but you are about to begin a new era of your life. Start it off great. Now I challenge each of you to go out into the enormous world and prove we are the best of the century," she concluded.

Salutatorian Brett Gibson told his fellow students that they may be forced to make some decisions in the future that they never dreamed they might have to make.

"When you go about your journey through life, things will come up. Goals will be changed. Dreams will be deferred," said Gibson.

"Stay focused in the years to come, and keep your eyes forward," urged Gibson.

Classmate Sharika Wofford sang the class song — "Reach, Your Limit is the Sky" — a song she composed herself.



A LITTLE HELP — 1999 Snyder High School graduate Brock Durham gets some assistance with his cap and gown prior to Friday night's graduation ceremonies from his mother Cindy (left) and his aunt, Melissa Dea. (SDN Staff Photo)

Trash to treasure fundraiser set by Boys, Girls Club

The Scurry County Boys and Girls Club will hold a "trash to treasure" fundraiser June 18-19 and the club is presently seeking donations.

Donations of usable items such as farm machinery, oilfield equipment, vehicles, household goods, etc. are being accepted for an auction to be held at 9 a.m. June 19.

The general sale will be Friday and Saturday, June 18-19.

The club is also accepting donations from merchants for a silent auction.

The event will be held at the former Key Brothers Lawn & Leisure building at 600 E. 37th St.

There is also indoor space available for antiques and collectibles, and for arts and crafts vendors.

Also, space is available indoor and outdoor for garage sale items. Outdoor food vendor space is also available.

To reserve a spot, or for more information, call the club at 573-3344.

Summer school hours set for local students

Snyder Independent School District will conduct summer school for kindergarten through 12th grade students beginning Monday, June 7.

Classes will be held on the campus of Snyder Junior High for students needing additional school help and remedial instruction.

Teacher work days for summer school will be held Wednesday and Thursday.

Each day of summer school, students will be picked up at their home campus and dropped off after school at their respective home campus.

Classes for kindergarten through the sixth grade plus junior high students will be held June 7-July 15 from 8 a.m. until noon.

Bilingual kindergarten and bilingual first grade students will also attend June 7-July 15, but their class period is from 7:45 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.

Snyder High School students will have the opportunity to take two sessions of summer school.

The first session is June 7-30, and the second is July 1-22.

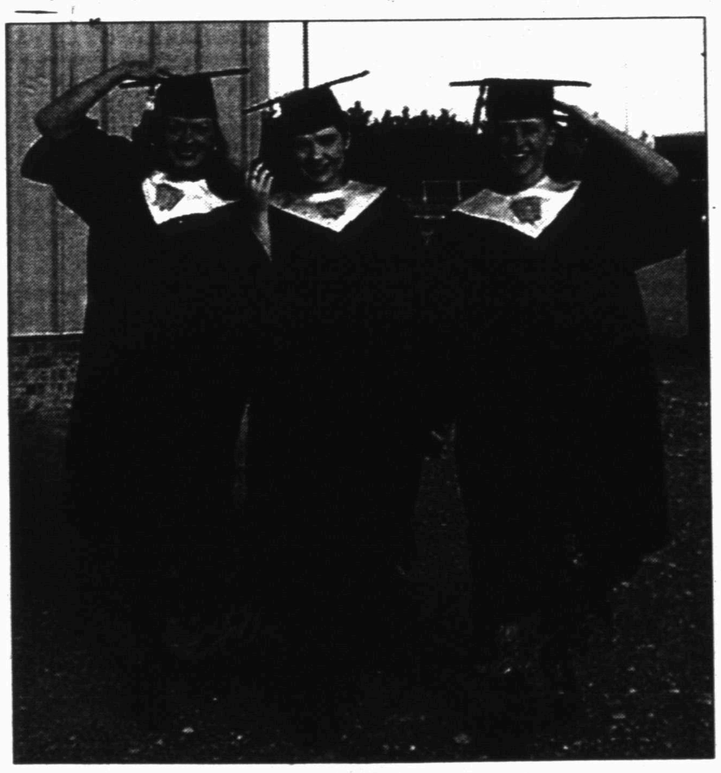
Class times for both sessions will be from 7:15 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.

Exit level TAAS tests will be given July 13-15 at the junior high.

Enrolled students and out-of-school examinees who have not met minimum expectations on all sections of the TAAS test may retake the necessary sections.

Students who were enrolled in grade 12 in the spring of 1999 are considered enrolled students.

Out-of-school examinees may pick up a registration packet at the Snyder High School counselor's office.



IRA GRADUATION — Terri Robinson, Emily Hardy and Brook Wilkes, from left, hold their caps in the West Texas wind as they make their way to their graduation ceremony held in the Ira gym. Ten members of the Class of 1999 received their diplomas along with 19 eighth graders. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

TAAS scores here better than state's

Snyder ISD students scored above the state average in all aspects of the state-mandated Texas Assessment of Academic Skills exams that were given this spring.

While the state's overall average passing rate was 78 percent, SISD's average was 87 percent.

The local district's average in 1998 was 90 percent, but did not include test results from special education students as do the current percentages.

This is the first time school performance ratings are based on students in both regular and special education programs.

Locally, eighth grade students taking the reading portion of the TAAS showed the most improvement as they increased their passing percentage by seven percent — from 86 percent to 93 percent. This compares to 88 percent statewide.

Eighth graders also excelled in the science portion of the test, increasing their passing percentage from 88 percent to 93 percent. Across the state, the passing

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SNYDER I.S.D.
TAAS COMPARISON
1997, 1998 and 1999

Grade Level	1997 % Passed	% Change	1998 % Passed	% Change	1999 All Students % Passed
Third Grade					
Reading	91	+5	96	0	96
Math	89	+4	93	0	93
Fourth Grade					
Reading	85	+9	94	+1	95
Math	86	+4	91	+1	92
Writing	89	+6	95	-6	89
Fifth Grade					
Reading	89	+4	93	0	93
Math	94	+2	96	+2	98
Sixth Grade					
Reading	87	-1	86	+3	89
Math	87	+7	94	0	94
Seventh Grade					
Reading	88	-1	86	+4	90
Math	89	+2	91	+1	92
Eighth Grade					
Reading	87	-1	86	+7	93
Math	86	+6	93	-2	91
Writing	86	+7	93	+1	94
Science	87	+1	88	+5	93
Social Studies	69	+7	77	+1	78
Exit Level					
Reading	91	+1	91	+1	92
Math	83	0	82	-2	80
Writing	97	-1	94	-1	93

TAAS RESULTS — Snyder students continue to better state-wide scores in the state-mandated TAAS tests. Locally, the passing percentage dropped three percent from 1998, but includes special education test results for the first time.

Snyder teachers recognized

Three Snyder Independent School district teachers were recognized for a combined 105 years of service to the district during Friday's annual school picnic.

Dorothy Kayser, who teaches music at Northeast Elementary, received a 40-year pin, while Humble-Smith diagnostician Daisy Lewis was recognized for 35 years of service. Neoma Harlin, second grade teacher at Stanfield Elementary, received a 30-year pin.

The traditional end-of-school picnic was held in the Towle Park barn, and seven employees were

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Accident kills former resident

A 35-year-old Mitchell County man was killed in a two-vehicle accident early Saturday morning at the intersection of CR 253 and Highway 180.

David Coleman Hines, who lived at 2116 Lake County Road, was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Charlie Reynolds following the 3:35 a.m. wreck.

DPS trooper Bill Blackley said Hines was driving a late-1980 model Chrysler which ran a stop sign southbound on the county road.

Hine's vehicle went under the tractor-trailer and the rig's rear wheels continued over it.

The tractor-trailer was westbound and was driven by Jacob Loewen of Seminole.

Hines was a 1982 graduate of Snyder High School and was employed by Big Spring Printing.

He was the son of Mary Hines of Huntsville, and the late Wesley Hines.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Summer vacation and the open road. That was before construction zones."

Summer camp used to be a must, but things have changed since that tune became popular when the kid wrote home inquiring about his "darling little brother."

Summer camps used to be camping, hiking and getting close to nature. Forget the great outdoors, the trend now is toward gourmet food and — you guessed it — air conditioning.

For just under $4,000, you can send your kid to spend three weeks on a half-million dollar luxury yacht in the Caribbean, sailing around tiny islands with stops at favorite diving spots.

The price is $3,600, not including air fares.

Forget insect spray, toasted marshmallows, sleeping in tents and snipe hunts. Summer camps have changed — at least some of 'em.

Some offer meals prepared by gourmet chefs, and field trips include stays at some of the best hotels. There is no KP duty, and even the more traditional camps have heated pools, indoor picnic areas, roller rinks and air conditioned cabins.

Why air conditioning? One camp director was honest. "We have to keep the kids coming."

One company offers a 22-day jaunt to Egypt, including one counselor for every five campers. Stays are in three-star hotels with daily dips in the Red Sea. Cost is $3,600.

And they are happy campers, with enrollment up more than 60 percent.

A camp in Raleigh, N.C. offers diverse diving and other outdoor adventure program for 7th though 12th graders. Cost for a 31-day program is just under $5,000.

At Aviation Challenge, kids in grades four to 12 learn to fly fighters in a real flight simulator. Wilderness survival and square-corner bed-making skills also are taught. Only $675 for five days.

A more traditional camp, except for the plush facilities that include a lakefront dining hall and air conditioned cabins, is a mere $2,095.

For $650 a week, a summer camp for future entrepreneurs teaches important business skills ranging from bookeeping to the art of the handshake.

Times have changed, like when scouts could attend a week-long aquatic adventure at Lake Thomas — for less than 50 bucks.

ASK US

Q—Will there be any more baseball playoff games at Moffett Field this year?

A—Yes. Andrews and Estacado will play Saturday night starting at 6 p.m. due to wet conditions in Seminole. There are more playoff games set next weekend.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 82 degrees; low, 56; 7 a.m. Saturday, 61; .19 of an inch precipitation; total for 1999, 6.35 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, decreasing clouds. Lows, mid 60s. Sunday, mostly sunny, breezy. Highs, 85-90. Memorial Day, mostly clear. Lows in 60s. Highs, 90-95.

Devia Brown
Sunny

Sunset: 8:42 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:40 a.m.
Of 148 days in 1999, the sun has shone 141 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"The merit in action lies in finishing it to the end."

Genghis Khan

MAY 30 1999

POW bill said resuscitated

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill honoring former prisoner of war Steven M. Gonzales by providing him free college tuition, room and board and books has been resuscitated after a brief derailment in the Texas House.

Lawmakers said Thursday they plan to add the measure as an amendment to an education grant bill which is in a House/Senate conference committee.

The amended bill must be approved this weekend before. The session ends Monday.

"This is a way to thank the men and women who put their lives on the line for America," said Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo, who agreed to add the measure onto his legislation.

The POW bill, sponsored by Rep. Bill Carter, R-Fort Worth, was killed on a technicality Wednesday after the debate took longer than allowed.

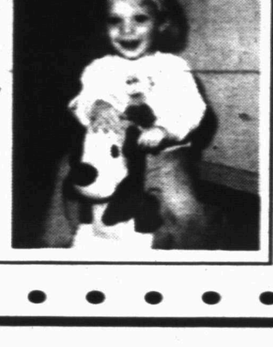
Carter said some lawmakers were concerned that since it takes only six months to become a Texas resident, POWs from across the country would be moving here to get a free education.

According to Cuellar, Carter's bill has been amended to add that in addition to being a Texas resident, a former POW must also have been a resident of Texas at the time of entry into the armed forces.

The POW scholarship bill is SB1902.

The Texas Grant bill is HB713.

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Happy Birthday Brandy!
Love, Slade & Brittany





COT GRADUATES — Correctional Officer Training Class 53-B completed requirements for graduation Wednesday. Pictured from left are, first row, Melody Ausbern, Lamesa; Ronnie Black, Snyder; Nathan Free, Hermleigh; William Harris, Colorado City; Stephen Hildebrand, Sweetwater; Samuel Kamer, Sweetwater; second row, Steve Lozano, Anson; David Lunsford, Snyder; Chrystal McCutchen, Brownwood; Stanley McMullen, Loraine; Linda Monroe, Brownfield; Robert O'Neal, Breckenridge; third row, John Parras, Lubbock; Andrew Reedy, Lubbock; Dawn Rimes, Aspermont; Michael Robbins, Snyder; Johnny Rodriquez Jr., Tahoka; Dennis Snyder, Snyder; Brent St. Clair, Hermleigh; and instructor Leanord Dodgen. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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Ira grads receive scholarships

One hundred percent of the 1999 Ira High School graduates have received one or more scholarship. Graduation ceremonies were held Friday night.

Lindsy Josey: Highest ranking student in the class. The State of Texas honors the highest ranking graduate with a tuition exemption for one year to any public college or university in Texas.

A $300 Dora E. Cunningham Memorial academic scholarship, presented by Western Texas College.

A $600 Betty Burrow Scholarship to Western Texas College. This scholarships is given in memory of Betty Burrow who taught for 23 years in Ira ISD. The 1999 graduating class was the last fifth grade taught by Mrs. Burrow.

Jonathan Davis: The Vision to Grow scholarship awarded by the First Church of God in Ira and Mid-America Bible College of Oklahoma City. This is a $2,000 a semester scholarship for four years.

E'Lissa Goolsby: Angelo State University awards a $1,500 a year Carr Scholarship. West Texas State Bank awards a $250 scholarship to the college of her choice.

Emily Hardy: $300 VFW Voice of Democracy scholarship to the college of her choice.

Jeremy Haynes: $300 VFW Voice of Democracy scholarship to the college of his choice.

Perry Jamison, Jr.: $300 VFW Voice of Democracy scholarship to the college of his choice.

Audra Oliver: $1,000 scholarship awarded by the Agriculture Department of Howard College.

Terri Robinson: West Texas State Bank Awards a $250 scholarship to the college of her choice.

Tye Shirley: $300 VFW Voice of Democracy scholarship to the college of his choice.

The C.J. Davidson Scholarship awarded by the Future Homemakers of America. This scholarship is a $900 a semester scholarship for four years.

Texas Tech University awards a $500 Rushing Foundation Scholarship to a student in the Human Sciences Department.

West Texas State Bank awards a $250 scholarship to the college of his choice.

A $500 scholarship given by this year's senior class for participating in UIL.

Candice Wilkes: West Texas State Bank awards a $250 scholarship to the college of her choice.

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No private schools will be in UIL contests

AUSTIN (AP) — Efforts to allow private schools to join the University Interscholastic League of public schools are dead this session, Senate supporters said Friday.

"I think many of the public schools will be pleased," said Charles Breithaupt, UIL athletic director. "I think a lot of the public schools were surprised it got as far as it did."

Approved by the Senate earlier this month, the measure could not win favor in the House, where the bill was never heard in committee.

House and Senate deadlines will prevent the bill from coming back up prior to the end of the session on Monday, said Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria.

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TORCH RUN SPONSOR — Participants in the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics made a pit stop at Subway to thank the restaurant for its food donation. Pictured are from front Kyle Haley, Stacy Haley, Debra Christensen, Subway manager Sandra Patrick, and Snyder officers Trey Wilson and Patrick Coggins. Back row are officer Mike Duddleston, Subway employees Christy Phillips and Amanda Scott, and officer David Presley and Sgt. Trevlyn Pitner. (SDN Staff Photo)



IGA SPONSORS RUN — Lawrence IGA made a donation to support the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Participants in the run are pictured with IGA store manager C.R. Perez. They are from front Kyle Haley, Patrick Coggins, Stacy Haley, Perez, David Presley and Mike Duddleston. Trey Wilson is in back. (SDN Staff Photo)

Insurance bill for poor children becomes law

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislation to provide health insurance to thousands of poor Texas children was signed into law Friday, with one of its authors saying it will help "the current generation and future generations to come."

The new law is aimed at children in poor families who have fallen between the cracks of Medicaid and private health insurance.

It provides insurance coverage for children from birth to age 18 if their parents earn up to 200 percent — or twice — the federal poverty level. That would amount to about $33,600 for a family of four.

"It is vitally important to all of us to make sure that our children remain healthy, that they stay in school, that parents remain in the workplace instead of being home taking care of sick children," said Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth.

The measure "will help thousands of Texas children get the help they need to have healthy lives," added Gov. George W. Bush as he signed it into law.

Of the estimated 1.4 million uninsured children — one-fourth of all Texas youngsters — about 400,000 could be covered by the state-run Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIP, in the next four years under the plan, according to lawmakers.

The bill also requires the state to work to identify youngsters who qualify for Medicaid but aren't covered. Children of legal immigrants also would be covered, lawmakers said.

Bush had proposed capping the coverage for families making up to 150 percent of the federal poverty level, or about $25,200 a year for a family of four.

On Friday, he said that proposal was made before Congress made certain that all Texas would receive all of the more than $17 billion won in its settlement with the tobacco industry.

CHIP would cost the state $179.4 million for the next two years and would be paid from that tobacco settlement. The program also will draw federal matching funds.

"We took a responsible path," Moncrief said, adding that state officials now need to "make sure we reach out, do everything we can to make parents aware" of the new program.

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Cohen: Pentagon to oppose Litton bid for Newport News

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon is likely to recommend that the Justice Department oppose Litton Industries Inc.'s proposed $1.8 billion purchase of Newport News Shipbuilding Inc., Defense Secretary William Cohen said today.

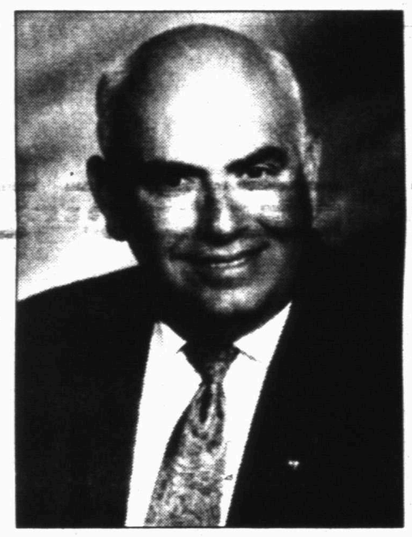
Cohen, in an exchange with reporters, said the Navy had made a "preliminary determination" that the Litton bid for Newport News would excessively limit competition in naval shipbuilding. But he said the Navy had determined it would not oppose Litton's $500 million cash offer for Avondale Industries Inc.

A Litton-Newport News combination would be "contrary to our interests in maintaining separate facilities" for naval shipbuilding, Cohen said. Later he was asked whether the Navy's preliminary determination was likely to be the final decision by the Pentagon. "In this particular case, that probably is," he replied.

The Litton deal for Newport News would reduce the number of companies competing to build most classes of Navy warships from three to two. The Navy is concerned that the proposed merger would jeopardize the hundreds of millions of dollars in cost savings it negotiated with Newport News after a failed takeover bid earlier this year by defense contractor General Dynamics Corp., a Navy official said.

Litton made its bid this month after Cohen rejected General Dynamics' offer for Newport News.

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Jack English, Abilene

Jack English has been the pulpit minister for the Baker Heights Church of Christ in Abilene since July, 1995. He previously served as minister for churches of Christ in Clarksville, AR, Clarksville, TX, Jenks, OK, Kiowa, OK, and Ada, OK. He was born in Jonesboro, AR, and graduated from Harlem High School in Rockford, IL, in 1967, and Oklahoma Christian University in 1971. He has done graduate work with Wheaton College, Liberty University and is currently completing a graduate degree with Abilene Christian University.

Jack is married to the former Patricia Lashley of Muskogee, OK, and they have two daughters, Angel and Sarah. He conducts several Friendship Evangelism Seminars annually for local churches and has spoken on lectureships and workshops at Harding University, Oklahoma Christian University, Abilene Christian University and International Soul Winning Workshop. He was a featured speaker on the International Conference on New Testament Christianity in Sofia, Bulgaria, in 1993 and 1994 and conducted seminars on "Angels" in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, in 1997.

He serves as a motivational and after dinner speaker for civic organizations, schools, industries and churches. He is active in community and civic affairs and is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Abilene. He is the recipient of the "Raymond C. Kelcy Christian Leadership Award," "President's Award" from National Federation of Independent Businesses, was twice selected as one of the "Outstanding Young Men in America," and is listed in *Who's Who in American Christian Leadership*. Jack is an avid hunter and fisherman and has been a public announcer for public sporting events for many years.

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JFK's casket sunk in Atlantic

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bronze casket used to carry President Kennedy's body from Dallas to Washington is in a watery grave — 9,000 feet down in the Atlantic Ocean, according to assassination documents.

Materials to be released Tuesday at the National Archives will show that in early 1965 the casket was dropped from a military plane into an area where unstable and outdated weapons and ammunition are dumped, Kermit Hall, a member of the now-defunct Assassination Records Review Board, told The Associated Press.

"The documents that will be released show it was dropped off the Maryland-Delaware border in 9,000 feet of water," Hall said Friday night. "There's actually a map in the documents that pinpoints the coordinates where it was dropped."

The revelation — on the eve of what would have been President Kennedy's 82nd birthday today — that the casket was sunk resolves a lingering mystery about its whereabouts. But it also fuels speculation among assassination researchers that it was discarded to hide foul play.

"The coffin is evidence just like the body is evidence," said David Lifton, who wrote a book about medical evidence in the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination. "You don't destroy evidence."

What happened to the bronze casket has been a lingering question over the past three decades. Last year a document released by the archives showed that a General Services Administration truck picked up the coffin on March 19, 1964.

In its effort to ferret assassination-related documents and information from various government agencies, the review panel asked the GSA where the casket was. The agency said in the summer of 1998 that it didn't know.

The documents from GSA and the Justice and Defense departments being released next week, however, describe the disposition in detail, Hall said.

"Essentially what was going on was an effort to make sure the casket didn't turn into a historic relic for the marketplace," he said.

Kennedy was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in a mahogany coffin that had been purchased in Washington to replace the bronze one, which was missing a handle and had been damaged.

In September 1965, former Texas Rep. Earle Cabell wrote to then-Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach recommending that the bronze casket be discarded so it could never become a relic.

"It is an extremely handsome, expensive, all-bronze, silk-lined casket, and fortunately, and properly, was paid for by the General Services Administration, and presently is in the possession of GSA," Cabell wrote.

"This item has ... value for the morbidly curious. And I believe that I am correct in stating that this morbid curiosity is that which we all seek to stop."

Katzenbach said in an interview Friday that he doesn't recall details about the disposition of the casket. If anyone had asked him if it should be disposed of, "I'd have said that's a good idea," he said.

Lifton thinks there might have been a darker motive.

In conducting his research, Lifton talked with witnesses who said Kennedy's body arrived at Bethesda Naval Hospital in a gray metal shipping casket, not the bronze one obtained in Dallas. That the bronze casket was dumped in the ocean — after the Warren Commission issued its report in 1964 — makes him wonder what clues it might have yielded to investigators.

"If it had been an ongoing murder investigation, this would be obstruction of justice," Lifton said.

Douglas Horne, who was the chief analyst for military records at the congressionally created review board, speculated that the bronze casket was destroyed to end the two-coffin controversy.

"I think the way to get rid of the problem is you get rid of the casket. You throw it out of an airplane," said Horne.



SHS ALL-ROUND CHAMPS — University Interscholastic League awards a trophy to the winningest school in a district. Snyder High School received the District 5-AAAA All-Round Champion trophy for 1999. Pictured representing the SHS sports and literary winnings include, from left, senior Erin Kirk, literary; junior Sally Barham, girls' golf; sophomore Natalie Alexander, tennis; and Justin McNair, basketball. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

She once sat on her
daddy's knee but today
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the reasons for what you do.
But we always try to put our faith and trust in you.
As the days pass by, we think of him often, even cry.
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you had your reasons why.
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And someday we trust we'll see him again.

We love you, Georgie
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Anthony, Ruby, Joe III & Darrell Sisneros
Gary, Serina, Gary Jr, & Dustin Sisneros
Leslie and Shawnia Sisneros

Financial Focus

When You Contribute to Charity, Everyone Benefits

If, like many people, you provide financial support to at least one civic, religious or educational institution, you may have often wished that you could give more, if you could afford it.

But if you look beyond strictly cash donations, you can make larger gifts - and both you and your institution of choice will benefit.

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By setting up such a trust, you'll avoid a capital gains hit and you'll be able to take a deduction on your current-year taxes. Furthermore, because you'll be moving assets out of your estate, your beneficiaries will have fewer estate taxes to pay.

You may have noticed one element that's missing from this picture: your children. How can you provide for them if you transfer the bulk of your appreciated assets to a charitable remainder trust to purchase a life insurance policy on yourself. However, if you own the insurance, the proceeds will go into your taxable estate. As an alternative, you might want to consider purchasing an insurance policy in an irrevocable life insurance trust. Because the trust actually owns the insurance policy, the proceeds will be kept out of your taxable estate, which means your heirs will pay less in estate taxes. And, you can direct the trust to provide your heirs with regular income.

Trusts can be complex instruments. Before establishing one, consult with your legal adviser.

Everyone benefits...

Deciding how to make a charitable gift - through a straight donation of appreciated stock or through a charitable remainder trust - will depend, in large part, upon your financial objectives. If a tax deduction is your primary objective, making a straight donation may be the most appropriate route for you. A charitable remainder trust, on the other hand, might be appropriate for someone seeking an income stream, under certain circumstances.

Regardless of how you choose to make a charitable gift, you'll be helping a valued institution and yourself. In short, everyone benefits.

Datebook

Saturday, May 29, 1999

Today is the 149th day of 1999 and the 71st day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1910, aviator Glenn Curtiss, flying his plane, raced a train traveling from Albany, N.Y., to New York City. Curtiss won, and was awarded a $10,000 prize.

On this day in 1942, Bing Crosby recorded Irving Berlin's "White Christmas." It became the biggest-selling song ever recorded.

On this day in 1990, Boris Yeltsin was elected president of the Russian Federation.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Patrick Henry (1736-1799), American patriot; G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936), writer; Oswald Spengler (1880-1936), writer; Bob Hope (1903-), comedian, is 96; T.H. White (1906-1964), writer; John F. Kennedy (1917-1963), U.S. president; Al Unser (1939-), auto racer, is 60.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1977, at Chatswood Golf Course in Sydney, Australia, Sue Press became the first woman to hit consecutive holes-in-one.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf." — Bob Hope

TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon (May 30).

Sunday, May 30, 1999

Today is the 150th day of 1999 and the 72nd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1783, Philadelphian Benjamin Towner began to publish the first daily paper in the United States, the Pennsylvania Evening Post.

On this day in 1904, Chicago Cub Frank Chance was hit by five pitches during a doubleheader against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

On this day in 1967, Evel Knievel, riding a Triumph motorcycle, jumped over 16 automobiles.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Howard Hawks (1896-1977), director; Mel Blanc (1908-1989), entertainer; Benny Goodman (1909-1986), musician; Gale Sayers (1943-), football great, is 56.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1911, the Indianapolis 500 was held for the first time. The winner was Ray Harroun, who averaged 74.4 mph.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Loquacity storms the ear, but modesty takes the heart." — Thomas Fuller

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.

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Word was pricey

NEW YORK (AP) — It was a pricey "damn."

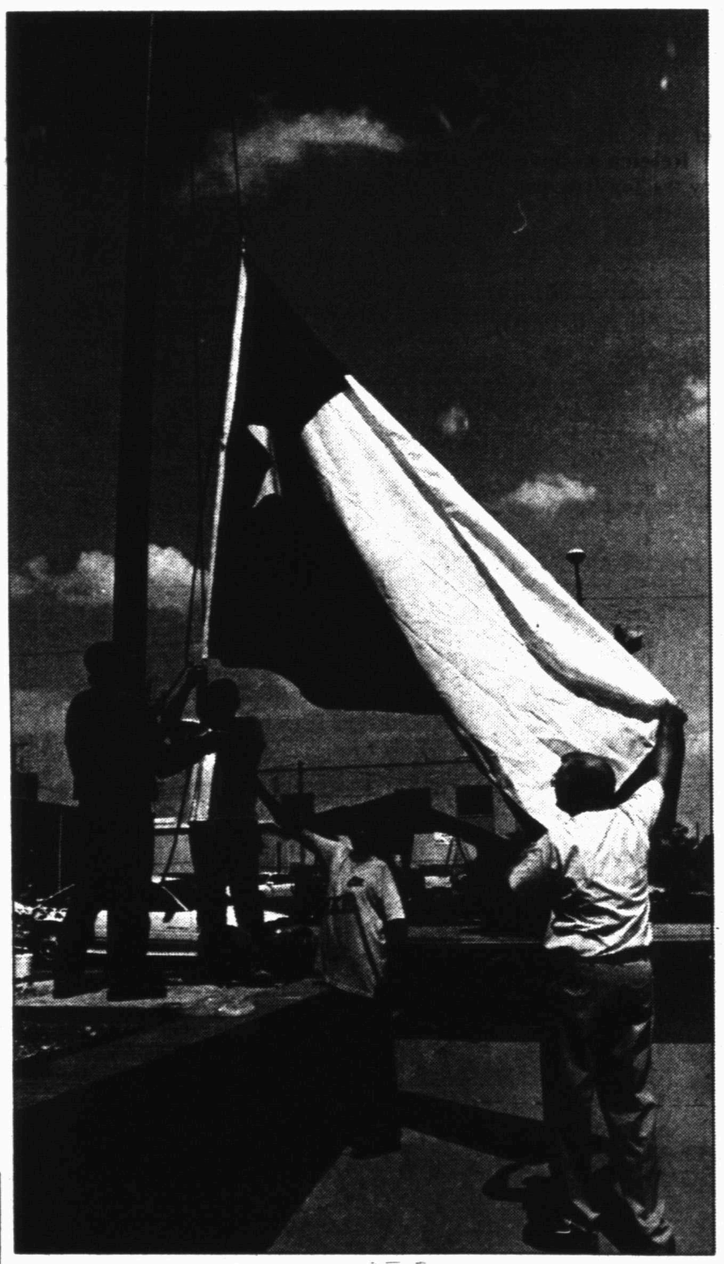
The producer of "Gone with the Wind," David O. Selznick, paid censors $5,000 in 1939 so Rhett Butler could say the word to Scarlett O'Hara in their final goodbye.

The cost in today's money was about $60,000. Sotheby's expects to reap that same amount June 12 when it auctions the final shooting script from the movie, which has the four-letter word neatly typed in.

Likes restrictions

INCLINE VILLAGE, Nev. (AP) — Two members of the Beach Boys joined officials in welcoming new restrictions on most personal watercraft on Lake Tahoe.

"We want to be in the water. We want to have fun, fun, fun, but we don't want to pollute," said Bruce Johnson, who lives in Santa Barbara, Calif., on Friday.



TEXAS FLAG FLIES HIGH — J.B. Tate, president of Texas Savings Bank, shown right, helps construction workers to raise a large Texas Flag this week at the newly named Texas Savings Bank at 2619 College Avenue. The 35-ft. flag pole was erected this week. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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Vicky Alvarado: Tuition Credit Scholarship for $1,000 provided by the Texas Legislature for students completing high school in 36 months.

Tamra Jo Anderson: Texas Tech University Academic Scholarship for $1,500.

Dusty Wayne Ashby: Snyder Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute/Council of Educational Excellence Scholarship for $1,000. West Texas A&M University Cross Country Scholarship for $500. West Texas State Bank Scholarship for $1,000.

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Felsha' Evet Biggers: Western Texas College Dora E. Cunningham Memorial Scholarship.

Thomas Alan-Walter Bishop: St. Elizabeth Catholic Church Scholarship for $300. Western Texas College Social Science Honor Scholarship.

Allison Nicole Bowden: Lubbock Christian University Academic Scholarship for $1,500. Lubbock Christian University Congregational Ambassador Award for $1,000. Lubbock Christian University Departmental Scholarship for $1,000. Snyder Classroom Teachers Association Scholarship for $500.

Joshua Rodger Burney: Snyder Daily News Scholarship for $385.

Jay Milton Callaway: Western Texas College Agriculture Scholarship.

Veronica Carrisalez: Tuition Credit Scholarship for $1,000 provided by the Texas Legislature for students completing high school in 36 months.

Gabriel Castillo: Texas Association of Vocational Adjustment Coordinators Scholarship for $400.

Amy Leann Church: National FFA Champion Scholarship for $1,000. Snyder Lions Club Scholarship for $1,000.

Brady Cobb Jr: Henry (Squeaky) Woods and Tommy Woods Jr. Memorial Scholarship for $100 awarded by Elizabeth Jenkins and Robert Woods.

Amanda Diane Compton: Scurry County Chapter American Business Women's Association Scholarship for $600.

Tanya Costillo: Tuition Credit Scholarship for $1,000 provided by the Texas Legislature for students completing high school in 36 months.

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Rebecca A. Davis: Tuition Credit Scholarship for $1,000 provided by the Texas Legislature for students completing high school in 36 months.

Starla Kay Davis: MD Laundry Scholarship for $100. Snyder Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute/Council of Educational Excellence Scholarship for $1,000. Texas Tech University Alice May Birdwell Scholarship for $500. Region 14 Association of Texas Professional Educators Scholarship for $250. Snyder Fireman's Auxiliary Terry Don McDowell Memorial Scholarship for $100.

Brittany Ann Drummond: Western Texas College Dora E. Cummingham Memorial Academic Scholarship for $300.

Cass Curtis Duck: Career Colleges & Schools of Texas Scholarship for $1,000.

Jesse Radnal Eicke: Sandhills Hereford and Quarterhorse Show College Scholarship for $1,000. Texas Club Calf Association Scholarship for $500. Panhandle Parade of Breeds Scholarship for $500. Wanda Eicke Memorial Scholarship for $800. U.S. Coast Guard Academy Academic and Full Football Tuition scholarship. MD Laundry Scholarship for $100.

Angella Dian French: Tuition Credit Scholarship for $1,000 provided by the Texas Legislature for students completing high school in 36 months.

David Ryan Fritz: Western Texas College Dr. Marvin Genuchi Memorial Scholarship. Western Texas College Henry and Dollie Brice Memorial Scholarship.

Jeffery Thomas Fuentez: St. Elizabeth Catholic Church Scholarship for $300.

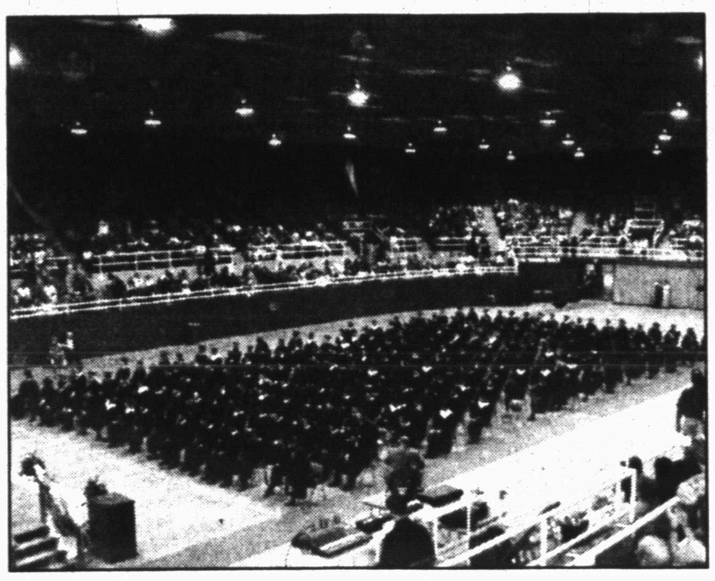
Keisha L. Gafford: Idaho State University Full Tuition Golf Scholarship.

Audra Lavonne Garcia: Tuition Credit Scholarship for $1,000 provided by the Texas Legislature for students completing high school in 36 months.

Rene Fasio Garcia: Ford-Lincoln Mercury Corporation "Spirit of Accomplishment" Scholarship for $1,500. West Texas State Bank Scholarship for $1,000.

Brett Aaron Gibson: Baylor University Presidential Scholarship for $13,500. First Baptist Church Scholarship. Herman Trigg Memorial Scholarship. Company G, 142nd Infantry, 36th Infantry Division Scholarship for $1,000.

Holly Kay Goebel: Texas Tech University Superior Scholastic Achievement Scholarship for $1,000. Snyder Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute/Council of Educational Excellence Scholarship for $2,000. Mobil Corporation Scholarship for $1,000. West Texas State Bank Scholarship for $1,000.



SHS GRADUATION — Families and friends saw 225 members of the SHS Class of Snyder High School receive their diplomas Friday night in the Scurry County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)



Tommy Ray Gordon: Western Texas College Agricultural Scholarship.

Kara Demar Gowin: Western Texas College Gerald M. Heinzelmann Sr. Memorial Scholarship.

Ashley Lynne Grimmett: Angelo State University Carr Academic Scholarship for $2,000. Snyder Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute/Council of Educational Excellence Scholarship for $2,000. West Texas State Bank Scholarship for $1,000.

Bradley Jason Grimmett: Western Texas College API/SPE Scholarship.

Shannon Marie Hall: Daughters of the American Revolution Scholarship. MD Laundry Scholarship for $100. Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma recruitment grant for $100. Panhandle-Plains-Permian Basin Sul Ross Exes Scholarship given in honor of Sammy Baugh for $4,000. Sul Ross State University Freshmen Leadership Scholarship for $1,000. Rotary Club Rick Hall Memorial Scholarship for $1,000.

Dallas Charles Haubert: Career Colleges & Schools of Texas Scholarship for $1,000.

Keila Brooke Helms: Grand Chapter of Texas Eastern Star Scholarship for $300. Western Texas College Dora E. Cunningham Memorial Scholarship for $300. Western Texas College Agriculture Scholarship for $250.

Ashley Paige Herrera: MD Laundry Scholarship for $100.

Mandy Jim Hess: Mobil Corporation Scholarship for $1,000. Angelo State University Carr Academic Scholarship for $1,500.

Jacob Allen Hodges: Hardin-Simmons University Academic Scholarship for $1,000.

Laurie Suzanne Huddleston: National FFA Champion Scholarship for $1,000. Texas FFA John Justin Standard of the West Scholarship for $500.

Marci Day Irvine: Texas FFA Scholarship for $10,000.

Bradi Kip Johnson: Western Texas College Art Scholarship for $400. Western Texas College Joe and Nancy Caton Memorial Scholarship for $300. West Texas State Bank Scholarship for $1,000.

Reid Wendell Johnson: MD Laundry Scholarship for $100. Snyder Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute/Council of Educational Excellence Scholarship for $1,000. Texas Tech University Academic Excellence Scholarship for $1,000. Texas Tech University Hutcheson Endowed Scholarship in Journalism for $1,000.

Vanessa Danielle Jones: Texas Tech University Academic Scholarship for $1,000. Mobil Corporation Scholarship for $1,500. West Texas State Bank Scholarship for $1,000. Larry Igo Family Memorial Scholarship for $500.

Laurie Michelle Kerley: Western Texas College Franklin B. Pruitt Scholarship for $300. Western Texas College Dorm Scholarship for $500. MD Laundry Scholarship for $100. Scurry County Farm Bureau Scholarship for $500. Snyder Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute/Council of Educational Excellence Scholarship for $1,000.

Lindsay Erin Kirk: Tuition Credit Scholarship for $1,000 provided by the Texas Legislature for students completing high school in 36 months.

Jeffery B. Knowles: Snyder Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute/Council of Educational Excellence Scholarship for $1,000.

Nicholas Kade Kubena: St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church Scholarship for $300. Tuition Credit Scholarship for $1,000 provided the Texas Legislature for students completing high school in 36 months.

Kristin Lynne Kuhl: Western Texas College Academic Scholarship for $100. Western Texas Dorm Scholarship for $500.

Lexi Lynn Lammert: Tuition Credit Scholarship for $1,000 provided by the Texas Legislature for students completing high school in 36 months.

Catrina Antoinetta Lopez: Western Texas College Dora E. Cunningham Memorial Scholarship.

Cory Mack Mandrell: Snyder Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute/Council of Educational Excellence Scholarship for $1,000. Southwestern Oklahoma State University Academic and Football Scholarship.

Justin Alan McNair: Hardin-Simmons University Academic Scholarship for $1,000. Hardin-Simmons University Scholarship for $450. First Baptist Church Scholarship for $440.

Nickolas Nolan Means: Baylor University Presidential Scholarship for $13,000. Snyder Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute/Council of Educational Excellence Scholarship for $1,000. Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship for $1,500. First Baptist Church Scholarship. West Texas State Bank Scholarship for $1,000.

Terrie Elizabeth Moore: Western Texas College King Foundation Scholarship for $300. Western Texas College G.A. and Aline Parks Scholarship.

Andrew John Parker: Scholarships totaling $,1500, including St. Elizabeth Catholic Church Scholarship for $300.

Kelly P. Petersen: Western Texas College Edith McKanna Memorial Scholarship.

Calli Beth Pierce: Western Texas College Agricultural Scholarship for $250.

Crystal Lynn Porter: Tuition Credit Scholarship for $1,000 provided by the Texas Legislature for students completing high school in 36 months.

Darcee C. Purcell: Scurry County Rodeo Association Scholarship for $1,000. New Mexico Junior College Full Tuition Scholarship. New Mexico Junior College Dorm Scholarship for $500.

Marissa Amber Rich: McDonald Welding Supply Scholarship for $1,000.

Stoni Brooke Riggan: Texas High School Rodeo Association Scholarship for $500. Texas High School Rodeo Association Region II Scholarship for $200.

Loretta Fae Rios: St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church Scholarship for $300. Western Texas College Davidson Family Charitable Foundation Scholarship.

Gloria Amanda Rivera: Sports Medicine Scholarship for $1,000. Western Texas College Henry and Dollie Brice Memorial Scholarship.

Andrea Karen Robinson: Western Texas College Vietnam Veterans Scurry County Chapter Scholarship.

Matthew Brian Rodgers: Western Texas College Davidson Family Charitable Foundation Scholarship.

Lidia Rodriguez: West Texas State Bank Scholarship for $1,000.

Lisa Rollins: Western Texas College G.A. and Aline Parks Scholarship.

Joe Lyle Squiers: Career Colleges and Schools of Texas Scholarship for $1,000.

Tara Leigh Tucker: Tuition Credit Scholarship for $1,000 provided by the Texas Legislature for students completing high school in 36 months.

Andrew Erwin Vinson: Chemplex Scholarship for $1,000.

Amecia Rachelle Warr: Western Texas College Student Services Academic Scholarship.

Tiffany Ann Warr: Tuition Credit Scholarship for $1,000 provided by the Texas Legislature for students completing high school in 36 months.

Tyler Alan Warren: Western Texas College Edith B. McKanna Memorial Scholarship. Snyder Daily News Scholarship for $385.

Veronica Renee Williams: Scurry County 4-H Parent Association Scholarship for $150.

Brandon Joe Williamson: National FFA Champion Scholarship for $1,000. Texas Pork Producers Scholarship for $1,000. Caprock Electric Scholarship for $500. Western Texas College Agriculture Scholarship. Kelly Tolbert Bloom Memorial Scholarship for $250.

Brandi Jo Wolfe: Western Texas College Odell Moore Memorial Scholarship.

Christy Ann Wright: Tuition Credit Scholarship for $1,000 provided by the Texas Legislature for students completing high school in 36 months.

Virginia Yescas: Tuition Credit Scholarship for $1,000 provided by the Texas Legislature for students completing high school in 36 months.

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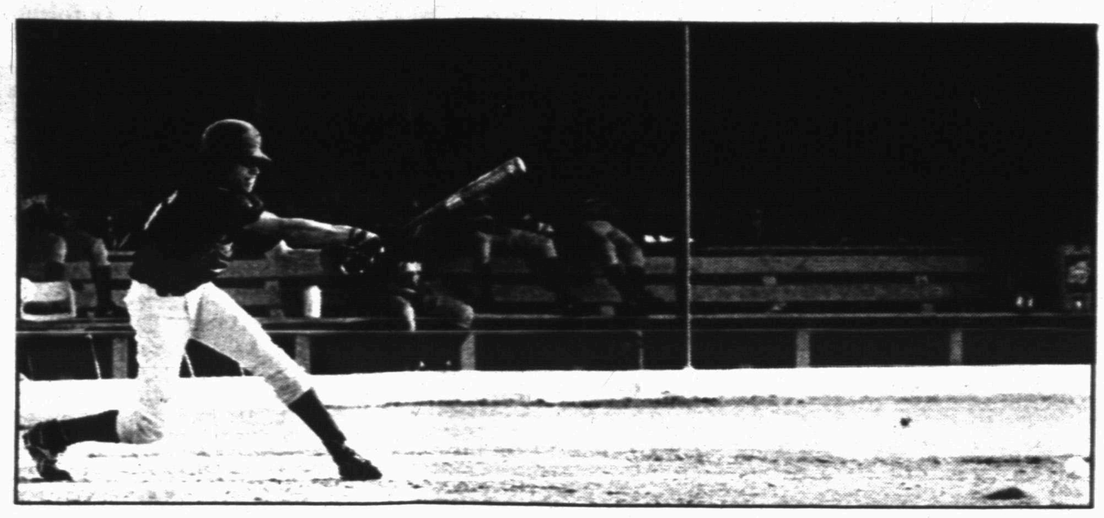
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SPORTS



GROUNDER — Ira's Richard Wilkins makes contact during the Bulldogs' 13-3 loss to Ranger on Thursday. Wilkins had Ira's only two RBI in the contest. Ira was to have met Ranger in Game 2 of the series Saturday afternoon. (SDN Staff Photo)

First-inning home runs lift Rangers to win over Twins

ARLINGTON (AP) — Juan Gonzalez got off to a slow start this season. American League pitchers are being reminded that it's tough to keep the Texas Rangers slugger down for long.

Gonzalez had a two-run homer, and Rafael Palmeiro and Ivan Rodriguez followed with home runs in a five-run first inning as the Rangers beat the Minnesota Twins 6-4 Friday night.

Gonzalez has six homers in his last nine games, and 13 homers and 37 RBIs in his last 24 games.

"I've been saying that the homers would come," said Gonzalez, who drove in three runs Friday night. "I'm being patient and concentrating. Right now the ball is jumping out of the yard."

Texas won its fourth in a row, matching its longest winning streak of the season. The Rangers have taken six straight from the Twins.

Minnesota opened a six-game road trip with its third straight defeat.

Tom Goodwin got the Rangers' first started with a leadoff walk from Brad Radke (4-4), Mark McLemore singled and Rusty Greer had an RBI groundout.

Gonzalez then hit his 13th homer into the left-field seats and Palmeiro followed with his 14th homer. Rodriguez extended his hitting streak to 17 games, two short of his career high, with his 10th home run.

"With this lineup, we're capable of doing that," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "I never get tired of seeing it."

The Rangers last hit three homers in a row in their previous home game on May 19 against Tampa Bay, getting the long balls from Rodriguez, Palmeiro and Todd Zeile. The only other time Texas accomplished the feat in team history was in 1998 by Gonzalez, Will Clark and Rodriguez.

"It's pretty exciting for the fans," Rodriguez said. "They don't get to see that too often. It was exciting to be a part of it."

Rodriguez said he wasn't swinging for the seats.

"I was just thinking that I had to get a hit," Rodriguez said. "I wanted to hit it hard and put it into play."

After the shaky start, Radke kept his composure, allowing six runs and 10 hits in six innings. It could have been much worse.

"It's easy to blow up after giving up back-to-back home runs, but after three in a row it's almost comical," Radke said. "One of these games is going to happen every once in a while."

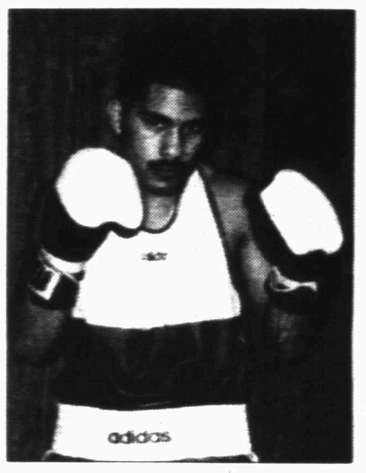
Given a big lead, Aaron Sele (4-4) improved to 11-2 lifetime against the Twins. He allowed four runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings, ending his three-game losing string.

John Wetteland pitched the ninth for his 15th save.

The Twins closed to 5-3 in the third. Todd Walker had an RBI double, Chad Allen added a run-scoring single and another run scored as Matt Lawton grounded into a double play.

Texas made it 6-3 in the fifth on Gonzalez's sacrifice fly. Walker singled home a run in the seventh.

Vasquez wins tourney bout



Gabriel Vasquez

MIDLAND — Gabriel Vasquez proved he can stand up against the best.

Vasquez, a 19-year-old boxer from Snyder, won a unanimous decision Friday night over Booker Alijali at the Texas vs. Army boxing tournament.

Vasquez controlled the action from the opening bell, with Alijali forced to take two standing eight counts in the four-round bout.

Sports Briefs

SCC scramble and MGA

A members' scramble is held each Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at Snyder Country Club. At 5:30 each Thursday, the Men's Golf Association hosts a 9-hole event. Thursday's format varies.

WGA weekly playday

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its Tuesday playday at 9 a.m. Format will be roughing it on the front nine, with the ringer tournament also beginning. A luncheon and business meeting will be held following play.

Baseball camp

The Snyder Tiger baseball camp will begin Monday and run through Friday at the high school. The camp will be geared toward the fundamentals of fielding, throwing and catching.

Ages 7 and up are welcome. Cost is $40 per camper, with a discount available for two or more family members. Camp hours will be 9-10:30 a.m.

To register, call Coach Roland Herrera at 573-1355.

WTC junior golf clinic

A junior golf clinic for ages 10-17 will be held at Western Texas College beginning Monday and will run through Friday. Cost is $75 per student for the week.

Instructors will be WTC head pro Rick Kahlich, and Snyder High School coaches Matt Glenn and Primo Gonzales. Covered during the clinic will be the short game, putting, trouble shots, etiquette and rules, with video swing analysis also provided.

The first 50 golfers to register will be accepted. For more information, all the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

Basketball camps

The 1999 Jason Weese Girls Basketball Camp will be held at Ira High School beginning Tuesday and will run through Friday. Instruction will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon, and cost is $40 per camper. For more information, contact Coach Weese at 573-2628 (work), or 573-2647 (home).

The 1999 Bubba Edwards Boys Basketball Camp will be held on the same dates at Ira High School. Instruction will run from 1-5 p.m., and cost is $40 per camper.

Two Sam Tipton Basketball Camps will be held at Snyder High School. The first camp will be June 7-10 for incoming 3-6 grade boys and girls. The second camp will be June 28-July 1 for incoming 7-9 grade girls only.

Instruction will run from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost per camper is $50, which includes a camp T-shirt. For more information, contact Coach Tipton at 573-6301 ext. 30 (work) or 573-4437 (home).

Memorial Day scramble

A Memorial Day scramble will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Snyder Country Club. Entry fee for the A-B-C-D event is $20. Teams will be put together by SCC pro Rick Mammolite.

Astros get knocked off by slumping Pittsburgh club

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Jason Kendall drove in four runs and the Pittsburgh Pirates, outscored 31-10 during Houston's three-game sweep this month, ended Jose Lima's eight-game winning streak by beating the Astros 6-5 Friday night.

Lima had won eight consecutive starts since an April 8 loss to the Chicago Cubs and was trying to become the NL's first nine-game winner.

But Lima (8-2) quickly fell behind 3-0 in the first inning on Kendall's three-run double following singles by Warren Morris and Brian Giles and Kevin Young's walk, then twice gave up the go-ahead run after Houston tied it.

Kendall, who was batting .170 with runners in scoring position, also had a tiebreaking sacrifice fly in the third following another Lima walk, to Morris, and Giles.

Young was 2-for-2 with a run-scoring triple in the seventh off reliever Trever Miller after going 6-for-39 with one RBI in his previous 10 games.

The Astros, criticized by manager Larry Dierker for managing only four hits in a 4-3 loss Thursday to Colorado, were held to six hits by four Pirates pitchers. Leadoff hitter Craig Biggio, who took umbrage at Dierker's criticism and suggested the manager bat himself first, was 1-for-5 with an RBI.

Pirates starter Todd Ritchie (4-3) squandered the 3-0 lead mostly through his own wildness, walking Jeff Bagwell, Bill Spiers and Richard Hidalgo in succession ahead of Alex Diaz's two-run single in the third.

Ritchie also gave up rookie Paul Bako's RBI double in the second and Biggio's run-scoring single in the fourth following shortstop Mike Benjamin's throwing error, but still lasted six innings for the victory.

REGION I PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

CLASS 5A
Midland Lee (W4) (25-6)
vs. Duncanville (R7) (23-8)
Game 1: Duncanville 2, Lee 1
Game 2: Duncanville 5, Lee 4
Abilene Cooper (R4) (20-7-1)
vs. Carrollton Newman Smith (22-8)
Game 1: Newman Smith 6, Cooper 4
Game 2: Newman Smith 13, Cooper 5
CLASS 4A
Pecos (W2) (23-6)
vs. Weatherford (W8) (22-8)
Game 1: Weatherford 10, Pecos 5
Game 2: Weatherford 8, Pecos 4
Estacado (R4) (25-9)
vs. Andrews (W5) (28-3)
Game 1: Estacado 2, Andrews 1
Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday, Seminole
*-Game 3: 30 minutes after second game
CLASS 3A
Alpine (W4) (24-4)
vs. West (T8) (23-10)
West 16, Alpine 9
Perryton (W1) (22-6)
vs. China Spring (R8) (22-8)
10 a.m. Saturday, Hoskins Field, Wichita Falls
CLASS 2A
Abernathy (W4) (18-9)
vs. Holliday (W8) (16-4)
Game 1: Abernathy 10, Holliday 5
Game 2: Abernathy 4, Hilliday 1
Coahoma (W3) (18-7)
vs. Stamford (T7) (13-5)
Coahoma 6, Stamford 3
CLASS 1A
Claude (R2) (11-8)
vs. Cotton Center (W3) (15-4)
Game 1: Claude 13, Cotton Center 5
Game 2: Claude 10, Cotton Center 8
Aspermont (W5) (8-6)
vs. Cross Plains (R8) (13-11)
Game 1: Cross Plains 1, Aspermont 0
Game 2: 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Wylie HS, Abilene
*-Game 3: 30 minutes after second game
Memphis (W2) (14-5)
vs. Paducah (W4) (9-1)
Memphis 17, Paducah 5
Ira (R5) (10-5)
vs. Ranger (R7) (18-7)
Game 1: Ranger 13, Ira 3
Game 2: 2 p.m. Saturday, Hunter Field, Abilene
*-Game 3: 30 minutes after second game
* — if necessary

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	28	19	.596	-
New York	27	19	.587	½
Toronto	24	26	.480	5½
TampaBay	22	26	.458	6½
Baltimore	18	29	.383	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	32	14	.696	-
KansasCity	23	23	.500	9
Chicago	21	24	.467	10½
Detroit	20	28	.417	13
Minnesota	17	30	.362	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	27	20	.574	-
Oakland	25	23	.521	2½
Seattle	24	23	.511	3
Anaheim	22	26	.458	5½

Friday's Games
New York 10, Toronto 6
Boston 12, Cleveland 5
Chicago 9, Detroit 1
Texas 6, Minnesota 4
Kansas City 11, Anaheim 4
Seattle 6, Tampa Bay 1
Oakland 2, Baltimore 1

Saturday's Games
Boston (P.Martinez 9-1) at Cleveland (Colon 6-1), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago (Baldwin 2-4) at Detroit (Moehler 4-4), 1:05 p.m.
New York (Cone 4-2) at Toronto (Heatgen 4-2), 4:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Milton 2-4) at Texas (Morgan 6-4), 8:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Rupe 1-1) at Seattle (Fassero 2-6), 9:05 p.m.
Baltimore (J.Johnson 0-1) at Oakland (Heredia 3-4), 9:15 p.m.
Kansas City (Fussell 0-2) at Anaheim (Sparks 1-4), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
New York (Irabu 1-3) at Toronto (Wells 5-4), 1:05 p.m.
Boston (Rose 2-0) at Cleveland (Gooden 2-1), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago (Parque 5-4) at Detroit (Mlicki 1-5), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Perkins 1-3) at Texas (Clark 3-3), 3:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 1-6) at Oakland (Oquist 5-3), 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Rosado 3-3) at Anaheim (Olivares 5-3), 8:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	30	18	.625	-
New York	27	21	.563	3
Philadelphia	23	23	.500	6
Montreal	16	29	.356	12½
Florida	16	32	.333	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	29	18	.617	-
Chicago	25	20	.556	3
St.Louis	24	22	.522	4½
Cincinnati	22	22	.500	5½
Pittsburgh	23	24	.489	6
Milwaukee	21	26	.447	8

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	28	21	.571	-
SanFrancisco	27	21	.563	½
LosAngeles	24	23	.511	3
Colorado	20	25	.444	6
SanDiego	18	28	.391	8½

Friday's Games
Chicago 6, St. Louis 3
Montreal 4, San Francisco 2
Colorado 5, Philadelphia 3
Florida 8, Cincinnati 1
Pittsburgh 6, Houston 5
Arizona 2, New York 1
Atlanta 4, Los Angeles 2
San Diego 10, Milwaukee 8

Saturday's Games
Arizona (Reynoso 2-1) at New York (Watson 2-2), 1:40 p.m.
St. Louis (Oliver 4-2) at Chicago (Mulholland 3-1), 2:20 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 2-3) at Montreal (Thurman 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Bohanon 6-2) at Philadelphia (Schilling 7-2), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bere 2-0) at Florida (A.Fernandez 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 7-3) at Pittsburgh (Cordova 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (C.Perez 1-6) at Atlanta (Glavine 3-5), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Ashby 5-3) at Milwaukee (Woodard 4-4), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
San Francisco (Brock 5-3) at Montreal (Batista 3-2), 1:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Brown 5-3) at Atlanta (Maddux 4-3), 1:10 p.m.
Colorado (Kile 3-3) at Philadelphia (Ogea 2-3), 1:35 p.m.
Houston (Hampton 5-1) at Pittsburgh (Benson 3-3), 1:35 p.m.
Arizona (R.Johnson 5-2) at New York (Yoshii 5-3), 1:40 p.m.
San Diego (Ashby 5-3) at Milwaukee (Abbott 0-5), 2:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Parris 3-0) at Florida (Springer 1-6), 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Jimenez 2-5) at Chicago (Lieber 4-1), 7:05 p.m.

NBA GLANCE

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
Monday, May 17
Indiana 94, Philadelphia 90
San Antonio 87, L.A. Lakers 81
Tuesday, May 18
New York 100, Atlanta 92
Utah 93, Portland 83
Wednesday, May 19
Indiana 85, Philadelphia 82
San Antonio 79, L.A. Lakers 76
Thursday, May 20
New York 77, Atlanta 70
Portland 84, Utah 81
Friday, May 21
Indiana 97, Philadelphia 86
Sunday, May 23
Indiana 89, Philadelphia 86, Indiana wins series 4-0
New York 90, Atlanta 78
San Antonio 118, L.A. Lakers 107, San Antonio wins series 4-0
Portland 81, Utah 75
Monday, May 24
New York 79, Atlanta 66, New York wins series 4-0
Tuesday, May 25
Utah 88, Portland 71
Wednesday, May 26
No games scheduled
Thursday, May 27
Portland 92, Utah 80, Portland wins series 4-2

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Saturday, May 29
Portland at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 30
New York at Indiana, 5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 31
Portland at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 1
New York at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.
Friday, June 4
San Antonio at Portland, 9 p.m.
Saturday, June 5
Indiana at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 6
San Antonio at Portland, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, June 7
Indiana at New York, 9 p.m.
Tuesday, June 8
Portland at San Antonio, 9 p.m., if necessary
Wednesday, June 9
New York at Indiana, 9 p.m., if necessary
Friday, June 11
Indiana at New York, TBA, if necessary
San Antonio at Portland, TBA, if necessary
Sunday, June 13
New York at Indiana, TBA, if necessary
Portland at San Antonio, TBA, if necessary

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SPORTS



CATCH OF THE DAY — Snyder's Bill Love and Jim Shearer hold the 19-pound catfish they caught at Lake Ivie. (SDN Staff Photo)

Avalanche take 3-2 win in OT...

Play turns physical in Game 4

DENVER (AP) — Milan Hejduk was knocked from the playoffs with a broken collarbone. Peter Forsberg played the final 40 minutes with a sore left shoulder. Guy Carbonneau limped off the ice with a leg injury.

The Western Conference finals are getting noticeably more physical.

"It's the playoffs. Stuff's going to happen," Dallas defenseman Derian Hatcher said Friday night after the Stars' 3-2 overtime loss to the Colorado Avalanche.

Helmets flew, tempers flared and bodies tumbled head-over-feet before Chris Drury put an end to one of the most entertaining games of the series.

Drury scored on a powerful slap shot with 31 seconds left in overtime as the Avalanche tied the best-of-7 series at two games apiece and sent it to Dallas for Game 5 on Sunday.

"I'm really sore after this one," said Colorado's Shjon Podein, who scored his first goal of the playoffs. "Everyone was coming at each other with reckless abandon."

Brett Hull tied the game for Dallas with 3:53 left in regulation, and both teams squandered power-play chances in overtime before Drury came through with his fourth goal of the playoffs.

The score came after Sandis Ozolinsh kept the puck in the Dallas zone and found Drury alone on the left side. Drury one-timed the pass over the right shoulder of Ed Belfour to set off a raucous celebration.

"It was just a great play by Ozo. All I had to do was fire it up," Drury said. "I had a few chances (earlier). The coaching staff was yelling, 'Get it up. Get it up.' Finally I listened and got it up."

The tone of the game was set early when Hejduk broke his right collarbone on a hard check by Richard Matvichuk. The hard hitting and post-whistle scrums continued throughout the game, and the best highlight came when Adam Deadmarsh did a full somersault over Belfour while charging in for a rebound late in the overtime.

"They're going to play aggressive, they're going to play very physical, and it was our job to match that," Dallas forward Mike Modano said. "We had to absorb the hits and take the hits in order to make the play."

Belfour, coming off a 3-0 shutout in Game 3, was brilliant after giving up two goals in the game's first five minutes. He finished with 42 saves, while Patrick Roy stopped 43 shots for his 109th career playoff victory.

"Our players stepped up to the plate and went swinging," Colorado coach Bob Hartley said. "We were very fortunate. It was an excellent hockey game and we managed to get the last shot on net."

Dallas, playing its sixth overtime game of the playoffs, failed to convert a power play in the overtime, and then killed a Colorado power play a minute later. The Stars have killed 55 of 60 penalties in the postseason.

"You've got two teams that are maxing out," Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock said. "There's nothing left in the tank for anybody. That's what you hope for at this stage. It was just a tremendous hockey game. I don't know what else to say."

Hull, quiet for most of the series, tied the game 2-2 when he picked up a loose puck in the Avalanche zone and scored on a low slap shot that narrowly zipped through Roy's legs.

"I thought my goal was going to put us over the top," Hull said. "That was what Joe (Nieuwendyk) and I were saying. I thought that goal was going to be a big one to swing the momentum our way."

The Avalanche had a great chance to end the game in regulation, but Joe Sakic could not convert Theo Fleury's pass on a 2-on-0 rush with 1:02 left.

Sakic responded to a personal challenge from Roy, scoring for the first time in 11 games for Colorado, which improved to 3-5 at home in the playoffs. The Avalanche are 7-1 on the road, with the lone loss coming in Game 2.

"We had a good chance to really take command of this series," Hatcher said. "It's disappointing."

Colorado took an early 2-0 lead on goals by Sakic and Podein 48 seconds apart to end a 85-minute scoring drought. The Avalanche went another 75 minutes without scoring until Drury's game-winner.

"We wanted to put the pressure back on them," Colorado's Sylvain Lefebvre said. "We play well on the road, so we will just have to come back hard Sunday and win the grudge battles."

The way this series is going, there should be plenty.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)

Saturday, May 22
Colorado 2, Dallas 1

Sunday, May 23
Buffalo 5, Toronto 4

Monday, May 24
Dallas 4, Colorado 2

Tuesday, May 25
Toronto 6, Buffalo 3

Wednesday, May 26
Dallas 3, Colorado 0

Thursday, May 27
Buffalo 4, Toronto 2, Buffalo leads series 2-1

Friday, May 28
Colorado 3, Dallas 2, OT, series tied 2-2

Saturday, May 29
Toronto at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 30
Colorado at Dallas, 2 p.m.

Monday, May 31
Buffalo at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 1
Dallas at Colorado, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 2
Toronto at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m., if necessary

Thursday, June 3
No games scheduled

Friday, June 4
Colorado at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., if necessary

Saturday, June 5
Buffalo at Toronto, 7:30 p.m., if necessary

At the French Open...

Agassi turns in crowd-pleasing effort

PARIS (AP) — Andre Agassi made the shot of the year at the French Open, and in return, he might have received the ovation of the year.

Trying to close off a rally, Agassi's opponent, Chris Woodruff, sent a near-perfect lob sailing over Agassi's head into the corner.

Agassi sprinted back to the baseline, caught up with the lob, and, his back to the net, whacked the ball through his legs. He turned around just in time to see it zing past Woodruff for a clean winner.

The crowd stood and cheered. Agassi took his cap off and bowed deeply.

He later advised his fans: "Don't try this at home."

The moment showed just how grateful the Roland Garros crowd was to have someone to laugh with. Agassi might not reach the final weekend at Roland Garros. But his presence highlights how the men's tour has lost much of its charisma and appeal, and how the women's game has picked up most of it.

Want personality and attitude? You've got the Williams sisters.

Want a grudge match to make things more interesting? You've got Martina Hingis and Amelie Mauresmo.

Want an underdog making a comeback? Try Jennifer Capriati.

On the men's side, much of the drama left on Thursday with the second-round exit of Pete Sampras. Though Sampras has often been called "boring" because of his quiet demeanor on court, his ever more passionate desire to win at Roland Garros — the one title that eludes him — attracts more crowd sympathy each year. Sampras was clearly devastated at losing, and that brought some emotion to the proceedings.

Michael Chang, also a crowd favorite, was trying to recapture the magic of his French Open championship — and only Grand Slam title — 10 years ago. But he, too, was eliminated early.

Agassi himself said he is more interested now in the women's game because the level of intensity and competition has risen.

"Now you've got more depth, so you are seeing better matchups early on," he said. "We're seeing Mauresmo and Hingis second round."

On Friday, the top-ranked Hingis and the defending champion, Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, advanced easily. But it was more interesting to watch the two Williams sisters as a study in contrasting personalities.

El Pasoan searching for first PGA Tour victory

POTOMAC, Md. (AP) — The Kemper Open has a tradition of producing first-time winners on the PGA Tour. This year, it could happen again.

Rich Beem held a 3-stroke lead after Friday's second round, putting the 28-year-old rookie in contention to join Billy Andrade, Bill Glasson, Grant Waite and Steve Stricker as players who got their first winner's check at the Kemper in the 1990s.

"I don't know about that history," Beem said. "But it sure would be nice to add to that list."

Beem's 4-under-par 67 at the TPC at Avenel course gave him a 133 total that put him three ahead of Bradley Hughes, Tommy Armour III and Dave Stockton Jr. Stockton had a second-round 66, while Hughes and Armour both had 68s.

Glasson, who had a 70, and Jim Carter, 69, were another stroke back. Corey Pavin and former champions Stricker and Stuart Appleby were among those below par for the tournament, although well off the lead.

Until this year, the highlights of Beem's professional career came in minor tournaments in the Sun Country PGA Section in New Mexico and west Texas.

'Horns fall in first round

HOUSTON (AP) - Nathan Nelson, Steven Feehan and Danny Massiatte had three hits apiece and Southwestern Louisiana capitalized on six Texas errors in a 13-6 victory Friday in the opening game of the NCAA Regional tournament/

Nelson went 3-for-5 with a homer, double and a single and drove in three runs as USL (39-22) advanced against the winner of the Houston-Southwest Texas State game.

Massiatte contributed two singles and an RBI double in USL's 17-hit attack.

Phil Devey (10-1) pitched 6 2/3 innings for the victory. The right-hander allowed five runs on nine hits, walked one and struck out nine.

The Longhorns (35-25) received two homers from Jeff Ontiveros. Texas tied a season high with six errors and committed six wild pitches.

The Ragin' Cajuns chased Texas starter Dax Leone (7-6) with four runs in the fifth.

REGIONALS
(Double-Elimination)
At Houston
Friday, May 28
Game 1 — Houston 6, Southwest Texas State 4
Game 2 — Southwestern Louisiana 13, Texas 6

Saturday, May 29
Game 3 — SW Texas vs. Texas, Noon
Game 4 — Houston vs. SW Louisiana, 4 p.m.
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 30
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 2 p.m.
Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 7 p.m., if necessary

At Lubbock, Texas
Friday, May 28
Game 1 — Wisconsin-Milwaukee 8, Rice 4
Game 2 — Texas Tech 5, Rutgers 4
Saturday, May 29
Game 3 — Rice vs. Rutgers, Noon
Game 4 — Wisconsin-Milwaukee vs. Texas Tech, 4 p.m.
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 30
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 3 p.m.
Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 7 p.m., if necessary

At Waco, Texas
Friday, May 28
Game 1 — Baylor 7, Eastern Illinois 3
Game 2 — Minnesota 4, Arizona 3
Saturday, May 29
Game 3 — E. Illinois vs. Arizona, Noon
Game 4 — Baylor vs. Minnesota, 4 p.m.
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 30
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 2 p.m.
Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 5 p.m., if necessary

At College Station, Texas
Friday, May 28
Game 1 — Texas A&M 6, Monmouth 0
Game 2 — Long Beach State 4, Mississippi 3, 10 innings
Saturday, May 29
Game 3 — Monmouth vs. Mississippi, 11 a.m.
Game 4 — Texas A&M vs. Long Beach St., 3 p.m.
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 30
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 3 p.m.
Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 8 p.m., if necessary

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10-YEARS — These teachers were recognized for 10 years service at the end-of-school picnic for the faculty. From left, front row, are Deborah Beall, Elaine Bragg, Tonya Canada, Marcia Dennis; back row, Robin Downing, Pam Gibson, Barbara Granato and Donna Griffin. (SDN Staff Photo)



MORE 10-YEAR EMPLOYEES — Recognized for having 10 years service with the Snyder Independent School District were, bottom row, Connie Otto, Susan Scott, Freda Shepard, Olton Smith, Lisa Williams; back row, Vickie Hess, Kay Kennedy, Phillis Leatherwood, Triesta Lilly and Stephanie Miller. (SDN Staff Photo)



LONGTIME EMPLOYEES — Those associated with the SISD for 25 years include Linda Cozart, Albert Guzman, Patti Palmer, Kenneth Parker, Rosalinda Tovar, Jo Ann Williams, and not pictured, Evelyn Evans. (SDN Staff Photo)

Display shows jungle artwork

WASHINGTON (AP) — Determined to paint the elusive night-blooming cactus in bloom, artist Margaret Mee made 15 trips up the Amazon River before finally achieving her goal in 1988 — the year she died.

The product of her determination went on display Friday in an exhibit of her 30 years of jungle artwork at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History.

The night-bloomer, selenicereus witii, doesn't bloom every year. And when it finally chooses to bloom, it does so for only one night. Mee kept an all night vigil to finally get a glimpse.

The British-born naturalist's three decades in Brazil weren't all spent waiting for one flower, though.

One of her paintings inspired John Kress, chairman of the museum's botany department, to travel to Brazil and search out the flower itself.

He later named it Heliconia var. Meeana in honor or her pioneering work, and her painting of it concludes the exhibit, which will remain at the museum until Aug. 20.

"These extraordinary paintings have a special power to convey the beauty of Amazonia and enable us to understand why this outstanding lady inspired so many scientists, conservationists and artists to take up the cause of protecting our fragile planet and its life-supporting fauna," said exhibit curator Ruth L. A. Stiff of England's Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew.

Mee studied and painted plants in their native surroundings, discovering several new species in the process.

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China envoy: Report 'vicious'

WASHINGTON (AP) — China's ambassador described accusations that the Chinese stole U.S. nuclear secrets as "vicious," the product of "rumormongers" and designed to "to whip up a sweeping hysteria simply to serve some politicians' hidden ambition."

Li Zhao Xing said the report by the House select committee that alleges Chinese thievery is part of a pattern of unimaginable occurrences that he said keep happening in Washington.

"How can you describe China, which cherishes friendly sentiments for the American people, as threat number one to America?" Li said to a gathering of reporters.

"How can they believe that they can convince people that America, according to their declassified information on intelligence, with more than 6,000 pieces of nuclear warheads, (can) be threatened by a developing country with not more than two dozens of nuclear warheads?" he asked.

U.S.-Chinese relations have suffered serious setbacks this month, first with the mistaken bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, later with the House committee report, which charges that China has stolen some of the most advanced U.S. nuclear weapons secrets.

The 700-page report was approved unanimously by the nine-member bipartisan committee chaired by Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif.

Cox's office said he was traveling Friday and was not available for comment. But he and the committee's ranking Democrat, Norman Dicks of Washington, said in a letter sent Friday to The Washington Post that the debate over whether the Chinese stole weapons information was over: "They did."

Li has defended China's interests using a combative style, and his assaults Friday on the House committee report were particularly biting.

"The whole report is nothing more than a hodgepodge of distilled water, intentional ambiguities, misleading detours, well-calculated conclusions," he said.

He also accused members of the House panel of failing to show remorse over the bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, which claimed three Chinese lives.

"I don't know whether any of the co-authors of the-well known report have uttered any word of sympathy or expressed anything like sorrow or sadness," he said. "And when these people are so enjoying their investigation of the so-called China theft, they were conspicuously silent and quiet about any investigation of such a tragic event."

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Clinton's polls: Damaged by Kosovo, but not plunging

WASHINGTON (AP) — Neither Monica Lewinsky nor impeachment put a dent in President Clinton's lofty poll ratings. It took a war.

Clinton's approval ratings are dropping as Americans grow increasingly anxious about nine weeks of airstrikes, bombing accidents and debates over a ground invasion.

The president is still in relatively good shape with more than half the country — 53 percent in the latest survey— approving of how he handles his job.

"Fifty-three percent midway through your seventh year is pretty darn good," said Brookings Institution analyst Stephen Hess, an adviser to the Carter, Ford, Nixon and Eisenhower administrations. "It's always, compared to what and compared to whom? He was on such an abnormal high, thanks to impeachment. Now he's about where presidents tend to be at this point. That's not bad."

But the polls reveal doubts among Americans — and those concerns have been reflected on Capitol Hill, most notably when the House, on a tie vote of 213 to 213, refused to support airstrikes against Yugoslavia.

"All of these polls are showing less basic support for involvement in Kosovo and less general support for President Clinton as a consequence," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center. "The public is frustrated by a lack of progress and also by these accidents."

"President Clinton should be somewhat nervous and Al Gore should be very nervous," Kohut said. "A decline in basic political support would not be a good thing for campaign 2000."

White House officials said they are not alarmed by the declining numbers.

"Historically, it's high," said presidential press secretary Joe Lockhart.

"There is some natural impatience with some who would like to see this over with," Lockhart said. He said the administration shares that feeling, "but we have to show determination and patience until we have met our objectives."

A series of recent news stories — the Colorado shootings, China and Kosovo — "have dampened the national mood a little bit," Lockhart said. "But we're working hard on all fronts and we're confident the president will continue to enjoy strong support from the American public."

Clinton pollster Mark Penn takes regular surveys about the Kosovo conflict — weekly, according to one senior administration official, less frequently, according to another.

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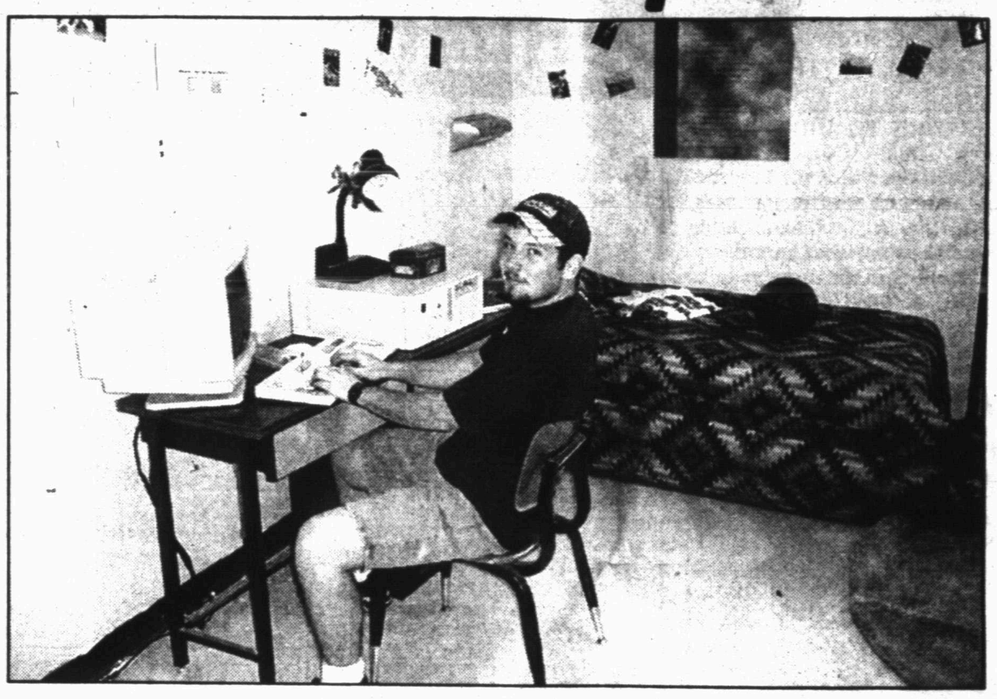
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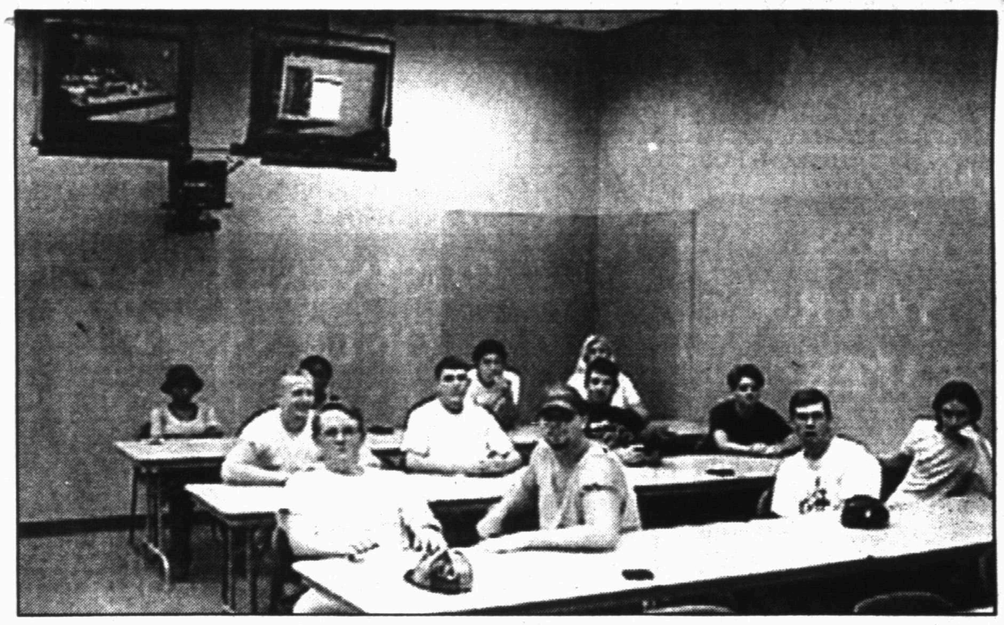


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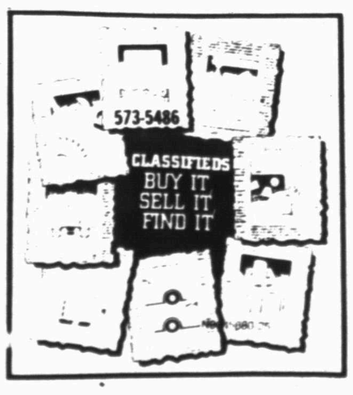
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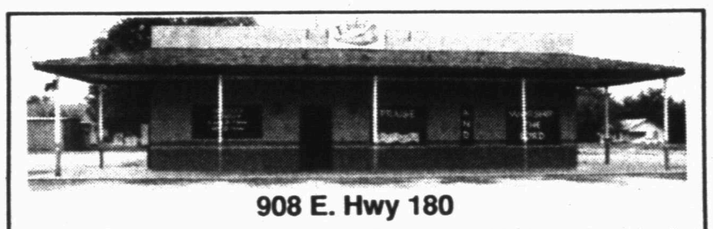
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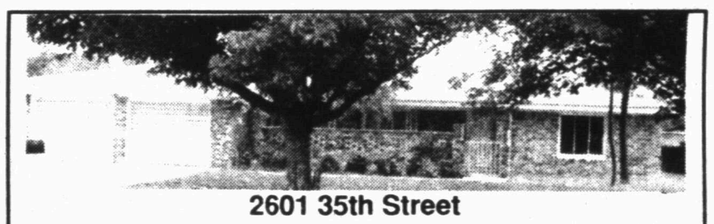
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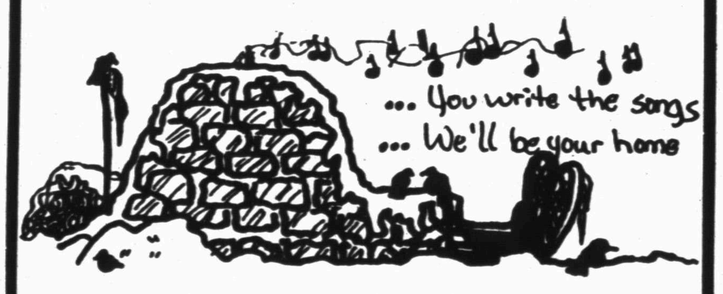


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Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, May 30, 1999

The year ahead could hold a number of opportunities for you to get involved in fresh endeavors. One or more can be successful if everybody pulls their fair share of the load.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you permit others to do so today, they'll gladly take advantage of your easy going nature and put heavy demands on your time and talents. The call is yours. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You'd better start mending some fences starting today. If you've been neglecting a job you've been contracted to do, you could lose this person's patience, as well as the work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) When in the company of friends today, try not to be too critical of them or attempt to make them over in your own image. The only person who'll need a repair job to keep friends will be you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Competitive developments might not be your cup of tea today, because you may not be as quick on your feet or resourceful enough to compete. Don't get in a match if you can help it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Avoid negative thinkers today, especially if you have a bright idea you'd like to develop. Their kind of attitude could confuse your thinking and dilute your enthusiasm.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Be on your toes today concerning a vested interests you have. Should conditions cause it to shift in an unfavorable direction, you'll want to minimize your losses.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Instead of getting others to be compliant, they could turn totally unmanageable today if you try too hard to manipulate or control their actions or thinking.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's possible your mind could be anywhere but on your work today, so use this day for recreational purposes. If your heart isn't in your project, you'll do a bum job.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Watch your behavior today so that you don't inadvertently treat people in a thoughtless manner. Your actions could cause others to lose respect for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Perhaps it's best to leave remodeling jobs to the experts today. Although you might attempt one in order to save a few dollars, it could end up costing you a pretty penny in the long run.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The more important it is that something get done right today, the more important it'll be that you don't hurry or rush things beyond their reasonable pace. Half measures will get you no place.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This might be one of those days when your need for nice things takes precedence over your wallet. Keep a tight reign on your extravagant impulses.

Your Birthday

Monday, May 31, 1999

Some exciting events could be in the offing for you in the year ahead concerning work related matters. There's an excellent chance that you might achieve a major goal that few can reach.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Career benefits are in store for you today because of the insistence of those with whom you work. Interestingly, the one who is jealous of you and owes you the most isn't among that group. Major changes are ahead for Gemini in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This is one of those days when Lady Luck is out helping those who help themselves, so it behooves you to be determined, dedicated and diligent in your efforts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's not by happenstance that people or firms generate greater success through good PR with those whom they have commercial arrangements. Doing so today will yield you bigger dividends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Although conditions might be interpreted as being luckier for others than for you today, in the final analysis, the opposite will prove true. Keep the faith.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Even though you might not be able to do it alone, you have the ability to take a sparse opportunity today and turn it into something quite grand.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Something you consider a hobby has good potential of achieving commercial appeal. Examine it today with those who know how to get things to the market place.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Taking a well calculated gamble can sometimes get you places that you can't by being overly cautious. Today might call for such action, but make sure it's rational, with the odds favoring you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your eyes may be opened today on a matter you've been perceiving as negative, enabling you to see things for what they actually are and giving you the ability to move forward with an ambitious plan.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Sometimes we're lucky only when we deal with tangible things, but in your instance today, it'll be the intangible elements that could prove the most beneficial.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't let fear cause you to be too conservative in your reach today. Something more enterprising and large in scope is on the horizon, just waiting for you to grab onto it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) So long as you keep your focus on both what's imaginative and cooperative with others, Lady Luck will smile on you today. The moment you get too self-serving, the opposite will be true.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Someone from behind the scenes, who has been watching you work hard for the good of all, won't let a self-involved individual thwart your efforts today. You won't have to say a word.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 73-year-old husband has high blood pressure. The doctor took him off medicine, so my husband decided to treat himself with lecithin, cod liver oil, chelated zinc, garlic tablets, ferrous sulfate and gelatin capsules. I think he takes too much. What do you think?

DEAR READER: He may be taking too much — and not enough. The substances you list may help him in many ways, but they won't reduce his blood pressure. So, he is probably taking too much of the wrong thing and not enough of something that may do some real good.

Not every hypertensive patient needs prescription medication. For example, many patients can lower their blood pressures by taking calcium supplements, losing weight, reducing salt intake, getting more exercise and changing to a less stressful lifestyle.

If your husband's doctor discontinued the medicine, he or she probably believed that your spouse didn't need it. To make sure, your husband should have regular blood-pressure checks. If his pressure rises and remains high (above 140/90), he has an easy decision to make: either he finds a doctor who will treat him, or he waits until the hypertension causes a serious health problem. The stuff he is taking now won't harm him, but I'd hate to see him delude himself to the point where he refuses medical follow-up. Please make sure that he supplements his alternative medicines with a little food — and, by all means, encourage him to see his doctor at regular intervals.

To give you related information, I am sending you copies of my Health Reports "Hypertension" and "Fads II: Herbs and Other Healing Fads". Other readers who would like copies should send $2 for each report, plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title(s).

DEAR DR. GOTT: What can you tell me about a Living Will? Recently my father had an accident and was declared brain-dead. Even so, it took us three long days to convince the doctors to disconnect his life-support system. The experience was agonizing. Is the Living Will a way to make one's wishes known before it's too late?

DEAR READER: That's exactly what it is. The Living Will is a document that people sign to express their conviction that they not be subjected to heroic or machine-oriented measures to sustain life. I'm simplifying, but — basically — such people protest being kept alive if there is little or no hope they can recover.

In the past few years, most states have granted Living Wills legal status because these documents provide a rational expression of a person's wishes about how he or she wants to be treated when death is imminent. In general, doctors honor them. In my own practice, I find Living Wills to be vitally useful affidavits.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: Is lead poisoning permanent? Is there a test for it?

DEAR READER: Lead poisoning, called plumbism, is chronic because the metal is absorbed into the tissues of the body. Except for exposure in certain industrial occupations, the most common form of lead poisoning appears in children who are exposed to lead-based paint, which was once widely used and is still present in old houses and on some second-hand cribs.

Treatment of lead poisoning involves removing the individual from the source of contamination (as well as removing the contaminated paint itself), and using chalation therapy — injecting a compound that chemically traps lead and allows it to be excreted.

Because a portion of absorbed lead circulates freely in the bloodstream, a blood-lead analysis is an easy way to detect an over-abundance of the metal in the body.

Cards Of Thanks

Thank You

The family of Barton C. Willingham wishes to express our sincere appreciation for your caring, kindness and prayers during the time of our great loss of our loved one. A very special thanks to brother Sam Earp and his family for the beautiful service and music. May God bless each of you.

Yvonne Willingham, Welborn Willingham & family
Mona Massey & family, Floy Green & family
Nelda Randolph & family, Jimmy Martin & family
Jerry Martin & family, Billy Martin & family
Samantha & Scott Cunningham

Thank You

The family of John Bailey wishes to express our sincere thanks to everyone for the calls, cards, flowers, food, memorials, prayers and loving kindness shown by our many friends during the passing of our loved one. God bless each of you.

Jennetta Bailey
Sandra & Bob Leib & family
Gary & Katy Bailey & family
Karen & Calvin Goebel & family

Thank You

Words cannot express how truly grateful Bill and I feel for the quick and precise accurcy and loving care shown to both of us during such a moment of terror. Our hearts go out to Michael Ward, Stacy Haley, EMTs, the nurses and Dr. Odell at Cogdell Hospital and for all who stood by me.

We may not have a lot of things in Snyder, but one thing that we do have is a community of loving and caring friends. Most of all, is a God that does answer prayers. For those who prayed for Bill, and special thanks to Maurice Rios and Don Franklin. I am so very grateful. You all are precious to us and we thank God for you every day. Thanks for all the phone calls, visits and food. We are proud to be a part of such a caring town. Bill is doing well and at home.

Our love to you all
Bill & Loy Forbes

Dear Abby By Abigail Van Buren

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Unnamed, unclaimed photos can be destroyed guilt-free

DEAR ABBY: My Great-Uncle Ben died in 1987, two years after his wife, Bonnie. Among the articles he left behind were 70 photo albums composed of snapshots and Polaroid pictures. The photos are unidentified except for a few that have notes like, "Outside Pearl's place," or "Evening before J.J. arrived." They mean nothing whatsoever to anyone who has seen them.

Except for a lovely memorial album that Uncle Ben put together after Aunt Bonnie died, nobody is interested in these albums. However, everybody (except me) wants them intact because they "obviously meant a lot to Ben and Bonnie." I'm now stuck with them because I'm single and my family thinks that automatically gives me more storage space. It doesn't.

When I tried to donate the albums to places like Ben and Bonnie's hometown library, I was politely turned down. I tried the retirement community where they had lived and was told the center couldn't use them either. The administrator suggested that I "respectfully destroy" the albums.

My family members are horrified at the proposal. I loved Uncle Ben and Aunt Bonnie as much as anyone, but they were practical people, and I'm sure they would agree with my solution. They're probably laughing in amazement that these albums have survived this long.

Abby, I would like to condense the albums into one meaningful collection (if I can even identify that many photos) and "respectfully destroy" the rest. I hate to bother you with anything this trivial, but I need some backup for the wrath that is sure to follow if I carry out my plan.

RESPECTFUL RITA, TAOS, N.M.

DEAR RITA: You are not being disrespectful; you are being practical. Give one more try to donating the albums. This time, check with the local historical society. If it refuses, give your family members one last chance to either claim individual photos or assume the responsibility of storing the whole kit and caboodle. After a reasonable period of time, proceed with your plan. I, too, think you would then have Uncle Ben and Aunt Bonnie's blessing.

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DEAR ABBY: I've read many articles over the years about whether the father or the stepfather should walk the bride down the aisle. I'd like to share my solution with you.

I was raised by my father until the age of 9, and by my stepfather from 9 to 19. Since both men put equal heart and soul into my upbringing, I asked them both to give me away. My stepfather declined, saying it was my father's day.

As my father proudly walked me down the aisle, we stopped, I handed my father my bouquet, turned and hugged and kissed my stepfather, then turned and proceeded to my awaiting groom.

There wasn't a dry eye in the church. To this day, some 15 years later, friends still tell me it was one of the most touching gestures they have ever witnessed, one that had great symbolism.

Abby, I hope this solution helps someone else who may be wondering how to handle that situation.

B. COATES, GLENDALE, ARIZ.

DEAR B. COATES: Although it's not to be found in any etiquette book, you have provided a beautiful and sensitive solution to a situation in which many brides find themselves. Thank you for sharing it.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm writing from Littleton, Colo. Just the other day there was a shooting near my house in Columbine. Fortunately, I do not attend Columbine High because I attend school farther north. Still, many of my friends went there.

Almost immediately after the shooting, my school was on lockdown — but as soon as I was let out, I went straight to my church. I was amazed at all of the people I found there. People who used to despise each other were hugging. People who never knew each other were talking. Although I was in a Catholic church, religion did not matter. There were rabbis, pastors and reverends. Buddhism and other religions were represented. Even atheists were there. It didn't matter who you were; we were all there as a community.

I spoke with people I never knew before and was deeply touched by their experiences. I ended up staying there for most of the night, and then returned and stayed there throughout the next day. I eventually learned that some of my friends were shot, which drew me even closer to the people I was with.

I just want to say a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who set aside their differences and helped us here in Littleton.

VERY THANKFUL IN LITTLETON

DEAR THANKFUL: To you and to the other citizens of Littleton, I offer sympathy and prayers for recovery. The media brought your tragedy into millions of homes worldwide, and no one who witnessed the violence you experienced will remain untouched by it.

It's encouraging that your place of worship was where you sought refuge and comfort after leaving school, and that when you arrived you discovered the gathering to be ecumenical. Religion should bring people together, not divide them. As I have said in the past, a church is not a museum for saints — it's a hospital for sinners. And I can think of no better place for wounded souls to begin healing.

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DEAR ABBY: I am disturbed at your advice to "Wondering in Superior, Wis." concerning the baby shower for a second child. I have never heard that showers are only for the first child. Both of my children received showers — and both of them were greatly needed, considering my children are of different sexes. Tomorrow I am attending a shower for a fourth daughter.

I have always considered a shower to be a celebration of a child's birth, each equally valued. Perhaps we should change the way we view this, and adopt a more generous, loving attitude. Every new mother can use the support of her friends, and a shower is simply a symbol of that.

I hope "Wondering" will reconsider and offer her friend her support.

SHERREE IN OREGON

DEAR SHERREE: I didn't take into account the fact that the new baby might be a different sex from its older sibling. Although Emily Post and Amy Vanderbilt do not agree, your argument is convincing. You're right, the birth of a child is an event to celebrate. I, too, hope "Wondering" will reconsider and decide to support her friend.

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Two arrested early Saturday

Activity was fairly quiet for local law enforcement personnel throughout Friday, but it picked up early Saturday morning.

Officers made two alcohol-related arrests at 12:22 Saturday morning in the 3600 block of Avenue A.

A 21-year-old male was arrested for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and driving while license suspended, and a 19-year-old female passenger was arrested for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

A deputy was requested at Trailertopia at 1:45 Saturday morning in reference to a woman being assaulted. A 29-year-old male was arrested following the call for Class C assault/family violence.

In other activity Friday, Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey requested a deputy at the Northeast Community Center around 3:30 p.m. in reference to damage to the building. An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted.

A deputy was requested at the Cogdell Memorial Hospital emergency room at 4:30 p.m. in reference to a dog bite. An offense report was submitted.

An offense report for criminal mischief was submitted at 11:45 p.m. in reference to a vehicle being damaged while parked at McDonald's.

Minivans recalled

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Nearly 1 million Plymouth Voyager, Dodge Caravan and Chrysler Town & Country minivans are being recalled to check for short circuits that have caused air bags to inflate inadvertently.

DaimerChrysler AG announced the voluntary recall of 996,939 vehicles on Friday. It covers the vehicles for model years 1994-95, the automaker said.

The recall comes after about 35 reports of inadvertent deployment of driver's side air bags caused by a short in the wiring harness. Most of the incidents happened when the vehicle was started.

Extend evening hours

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beginning Saturday, four of Washington's most popular museums are extending their evening hours for part of the summer.

The International Gallery, the Museum of Natural History and the Museum of American History will stay open until 7:30 p.m. all week.

Births

Brandon and Kerry Bankhead announce the birth of their son, Kameryn Dean Bankhead. He was born at Rolling Plains Hospital in Sweetwater, May 21 at 12:54 p.m. He weighed eight pounds, 7.5 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Larry and Karen Nachlinger of Hermleigh. Great-grandparents are Bobby and Jo Sledge of Big Spring and Frank and Benn Nachlinger of Hermleigh.

Paternal grandparents are Wendell and Debby Bankhead of Roscoe. Great-grandparents are Edsel and Nona Bankhead, and Danny and Priscilla Thompson, all of Champion.

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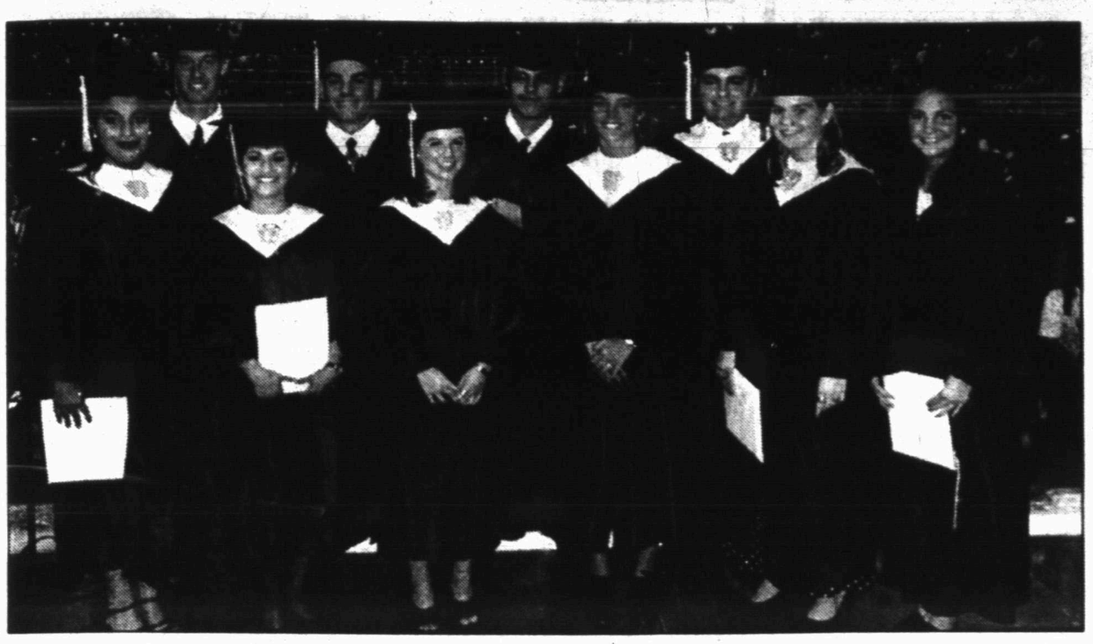
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WSTB SCHOLARSHIP — These 1999 Snyder High School graduates are recipients of West Texas State Bank scholarships. From left, back row, Dusty Ashby, Zachary Zalman, Rene Garcia, Nickolas Means; front row, Lidia Rodriguez, Lina Alvarez, Ashley Grimmett, Bradi Johnson, Holly Goebel, Vanessa Jones. (SDN Staff Photo)

U.S. Congress set to reenter controversy over transplants

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation circulating on Capitol Hill would remake organ transplant policy, giving the nation's transplant network virtually everything it has sought in a decade of disputes over who controls the distribution of scarce organs.

The bill is the strongest challenge yet to the Clinton administration's effort to get organs to the sickest patients first — even if they live farther away from the donor — and to ensure that more data on the system is available to the public.

It comes as administration and transplant network officials resume closed-door talks in search of a compromise, nine months after the last round of talks broke off.

Years of tension between the Department of Health and Human Services and the United Network for Organ Sharing came to a head last year after HHS issued regulations overseeing the network's operations.

Most controversially, they require that organs be given to the sickest patients first. The current system relies heavily on geography, with patients located inside certain boundaries getting first chance at donations.

Last year, Congress stepped into the fight, suspending the controversial change until this fall. It also ordered an Institute of Medicine study of the system, which is expected in July.

Now, the House Commerce Committee is poised to intervene again. The draft legislation would give the network, which runs the computers that match organs and recipients, virtually total control over allocation policy.

It would also allow the network to keep its budget secret and make it virtually impossible for HHS to contract with a different group to run the network. It also allows the network to keep secret data on the survival rates of patients at various hospitals and to disclose when a transplant center is under investigation.

Rep. Michael Bilirakis, R-Fla., chairman of the Commerce health subcommittee, plans to introduce the bill next month and hopes it will be approved by the full panel this summer, said Todd Tuten, a Bilirakis aide who is helping to draft the bill.

Tuten emphasized that the bill is still in draft form and could change before it is introduced, noting that it was based on the views of transplant surgeons and hospitals.

New drug for children OK'd

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some of the 50,000 American children who suffer debilitating rheumatoid arthritis won a potent new treatment Friday, the genetically engineered drug Enbrel.

Doctors welcomed the much-needed therapy but warned that it should be reserved for children with moderate to severe arthritis who have failed standard therapy. That's because Enbrel comes with a safety question: Will it pose a serious risk of infection?

"It is somewhat concerning," acknowledged Dr. William Schwieterman of the Food and Drug Administration, which approved Enbrel for children but ordered its maker to continue monitoring that question.

Schwieterman called Enbrel "very good news" for children who have had few options. "It's very clear Enbrel is likely to provide a substantial number of them benefit," he said.

Immunex Corp. began selling Enbrel for adult rheumatoid arthritis last winter. It attacks the disease in a way no other medicine does, soaking up an immune system protein called tumor necrosis factor that causes much of rheumatoid's inflammation before the substance can reach joints to damage them.

Doctors who treat juvenile rheumatoid arthritis immediately clamored to know if Enbrel would help arthritis' smallest sufferers, too.

The FDA approved Enbrel for children based on a study of 69 moderate to severe patients ages 4 to 17 who failed standard treatment. Enbrel helped 74 percent of them improve.

Katie Emmerson of West Covina, Calif., moved from a wheelchair to the school swimming team after joining the Enbrel study 1½ years ago. Initially, almost every joint was swollen and painful. She had failed all other therapies and was suffering severe side effects from painkillers.

"She hadn't been able to close her hand in two years, and she made a fist" 48 hours after her first Enbrel injection, mother Patti Emmerson said. "I'll never forget. ... She said, 'Mom, I feel so good.'"

Today, Katie, 15, requires no other medication.

The worry is that by inhibiting the immune system, Enbrel could cause infections.

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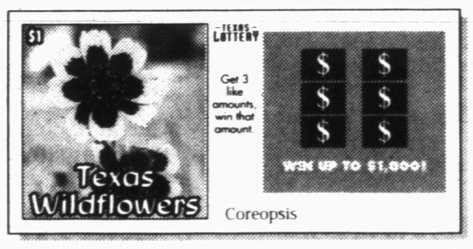
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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Albright says...

War crimes charges prove world cares

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright expressed strong support Saturday for indictments handed down by the International War Crimes Tribunal against Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and four of his colleagues.

"These historic indictments matter because they demonstrate to Milosevic's victims that the world cares," Albright said. "They demonstrate to Milosevic's minions that the world is watching."

Albright's remarks were prepared for delivery in a commencement address to the graduating class at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service.

In the speech, the secretary of state also rejected the notion of a "moral equivalence" between Milosevic's actions against ethnic Albanians in the Serbian province of Kosovo and the air campaign being waged against Yugoslavia by NATO.

Acknowledging a lack of easy answers in Kosovo, Albright said she nonetheless would rather respond to questions about why NATO has acted than to try and explain later why NATO did not act "in the face of ethnic cleansing in its own front yard."

At the Pengaton, officials were sending good wishes to pilots of a humanitarian group that plans to drop food and supplies from airplanes over Kosovo, a private mission the officials said is not without risks.

Discovery completes first docking with international station

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — In another milestone for the new international space station, shuttle Discovery docked with the outpost early today for six days of activities that include a spacewalk, repair work and supply transfers.

"You've made the first docking with space station look effortless, and you've set the standard for all those who follow," Mission Control told Discovery's astronauts after they successfully linked the two spacecraft at 12:24 a.m. EDT.

With shuttle commander Kent Rominger at the controls, Discovery pulled up and latched on to the space station as it soared 240 miles above the border of Russia and Kazakstan.

"We have capture!" exclaimed Rominger.

The seven-member crew is the first to journey to the outpost since December, when astronauts delivered an American module and joined it with a Russian component already in orbit.

"It's been six months since anyone came to visit," Mission Control said. "Welcome aboard."

"The whole station looks beautiful, and we're happy to be visiting," replied astronaut Daniel Barry.

The astronauts were to open the hatches and enter an outer chamber of the station later this morning to collect air samples. To get things ready, ground controllers cranked up the heat toward room temperature. Normally, the station is about 25 degrees when no one is there.



LONG-TIME EMPLOYEES — Daisy Lewis, Dorothy Kayser and Neoma Harlin, (from left), were honored during the Snyder ISD end-of-school picnic for a combined 105 years of service to the district. (SDN Staff Photo)

School

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recognized for 25 years with the district.

Linda Cozart, Evelyn Evans, Albert Guzman, Patti Palmer, Kenneth Parker, Rosalinda Tovar and Jo Ann Williams, all received 25-year pins.

Ten employees were recognized for 20 years of service. These were Elizabeth Conger, Malcolm Crawford, Carolyn Derouen, Kathye Parker, Lee Presswood, Betty Richardson, Darlene Robbins, Thomas Strayhorn, Theresa Vest and Patsy Williams.

Eighteen employees received 10-years pins.

These were Deborah Beall, Elaine Bragg, Tonya Canada, Marcia Dennis, Robin Downing, Pam Gibson, Barbara Granato and Donna Griffin.

Others were Vickie Hess, Kay Kennedy, Phillis Leatherwood, Triesta Lilly, Stephanie Miller, Connie Otto, Susan Scott, Freda Shepard, Olton Smith and Lisa Williams.

Eight persons were recognized as they are retiring from the district this year.

These include Jack Chastain, Billy Wayne Harris, Katie Necessary, Dixie Smith, Dewey Farley, Carole Haynes, Lawton Taylor and Evelyn Evans.

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percentage was 87.

The fourth grade writing portion of the test showed the largest passing percentage decrease — from 95 percent in 1998 to 89 percent this year. Statewide, the passing percentage was 88 percent.

Veteran organizations to mark Memorial Day

Scurry County Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 8231 and the American Legion Post 181 are planning several events to honor veterans this Memorial Day.

A flag raising ceremony is set for 9:15 a.m. Monday at the American Legion Post 181, plus additional ceremonies are planned at Snyder Cemetery at 9:30 a.m. and at Hillside Memorial Gardens at 9:45 a.m.

A flag raising ceremony will be held at the courthouse at 10 a.m. Flags will be raised and lowered to half mast. The VFW is asking all Snyder and Scurry County residents to do the same in honor of the deceased.

During the Saturday ceremonies, special note will be made that this is the 100th year of the VFW.

Obituaries

Zane Phipps

1927-1999

Zane Leslie Phipps, a life-long resident of Scurry County, died Friday, May 28, in Snyder Healthcare Center.

Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Snyder Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 13, 1927 in Scurry County, he was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Veteran of Foreign Wars and American Legion. A Baptist, Mr. Phipps had worked for eight years for Snyder Lumber Co. prior to his retirement.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Ross Phipps, Ralph Phipps, Max Phipps and Jack Phipps.

Survivors include two brothers, Bill Phipps and Raymond Phipps, both of Snyder.

David Hines

1963-1999

David Hines, a former resident of Snyder, died early Saturday in a two-vehicle accident at Union, 3.6 miles west of Snyder.

Services for Mr. Hines, 35, are pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 16, 1963, Mr. Hines was a 1982 graduate of Snyder High School. A resident of Colorado City, he had previously worked for Buchanan Printing Co. in Snyder and was a current employee of Big Spring Printing.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wesley Hines.

Survivors include his mother, Mary Hines of Huntsville; a sister, Barbara Gilbert of Huntsville; and an uncle, David Hines of Snyder.

Wanda Goodman

1973-1999

THROCKMORTON — Wanda Ann Goodman, a former resident of Snyder, died Thursday, May 27, at her home in North Richland Hills.

Graveside service for Mrs. Goodman, 25, are set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Throckmorton Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Merriman-Archer Funeral Home.

Born July 5, 1973 in Snyder, she moved from Snyder to Throckmorton in 1974. Miss Goodman had lived in North Richland Hills for nine years and was employed as an assembly line worker for cellular phones.

Survivors include her parents, Bobby and Wanda Goodman of Throckmorton; and a brother, Bobby Goodman Jr. of Throckmorton.

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Memorial Monuments

Memorial Day holiday set

All financial institutions will be closed Monday for Memorial Day as will city and county offices.

The city landfill will be open Saturday and Monday.

Scurry County Library is also closed Saturday, and will remain closed through Monday.

The Snyder Post Office will also be closed. Mail will not be delivered, but will be placed in boxes Monday.

Western Texas College offices will also close in observance of the holiday, as will Snyder ISD administration offices. The Scurry County Museum will also be closed.

The Texas Workforce Commission, located on the WTC campus, will be closed also.

Name omitted

The following name was omitted from the Snyder graduates section of Friday's SDN.

Nickolas Nolan Means: Band, 9-12; head drum major, 12; forensics, 11-12; forensics sweetheart, 12; UIL regional champion persuasive speaking, 12; Spanish Club, 11-12; best senior delegate, TAMOAS, 12; choir, 9; tennis, 9; KTXS, Academic Challenge team captain, 11-12; computer science student Webmaster, 12; National Honor Society, 12; Top 10, 9-12; Top 10 Percent, 9-12.

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The Sound of Jubilee Ministries, 908 East Highway 180, is holding a revival through Sunday, featuring evangelist Don Wiggins of New Life Christian Fellowship in LaPorte. Services are 7 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday.

Circle Bar Ranch revival

Circle Bar Ranch revival continues at 7:30 Saturday and Sunday at the ranch. For more information, call 573-7469.

First Church of the Nazarene

Everyone is invited to celebrate Ethel Herrington's 96th birthday and "Little Ethel's" (a doll crocheted by Ethel to collect money for the needy) first birthday on Sunday. There will be lunch served after worship.

Church in park

First Baptist Church will hold church in Towle Park at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Nicodemus — How A Man Comes to Jesus," followed by "What Teenagers Need Most."

Summer registration at WTC

Summer registration at Western Texas College continues Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Classes toward an associate degree in a variety of liberal arts and pre-professional fields are offered, along with vocational programs in computerized business technology and criminal justice. For more information call 573-8511.

Camp Springs homecoming

Camp Springs homecoming will begin at 10 a.m. next Sunday in the Northeast Community Center. For more information about the pot lunch luncheon, call 573-8948.

Hermleigh ISD pictures

Hermleigh students who purchased photographs — group and individual — may pick them up in the Elementary building.

LVN registration at WTC

Students wishing to enroll in the September class for Licensed Vocational Nursing at Western Texas College need to contact the counseling office to arrange to take the pre-entrance exam. Tests will be given through July 27, and interviews will be scheduled through Aug. 9. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 313 or toll-free at 1-888-GO TO WTC (468-6982)

GED testing dates announced

The GED Testing Center on the WTC campus will administer exams at 8:30 a.m. June 26. Any person who is not enrolled in high school, has not graduated from high school, is at least 16 years old, and meets other requirements may be tested for a high school equivalency diploma. The battery of five GED tests costs $60 and takes 7½ hours to complete. Examinees need not take all tests in one sitting. For pre-registration and more details call 573-2973 or 573-8511, ext. 246.

Adult education classes

Adult Education will be held from 8 a.m. until noon on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the library at Western Texas College. Classes include English as a second language, GED prepration and those wanting to improve basic skills. No night classes are available.

July 4th celebration

Anyone interested in providing entertainment for the July 4th celebration should contact the chamber of commerce at 573-3558. Also food, activity and arts and crafts booths are still available.

Texas Million

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

10-97-35-53

(ten, ninety-seven, thirty-five, fifty-three)

Pick 3

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

1-4-3

(one, four, three)

Cash Five

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

15-17-26-32-37

(fifteen, seventeen, twenty-six, thirty-two, thirty-seven)

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MISSIONARY FAMILY — Arthur Puente, a former Snyder resident and missionary, will preach at 37th Street Church of Christ at 6 p.m. on June 13. He is shown with his wife, Carmen, and their children, Stephen, 9; Sarah, 7; and Samantha, 4. (Contributed Photo)

Students enjoy fishing

Snyder Junior High School's life skills students recently enjoyed their annual day of fishing at Western Texas College's pond.

Area game wardens pair up with the students for a day of fun and fishing. Students included Michael Lindsey, Daniel Gutierrez, Cameron Brown, Tabitha Gomez, Alfredo Hernandez, Andrew Gabino and Richburg Martinez. Jonathan Barrow also participated.

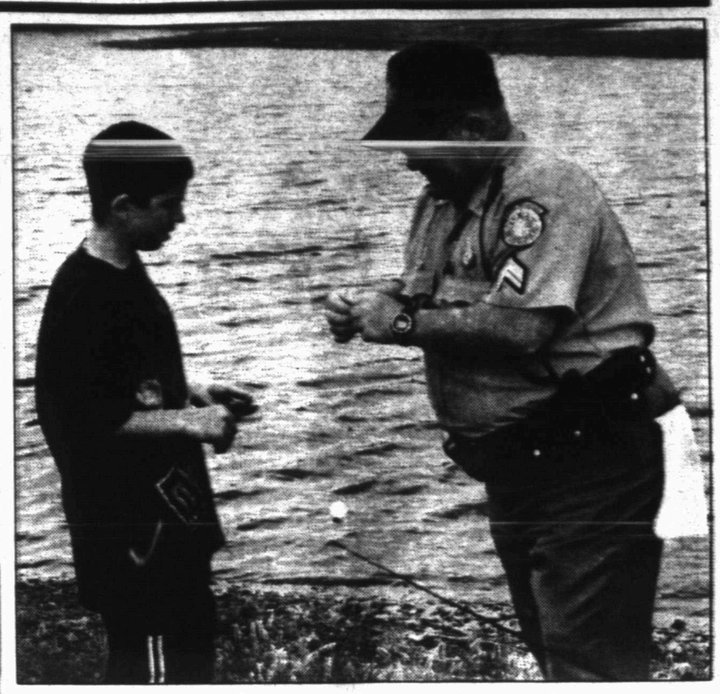
Game wardens include Scurry County's Mel Reed; Jay Oyler of Hockley County; Benjie Smith of Garza County, Jennifer Griffin of Lubbock County; Shea Guinn of Crosby County.

Carrie Kelley, student intern for Lubbock county, also assisted.

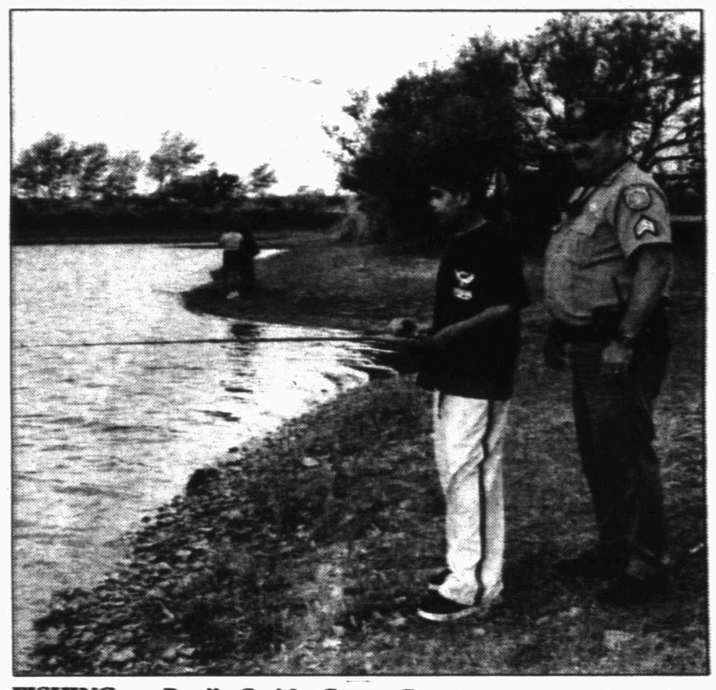
CRMWD's Doug Frey, Buster McGinty and Neal Humphrey also participated.



HAVING FUN — Game Warden Shea Guinn of Crosby County helps Jonathan Barrow during the annual fishing day. Jonathan's sister, Candace, is also shown. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



ANNUAL FISHING DAY — Wayne Armstrong, Howard County game warden, is helping Michael Lindsey bait his hook. Michael is a junior high life skills student. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



FISHING — Benjie Smith, Garza County game warden, gives Daniel Gutierrez pointers about casting his line. Gutierrez, a junior high life skills student, is enjoying the annual fishing day at Western Texas College's pond. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Former resident and missionary to preach

Missionary and former Snyder resident Arthur Puente will preach at 37th Street Church of Christ at 6 p.m. on June 13.

Puente is a missionary in Quito, Ecuador where he has served since August of 1997.

Puente and his family are the fourth missionary family to be sponsored by the Campbell Street Church of Christ in Jackson, Tenn. during the history of Operation Ecuador.

Puente held campaigns to introduce himself to the community. By the close of 1997, over 300 people were attending the north Quito Church each Lord's Day.

Puente, who is 29, is a pulpit speaker as well as teacher in the classroom in the QSOBS. He also does counseling.

His wife, Carmen, is helping teach sign language and involving herself in the deaf community of Quito.

They have three children: Stephen, 9; Sarah, 7; and Samantha, 4.

Puente is a graduate of the Sunset International School of Preaching in Lubbock. He also attended Lubbock Christian University for two years.

Puente went to school in Snyder through the 10th grade. After he and his family moved to Lubbock, he graduated from Lubbock High School.

Puente is the son of Manuel and MaryJane Terrazas of Snyder. Grandparents include Felix and Catalina Orosco of Snyder. Carmen's parents are Rogelio and Rosa Maria Ortiz of Lubbock.

Lawsuit filed by executor of estate

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The executor of Phil Hartman's estate is suing the makers of the antidepressant Zoloft and Brynn Hartman's psychiatrist, claiming Mrs. Hartman suffered side effects from the drug that caused her to shoot the comedian and then kill herself.

Susan Lucci receives key to New York City

NEW YORK (AP) — Presidents and poets. Ballerinas and baseball players. Cops and opera singers.

And now, Susan Lucci.

On Thursday, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani presented the soap star with the key to the city after she finally won the daytime Emmy Award for best actress.

Lucci, who plays Erica Kane on ABC's "All My Children," won the Emmy last week after losing the prize in 18 previous nominations.

Dressed in a red spaghetti-strap dress, Lucci said she suspected all along that winning was better than losing.

"I somehow instinctively knew it would be much better to win," she said.

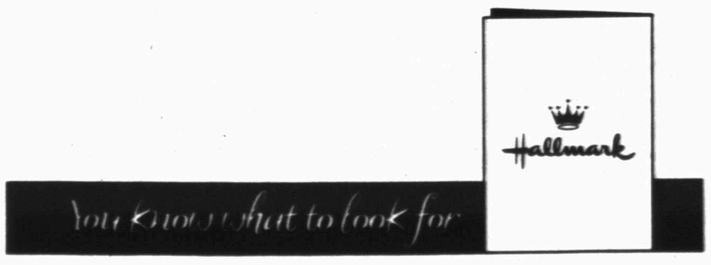
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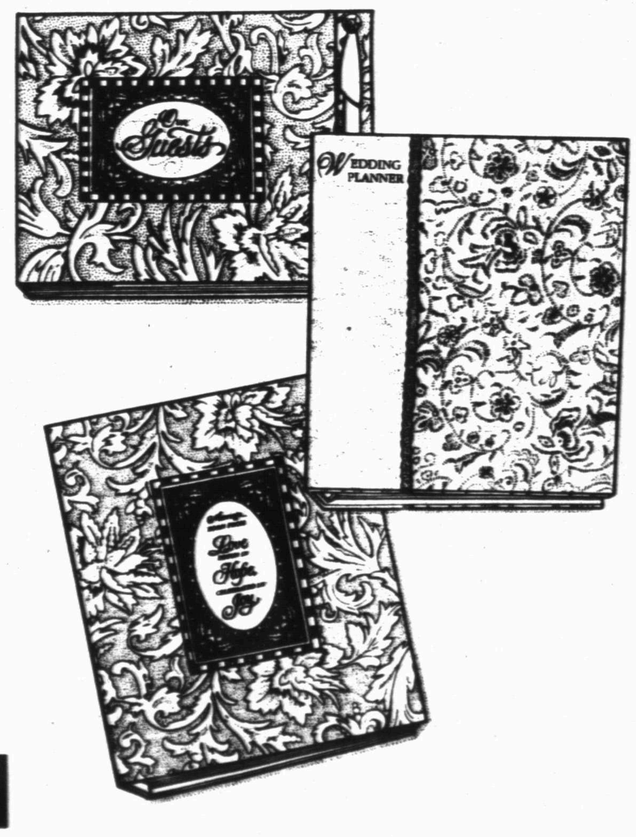
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TRAVEL PROGRAM — Atheneum Study Club member Burnell Hargrove, left, introduced guest speaker Jerrald Bowen who gave a program on travel. The last meeting of the club year was held at the Martha Ann Woman's Club, and meetings will resume every second Tuesday beginning in September. Atheneum's object is to promote intellectual and civic development. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Reception to honor Terrells

A reception has been planned for next Sunday to honor Marlin and Joritta Terrell on their golden wedding anniversary.

The event is set for 2 to 4 p.m. at the Martha Ann Woman's Club, hosted by their children. They have a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Keith Summer of Midland, and a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Empress Terrell of Lubbock. Their grandchildren, also assisting in the houseparty, are Jeremy Watkins, Lauren Summer, Toya Summer, Audrey Terrell and Austin Terrell.

Mr. Terrell was born on Feb. 6, 1930 in Prosper and Joritta Kissinger Terrell was born on July 19, 1931 in Abilene.

They met while attending their junior and senior years of high school together. The couple married in Walnut Grove Presbyterian Church in McKinney.

Mr. Terrell worked for Southern Farm Bureau Insurance Co. for 31 years. Mrs. Terrell was a medical technologist for 17 years at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. They are longtime members of the First Presbyterian Church. A past president of the Rotary Club, Mr. Terrell is member of Scurry Lodge 706 and past patron of the Snyder Chapter 450 of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Terrell is a past matron of the Eastern Star 450.



Marlin and Joritta Terrell
(Photo by Harley Bynum)

Scurry County Library News & Views

SUMMER PROGRAM

The Scurry County Library Summer Reading Program will begin registration on Tuesday. It will continue until July 23. Children may sign up for the program at any time between these dates. Students will keep track of the hours spent reading and will need to bring in their reading logs to turn in their time.

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The library will have a Storytime program on Mondays at 10 a.m. for the four- and five-year-old children. The staff will present stories, fingerplay exercises, puppet play, and games for this group. Our first Monday program, on June 7, will have a circus theme.

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The children in grades K-6 are invited to come in at 10 a.m. for our Wednesday morning programs. Most of these programs will be held outdoors. Our first program on June 2 will feature Mr. Garlan Williams who will show us his remote, gas-powdered, model airplanes.

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The library will have a special children's program on Monday, June 14. The progam will be a performance of "Alice in Wonderland" and will be presented by Paulline Faneuf, as the 'fairy-taler.' Children who would like to be chosen to act in this play need to arrive early at 7 p.m. for costuming. The actual show will begin at 7:30 p.m.

LIBRARY HOURS

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

10 a.m to 9 p.m. on Tues. & Thurs.

Of three million children reported as possible victims of child abuse and neglect to child protective services agencies in the United States, cases confirmed include 54 percent were neglect, 22 percent were physical abuse, eight percent were sexual abuse, four percent were emotional maltreatment, and 12 percent were due to other forms of maltreatment.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Al-Anon, Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; for more information call for Nathalie at 573-0015; 5 p.m. weigh-in.

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

Snyder Fire Department Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

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

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; houseshoe courts, located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information, call 573-9762; 3 p.m.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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SATURDAY

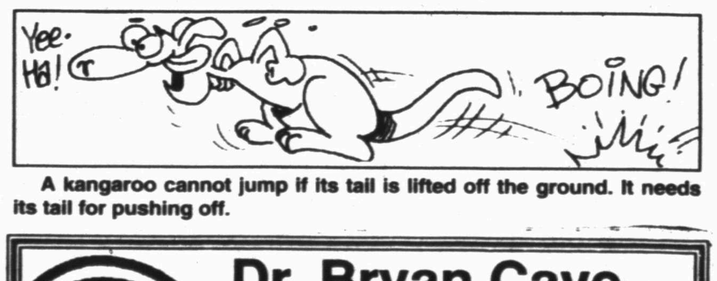
Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

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

Just For Today, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 5 p.m.



A kangaroo cannot jump if its tail is lifted off the ground. It needs its tail for pushing off.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	05-29-99
	♠ A 7 6 5 3	
	♥ A 5 2	
	♦ J 3	
	♣ Q 8 2	
West		**East**
♠ 10 9 8 2		♠ K 4
♥ J 8		♥ Q 9 4
♦ K 9 8 5		♦ Q 4 2
♣ K 6 5		♣ J 10 9 7 4
	South	
	♠ Q J	
	♥ K 10 7 6 3	
	♦ A 10 7 6	
	♣ A 3	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

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

Opening lead: ♦ 5

ing. Unless you have the agreement that two hearts is game-invitational (you always raise immediately with a weak hand), or use a convention called checkback, you are stymied. (I would overbid with three hearts because I like to bid game!)

In four hearts, there is a danger of a loser in each suit. However, the basic plan should be to discard your club loser on dummy's spade ace. So, at trick two, finesse the spade queen. Here, it loses to East's king. Let's suppose he switches to the club jack. Win with the ace, cash the spade jack, draw two rounds of trumps ending in the dummy, and call for the spade ace. East ruffs with his winning trump, but you unload the club loser. You will lose one diamond trick as well, but you can ruff your last low diamond in the dummy.

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The pleasure of passing

By Phillip Alder

Sometimes, being a passed hand makes your life easier at the bridge table. Partner knows your values are limited, so you can show some enthusiasm without his thinking you are really strong.

Take this North hand. Suppose partner deals and opens one heart, you respond one spade, and he rebids one no-trump. What would you do now? What would you do if partner opened after you had passed? Now slide into South's seat. You are in four hearts. West leads the diamond five: three, queen, ace. How would you continue?

Taking the second question first, having passed, you can jump to three hearts to show a maximum hand with three hearts — perfect. If you haven't passed, though, things are more difficult. You want to invite a game, but jumping to three hearts is game-forc-

Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY
May 21

Dot Casey directed games at the Snyder Country Club.

Group A:
1. Ann Spitler, Gwen Riggs.
2. Ann Davis, Monte West.
3. Durelle Gorman, Dorothy Rosson.

Group B:
1. Ann Spitler, Gwen Riggs.
2. Durelle Gorman, Dorothy Rosson.
3. Shirley Stewart, Mippie Brownlee.

Group C:
1. Durelle Gorman, Dorothy Rosson.
2. Shirley Stewart, Mippie Brownlee.
3. Margaret Presswood, Pat Floyd.

TUESDAY
May 25

1. TIE: Frances Stevenson, Dorothy Rosson tied with Maribeth Vestal, Nona Morrison.
2. TIE: Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd tied with Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Dot Casey, Jane Hinton.

Time-saving idea: always have spaghetti sauce on hand. You can make everything from casseroles to sandwiches and pizza with this simple food.

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TO MARRY — Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Willey of Plainview announce the engagement of their daughter, Katherine, to Kent Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry D. Smith of Ira. Miss Willey is a graduate of Plainview High School and is a music education major at Wayland Baptist University. Smith is a graduate of Ira High School and is a Plainview police officer. The couple will be married June 5 in the Plainview First United Methodist Church. (Contributed Photo)

Popular video weekly chart

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission:

Top Music Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Homecoming-Live In Orlando," Backstreet Boys. Jive/Zomba Video.
2. "Meeting People Is Easy," Radiohead. Capitol Video.
3. "So Glad," Bill & Gloria Gaither. Spring House Video.
4. "Live," Shania Twain. PolyGram Video.
5. "'N The Mix With 'N Sync," 'N Sync. BMG Video. (Platinum)
6. "Kennedy Center Homecoming: A Celebration," Bill & Gloria Gaither. Spring House Video.
7. "Family Values Tour," Various Artists. Epic Music Video. (Platinum)
8. "Around The World," Mariah Carey. Columbia Music Video.
9. "All Access Video," Backstreet Boys. Jive/Zomba Video. (Platinum)
10. "Atlanta Homecoming," Various Artists. Spring House Video.

Top Video Rentals

(Compiled from a national sample of rental reports)

1. "Stepmom," Columbia TriStar.
2. "You've Got Mail," Warner Home Video.
3. "The Siege," FoxVideo.
4. "Elizabeth," PolyGram Video.
5. "Star Trek: Insurrection," Paramount Home Video.
6. "American History X," New Line Home Video.
7. "A Bug's Life," Walt Disney Home Video.
8. "Pleasantville," New Line Home Video.
9. "Meet Joe Black," Universal Studios.
10. "At First Sight," MGM/UA Home Video.

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1. "A Bug's Life," Walt Disney Home Video.
2. "You've Got Mail," Warner Home Video.
3. "Babe: Pig in The City," Universal Studios.
4. "Tae-Bo Workout," Ventura Distribution.
5. "Backstreet Boys: Homecoming — Live in Orlando," Jive/Zomba Video.
6. "Mariah Carey: Around the World," Columbia Music Video.
7. "The Rugrats Movie," Nickelodeon Video.
8. "Austin Powers," New Line Home Video.
9. "Playboy: 1999 Playmate of the Year," Playboy Home Video.
10. "Ever After: A Cinderella Story," FoxVideo.

Further information is available at Billboard Online on the World Wide Web at http://www.billboard.com.





DAR AWARD — Treasurer Helen Hatter, left, presented the Daughters of the American Revolution, Martin Preuitt Chapter's $100 citizenship award to Shannon Hall, graduating senior at the final meeting of the year. Officers were also installed by Virginia Clark. Pictured above from left are Barbara Farmer of O'Donnell, historian; Louwayne McQuirk, registrar; Jo Flynn, treasurer; Maribeth Vestal, corresponding secretary; Lou Everett, recording secretary; Helen Hatter, chaplain; Dorothy Browne, vice regent; Joanne Sterling, regent. DAR meets at the Snyder Country Club. (Staff Photos by Jo Ann Nunley)

Volunteer plants...

Spring garden surprise

POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — Spring's arrival is never more exciting than with the birth of asparagus. And this year my first spear made a surprise appearance. It had jumped over the vegetable garden fence and into an iris bed.

In gardening, such a rover is known as a "volunteer plant."

That means the plant showed up where you had no intention of seeing it or in a different place from where you originally put its parents.

The term has been around a long time. The Oxford English Dictionary, which defines the phenomenon as "growing spontaneously," cites a 1794 reference to "a remarkably fine growth of volunteer ash."

Whatever the origins of the word, I think I know what happened in the migration of my asparagus from its longtime bed in the garden to its new location.

I'm guessing that wind or a bird moved a seed to the iris bed and it rooted there. This happened two or three years ago because the spear I cut was of good size and it takes that long for asparagus to grow that big. But either nobody had noticed its fern before or had left it there for its ornamental effect.

Meanwhile, my original bed, of course, is continuing to produce at the average rate of 750 spears a year.

Now wildflowers and weeds may spring up willy-nilly, but those are not thought of as volunteers. If they were, dandelions, in my neck of the woods, would constitute a huge volunteer army. Nor, obviously, does the jungle bear that label.

What we're talking about is the domesticated plant that shows up unexpectedly where you didn't plan for it. One of the commonest sources of such rovers is the compost heap.

That's where you dump garden debris and kitchen scraps to form the rich soil you eventually recycle into the garden. Mixed in the new soil are seeds from the old refuse and they will spring into life. So you'll find violets and Cleome, Johnny-jump-ups, portulaca, forget-me-nots, coreopsis and ageratum suddenly crowding beds you enriched with the compost but designed for other plants.

Orange and red zinnias may pop up in the lettuce patch or a leafy lettuce among the marigolds.

Plants you allow to go to seed in place are another source of the next year's volunteers. If for some reason you didn't get to harvest all your tomatoes, but left them to rot on the ground, the seeds of some will live another day. They may even bear fruit, although very late in the season. The currant tomato, which produces scores of tiny fruit, regularly "volunteers" for another spell of duty in my garden.

Ordinarily, in my northern climate, tomatoes are grown from seed indoors and the plants are put out in the garden in May after the danger of frost has passed. So it's interesting to see them actually produce from seed outdoors, even though late.

As "volunteers," these may show up among your bean plants or in the corn patch in a different part of the garden from where you've planted your regular tomato crop this season.

It's also thought-provoking to note the vitality of the tiny seed that survived the rigors of a northern winter even though its parent fruit died at the first touch of autumn frost.

A friend asked me whether a volunteer plant would still be considered volunteer if it were dug up and planted somewhere else. Who, if anybody, makes the rules in this branch of gardening? I'd say the plant remains volunteer, or free agent, only if allowed to stay put. Once moved, it's a captive plant.

Silver: use it

LINCOLNWOOD, Ill. (AP) — What to do with all that lovely sterling flatware you got as wedding gifts? Don't wait for company; use it, every day.

"Silver is meant to be enjoyed. It's too elegant to be tucked away out of sight," says Alison J. Gutterman of Jelmar, the company that makes Tarn-X products for silver care.

"This means that some of the most treasured, decorative possessions are in day-to-day use, which is good for the owners and good for the silver.

Picking your wedding day?

NEW YORK (AP) — Have questions about your coming wedding? You might find answers in an unexpected place, "The New York Public Library Desk Reference" (Macmillan, $34.50), suggests the publisher.

The bride may want to marry on the same day and date as her grandmother, and she can find the match by consulting the perpetual calendar (Chapter 1, Times & Dates). Her bridesmaids and guests come from many cultures, so to avoid conflicts with Hanukah, Ramadan and Boxer Day, she checks the list of international holidays under the same heading.

She's knows she should be informed about the groom's financial status, so she finds out by tallying his worth (Chapter 20, Personal Finances). She calculates his life expectancy, which is promising (Chapter 18, Health). And how about the stone in her ring? It's real (Chapter 4, The Physical Sciences, Mathematics and Technology).

She also can find out points about grammar, correct forms for letters and addresses, patron saints, literary references, wine choices, household tips, and honeymoon destinations.

Packing for a summer trip: leave most of your stuff at home advises travel writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Going on your first grand tour of Europe this summer? Travel writer Scott McNeely advises, in essence: leave most of your stuff at home.

McNeely, editor of Lonely Planet's new "Europe on a Shoestring" ($24.95 paperback), says you definitely should not load your backpack (preferred) or suitcase with "seven pairs of shoes, five sweaters and the complete works of William Shakespeare."

Here's his advice on the basic math for how much to take: "Put your trip clothes into a big heap. Divide the heap into a large and small pile, and set aside the larger pile. Now take the smaller pile and divide it in half — one half goes in your backpack, the other half stays behind."

Now for the qualitative choices: "Make a pile of clothes you would wear on a cold rainy day (e.g. sweater, warm pants, rain jacket). Make a second pile of clothes you would wear on a boiling hot day (e.g. T-shirt, pair of shorts). Make a third pile of clothes you would wear on an average summer day (pants/dress, T-shirt). Add extra underwear and socks, throw in a swimsuit and towel, and you're done."

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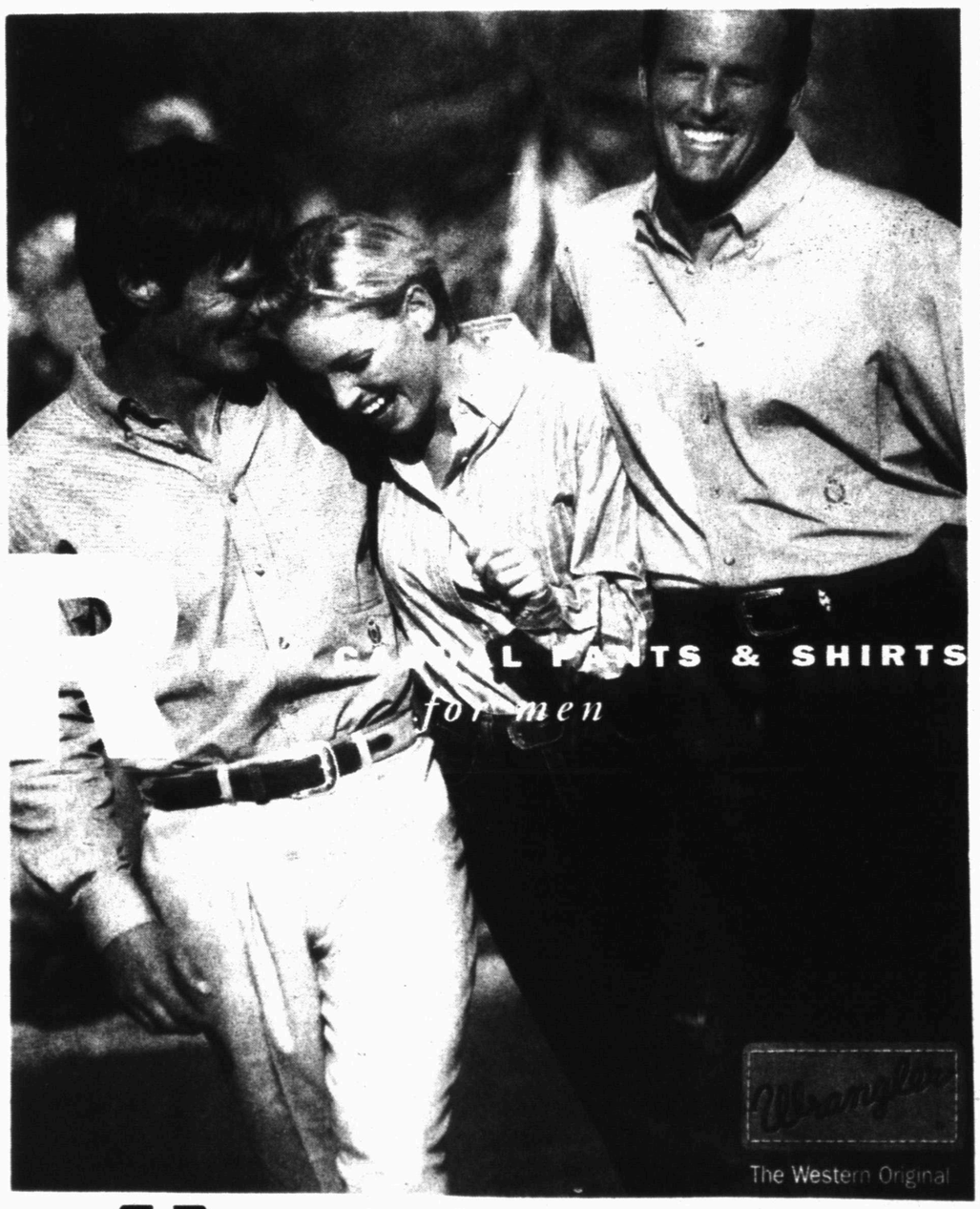
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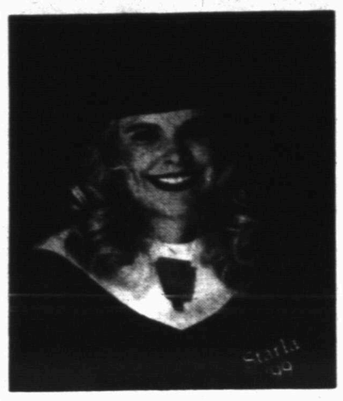
Starla Kay Davis and Brandie L. Rhodes...

Auxiliary presents two scholarships

The Snyder Firemens Auxiliary has announced the recipients of two scholarships. Brandie L. Rhodes received a $100 scholarship. Another $100 scholarship to the college of her choice was presented to Starla Kay Davis in memory of Terry Don McDowell, who served as fire chief for many years.



Brandie L. Rhodes



Starla Kay Davis

While attending Snyder High School, Starla was a member of the National Honor Society her junior and senior years, named an All American Scholar her senior year, and ranked in the Top ten Percent of her freshman class.

Starla was a varsity cheerleader and an All American Cheerleader nominee her junior and senior years. Starla played varsity softball all four years in which she received The Team Most Valuable Player Award her junior and senior years, the Big Stick Award her sophomore year, and Offensive Player of the Year her senior year.

Starla has served as class treasurer the past four years, a member of the student council the past four years, and president of the Student Council her senior year.

Starla has been a member of the a cappella choir for the past three years. She was a nominee for homecoming queen her senior year, a nominee for Miss SHS her senior year, and class favorite nominee her freshman and senior years.

Starla plans to attend Texas Tech University.

She is the daughter of Randy and Debra Davis, the granddaughter of Rusty and Janelda Davis, Bill and Lois Hayes and Otis Kincheloe, and the great-granddaughter of Ora Ussery, all of Snyder.

Brandie is a graduating senior at Breckenridge High School in Breckenridge. She plans to attend San Angelo State University where she will pursue a degree in teaching.

While in high School, she was a member of the National Honor Society, active in drama, a member of Actors Unlimited, active in the Study Buddy Program, and a member of the Yearbook Staff.

Brandie is the daughter of Barbara and Stanley Rhodes of Breckenridge and the granddaughter of Tommy and Beth Guynes of Snyder.

Back To Basics



By Debbie Duddleston

Hey Snyder! Do you know what technology is available to you at Western Texas College? You don't. Well, let me tell you or, better yet, let me show you. I'll take you on a "mental tour." Oh, and by the way, don't worry about wearing comfortable shoes.

Our first stop is the residence hall (better known as dorms for some of us from the old school). See all that wire! Well, Britt Canada, director of technology, and his summer work crew are busy wiring each room for the internet. Every student will have the opportunity to bring their own computers, pay a fee and connect their personal computer to the campus network. How about that?

Let's continue on. Follow me into the LRC building. This is one of the many computer labs we now have on campus. All students have access to these computers. They can be used for homework projects or just for fun! Each computer is wired for the interent. Have you seen WTC's new web page? Here let's pull it up ... http://wtc.cc.tx.us ...Now, isn't that cool?

Okay moving right along. You're not tired are you? Remember this is only a mental tour? I've saved the best for last. I think you will be amzaed at our next stop. Step right into this room.

See all the large TV screens. This is what we call our Distance Learning Lab. WTC students can actually come to this room and, via satellite, take a class from Midwestern State University. Isn't that neat? Hopefully we will soon be able to offer more upper level courses from Texas Tech and Abilene Christian University.

Did you see the little black boxes on each table? They are actually microphones that enable students to talk to their instrucotr in another city. It is just like the instructor is standing in the same room with the students and you can't fall asleep because your teacher will see you! Can you believe your hometown college has all this high tech stuff?

Oh, one more thing, the distance learning lab can also be rented for business meetings. For example: If a business in Snyder needed 10 employees to attend an important meeting in Chicago, they could arrange a video conference with the people in Chicago via satellite. Can you imagine the money that could be saved by using this technology? Let's see ... airline tickets, hotels and meal expenses for ten people plus time away from the office ... that would add up fast! I think you get the picture.

This is our last stop on the tour. Do you have any questions? Well, if you think of a question later, just call us at 573-8511.

Okay. I think we will conclude our tour with a soda and some delicious freshly baked chocolate chip cookies. Sound good? OOPS! Sorry! I forgot this is just a mental tour, I guess I'll have to enjoy these refreshments all by my lonesome! Yum! These cookies aren't bad.

Western Texas College is located at 6200 South College Ave. in Snyder. The college relations admissions, financial aid and counseling offices are located in the Student Center.

Chickenpox vaccine should be required

ATLANTA (AP) — All states should require chickenpox vaccinations for children entering day care or elementary school, federal health officials said.

The requirements are recommended because the highly contagious disease is most prevalent among children ages 1 to 6, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday.

Some 4 million Americans, mostly children, get chickenpox every year. Caused by the varicella virus, it typically just causes severe itching and rash in children.

The CDC estimates that in 1990-94, before the vaccination became available, about 100 people in the United States died each year from chickenpox complications such as pneumonia, hemorrhaging and blood infections. As many as 11,000 were hospitalized each year.

Researchers don't have precise numbers on how many people are dying now that the vaccine is available.

"There is data out there to suggest that deaths are continuing to occur," said Dr. Jane Seward of the CDC's National Immunization Program. "It's not a lot compared to other vaccine-preventable diseases, but it's too many when you've got a way to prevent them."

The vaccine is 80 to 90 percent effective, and protects against the most severe symptoms of chickenpox in all cases, according to the CDC.

The Food and Drug Administration approved the nation's first chickenpox vaccine, Varivax, in 1995 and the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics had recommended vaccinating children for chickenpox at 12 to 18 months.

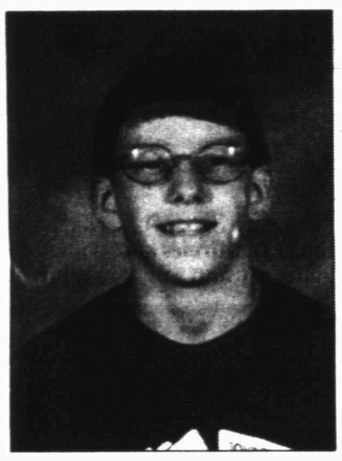
Dow gets degree

ALPINE — Carl Mathis Dow of Snyder has received a master of agriculture and animal science degree at Sul Ross State University.

Bullard earns master's degree

Carol C. Bullard, district elementary art instructor and program coordinator for Snyder ISD, was awarded a master of art education degree at Texas Tech University in December, 1998.

She received a B.A in French in 1972 and a B.A. in art in 1973, both from the University of Santa Barbara.



Matthew Stokes

Matthew Stokes is recognized

Matthew Stokes, Snyder Junior High School student, has received recognization from the United States Achievement Academy.

Besides being named an All-American Scholar, he has also received a national award in mathematics.

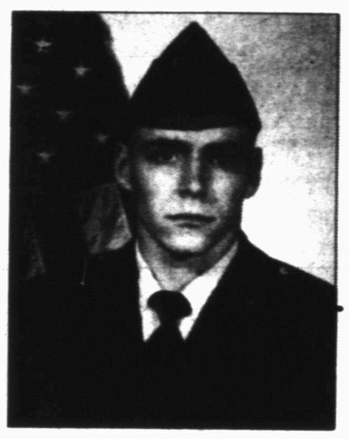
All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average.

Matthew is the son of David and Darlene Stokes of Snyder and the grandson of Dot Stokes of Snyder and the late Carl Stokes and Mary Abbott and the late Chester Abbot of Haskell.

Snyder students earn diplomas at South Plains

LEVELLAND — Several students from Snyder have received diplomas from South Plains College.

They include Lea Anne Tarter, law enforcement technology, with highest honors; Kelly Lynn Kellemeyn, associate of science degree, academic non-major; Rachel Morgan Wilson, certificate of proficiency in surgical technology.



Pvt. 1st Class Jason Sealy

Sealy to observe D-Day in France

Pvt. 1st Class Jason Sealy, who is stationed with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C., is one of 1,200 men selected to celebrate D-Day in Normandy, France, June 1-9.

He is the son of Debbie Morris and the grandson of Leona Ford and Bob and Bernadine Sealy of Snyder.

Jason graduated from Snyder High School in 1997.

Area students on Dean's List

SAN ANGELO — Several Snyder students attending Angelo State University are listed on the Dean's list for the spring semester.

Those listed include Cela Ashby, business-international option major; Dale Marcus Beard, psychology; Laura N. Collins, math and science; Andrea C. Corkran, psychology; Karol E. Dent, undecided major; Scott A. Hall, business—management information systems option; Bradley D. Hart, kinesiology.

Others are Ana M. Hernandez, marketing; Joseph D. Medley, computer science; Lacey Elaine Parker, early childhood; Stacey Marie Parker, early childhood; Kathryn Leigh Robbins, management.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full-time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Closed for Memorial Day

TUESDAY

Creole Steak, stewed squash, lima beans, pear half w/cottage cheese, sugar cookie

WEDNESDAY

Chicken spoonbread w/giblet gravy, sweet potatoes, boiled okra, fruit salad, spice cake w/cream cheese frosting

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

Fried fish, parslied potatoes, green bean casserole, carrot raisin salad, pineapple upside down cake

Senior Center News

The Senior Center has emergency response units available for seniors who need a lifeline to immediate help. Seniors are asked to complete an application form which includes the names of friends, neighbors, or family members that should be called in an emergency.

The unit is installed at a one-time cost of $25 plus $30 per month. Once the unit is connected to the phone, the recipient may wear a remote button that can be pushed in an emergency. Once the unit is activated, the emergency numbers will be contacted, and if those individuals are not available, 911 will be contacted.

The Senior Center cookbook, "Tasty Traditions," are available at the center at a cost of $17.50 each. The books are beautifully covered and bound with a sturdy three-ring binder.

MONDAY

The center will be closed for Memorial Day.

TUESDAY

88 play begins at 10 a.m., the Hoss Clayton Band will be entertaining at 11, and the Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon. Join us every day Monday through Friday at 11 a.m. for exercise.The summer swimnastics schedule will be announced at Western Texas College as soon as registration is complete.

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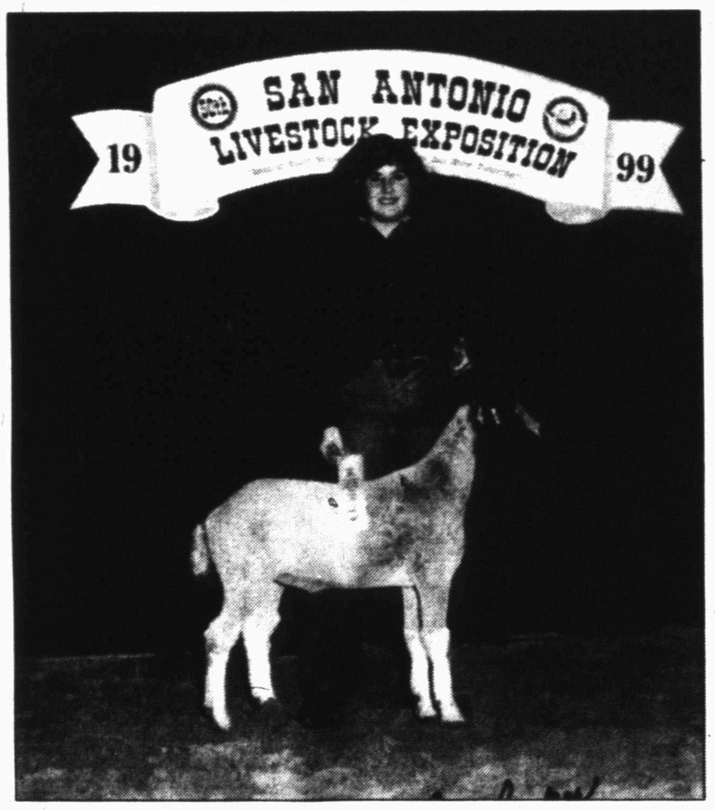
The Kitchen Band will be performing at Snyder Healthcare at 10 a.m. Line Dancers will practice at 1 p.m. and cloggers at 2 p.m.

THURSDAY

The fabric painting class will meet at 9 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will practice in the center at 10 a.m. Seniors interested in the domino tournament should be at the center by 10 a.m. The bracket will be drawn and play will begin immediately. Seniors are encouraged to join the fun.

FRIDAY

The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m. 88 players can begin at 10. The Friday sing-a-long will begin at 11:30 a.m.



THIRD PLACE — Calli Pierce, Snyder High School senior, took third place honors with her meat goat at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition. Calli has been involved with Snyder FFA all four years of high school. This was her first year to show goats. She has been on numerous judging teams and has been an officer with her local FFA chapter for three years. Calli is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dannie Pierce. (Contributed Photo)

Ventura tells 'bawdy' tales

YORBA LINDA, Calif. (AP) — Now it's Jesse "The Bawdy" Ventura.

The governor of Minnesota regaled admirers Thursday at the Richard Nixon Library & Birthplace with the off-color stories of his Navy years and detailed his rise from professional wrestler to politician.

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VARSITY CHEERLEADERS — Snyder High School varsity cheerleaders and Tiger mascot for the 1999-2000 school year have been named. They are front row from left Tara Price and Janette Allen. Back row are Debbie Foster, Cary Brown, Lauren Hackfeld, mascot Amy Braziel, Jodi Dennis, Leslie English and Michelle Munoz. (SDN Staff Photo)



JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS — Snyder High School junior varsity cheerleaders for the 1999-2000 school year have been named. They are from left Bailey Stoker, Ashley Owen, Morgan Miller, Josh Rosas Ortegon, Jaci Smith, Vanessa Freeman and Loryn Brown. (SDN Staff Photo)



FRESHMEN CHEERLEADERS — Snyder High School 1999-2000 freshman cheerleaders have been named. They are from left Nikki James, Melissa Maguire, Kayla Beck, Jade Taggart, Chaelyn Robinson and Ira Gonzales. (SDN Staff Photo)

Myers always wanted to write, act in comedies

NEW YORK (AP) — Yeah, baby. Even as a boy growing up in Canada, Mike Myers always wanted to write and act in comedies.

"I liked how the house felt when a good comedy was on," says the star of the upcoming sequel, "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me." "I liked the feeling of a room laughing. My dad was a big laugher."

His father would wake him up in the middle of the night to watch Peter Sellers comedies, he says in the latest Rolling Stone magazine. Myers says Sellers influenced his comedy.

He also says that a line from the play "Equus" describes his work ethic: "Relentlessly self-improving working class."

"I'm very proud of that aspect of my family life," he says. "The belief that you can do better, that you're your own keeper of your station in life. My parents had a great marriage, and they kept a really happy house where comedy and a sense of humor about stuff was really important."

About being Canadian, Myers says: "Canada is the existence of not being. Not English, not American. ... We're more like celery as a flavor."

2 charged with smuggling babies

NEW YORK (AP) — Two women and a lawyer have been charged with running an illegal baby-smuggling operation that sold 17 Mexican children to adoptive families in New York.

Arlene Lieberman, 48, and Arlene Reingold, 47, neighbors in Medford on Long Island, were charged Thursday in federal court with conspiracy to violate immigration laws, along with mail and wire fraud.

Mario Reyes, 40, was arrested Wednesday night at his home in Douglas, Ariz., which abuts a Mexican border town called Agua Prieta where he had a law practice. He faces the same charges.

Prosecutors say the three sold babies for $20,000 or more without any of the required immigration and adoption paperwork. The adoptive parents were unwitting victims, authorities say.

A spokesman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service said the children would be allowed to remain with their adoptive parents and that the government would work to legalize their status, The New York Times reported today.

But some parents still remain fearful about the children's future.

"Our biggest concern is that we don't want anyone to take our child away from us," Sara Kruchkow said of the 3-year-old girl she and her husband adopted.

The court papers allege that Reyes paid to have babies smuggled from his Agua Prieta office across the border to his Arizona home, sometimes by Mexican women posing as the children's mothers.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy Macht said he could not comment on how the children were obtained.

Some of the children were babies as young as two weeks old; others had serious medical problems despite assurances given to adoptive parents that the children were healthy, authorities said.

One couple was presented with a 7-year-old girl who was mentally retarded, malnourished and also showed signs of sexual abuse. The couple, in their 50s, returned her to Mrs. Lieberman and never got a refund on their $20,000, court papers said.

Third graders study old Spanish galleons

Hermleigh third graders have been studying the wreckage of old Spanish galleons such as the Atocha.

Students used the Internet to check out artifacts that were salvaged by Mel Fisher.

They also watched a documentary on the salvage. In addition, they used a cargo list and a large sand box to hunt for "treasures."

The Atocha's treasures have been displayed by Abilene jewelers. Among the artifacts were emeralds and lice combs.

The students also made 3-D murals that represent sea scenes and treasurer ships.



MADE MURALS — Hermleigh third graders Brett McClure, Jonathan Hernandez, Ben Harrington, J.D. Mireles and Willie Berkley made 3-D murals after studying the wreckage of an old Spanish galleon. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



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Dear Editor:

An open letter to the Snyder Community

In light of recent events in the United Methodist Church (especially in the state of California), we at Trinity United Methodist Church in Snyder wish to make our position and beliefs concerning homosexuality clearly and publicly known.

First, we believe that homosexuality is sin. Both the Bible and the Discipline of the United Methodist Church are clear on this point. The Apostle Paul, while discussing the sinful state of humankind, said in Romans 1:26-27, "Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion." (NIV).

It does not use the word "homosexuality," but what else could this passage be talking about? If we take what God, in the scriptures, calls sin and say that it is an acceptable lifestyle, we cease to be good servants of Christ. He said, "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters abroad."

Secondly, we believe that homosexuality, like any other sin, can be forgiven if the person turns away from it and towards Jesus Christ in faith. This is the essence of repentance. Luke 24:46-47 says, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations ..." (NIV)

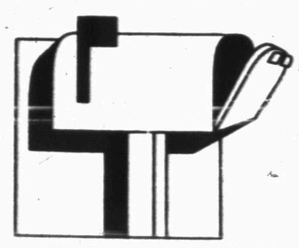
Finally, we believe that God is able and eager to set people free from this slavery to sexual perversion. Jesus said, "...everyone who sins is a slave to sin ... if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (from John 8:34-36 NIV).

Paul said in First Corinthians 6:7-11, "Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolators nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkard nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the Kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of God." (NIV). It was obviously expected that these people to whom Paul wrote would no longer be following these sinful practices.

When God puts his Spirit in a believer, he begins a process of inner transformation. As the believer responds to and cooperates with the Spirit of God, through various means of grace that he provides, sin is conquered, and the Christian goes on to maturity, but, if we fail either to call sin by its name or to show people the path to liberation, we dilute and pervert the goal of Jesus Christ. The grace of God through his Son extends not just to the forgiveness of sins but also to liberation from slavery to sin. Homosexuality is no exception. So this indeed is good news. The homosexual does not have to stay trapped in this lifestyle. Jesus can set him or her free.

Some United Methodist congregations may reject this position, but we at Trinity United Methodist Church stand firm in it and wish all people to know it clearly. If ever our denomination decides to change the Discipline and officially condone this practice, we will not follow; we will remain true to the Lord Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,
Trinity UMC Administrative Council
Donald Burk, chairman of the Trinity UMC Pastor/Parish Relations Committee



Courtesy praised

Dear Editor:

I want to publicly thank the precinct commissioners and the Scurry County employees for their exceptional courtesy, management of the traffic and highly skilled road repair abilities.

The reconstruction and paving of the first two mile segment on Round Top Road has been completed to the highest standards. It has been typical of the public services that I have experienced and observed during the forty years that I have lived in Scurry County.

Every county and city department functions at the utmost level of courtesy and professional discharge of duties and helpfulness.

I am proud to live among this type of people and the privilege of having raised my children in Snyder under the influence of West Texas traditions reflected daily by the employees of Scurry County and the city of Snyder.

Sincerely,
Jim Erwin

Walk Across Texas

Dear Editor:

The goal of our "Walk Across Texas" fun/fitness program was to encourage individuals to develop a healthy lifestyle by including exercise in their daily activities.

Two hundred seventy-five individuals chose to participate in this successful event. Events and activities are most successful when you have community people involved in the planning and implementing process. Credit for this successful program goes to the following committee member: Lee Burke, Leslie Cooley, Sy Tabor, Kent Wright, Nathan Zalman, Shawna Redwine, Dave Hanes, Donny Brown, Allen Hodges, Terry Busby, Linda Key and Jaycie Wright. These individuals spent numerous hours assisting with the "Walk Across Texas" project. Jim Clifton served as co-chairman for the group.

Thirty-two individuals volunteered to serve as team captains for a team consisting of seven other members. Our team captains played a major role in encouraging and keeping their members exercising. Team captains included: Dalinda Roberts, Joan Bunch, Amy Meeker, Delwyn Davis, Sara Fritz, Lisa Tate, Rhonda Ward, Nathan Zalman, Lee Burke, Vicky Roland, Gina Henderson, Jaycie Wright, Leslie Cooley, Thomas McBroom, Linda Jones, Dave Hanes, Mark Cypert, Edna Anderson, Pam Browning, Luann Grice, Debra Hester, Chloanne Lindsey, Marita Burton, Shawna Redwine, Gina Goolsby, Sy Tabor, Trina Rogers, Libby Sanders, Susie White, Stephanie Knipe and Linda Key.

A very special "Thank You" goes to West Texas State Bank, Snyder National Bank and YZ Industries for their support as well. The "Walk Across Texas" fun/fitness program was definitely a community team effort and we truly appreciate all the hard work done to accomplish our goal. Thank you committee members, team captains, business leaders and team members for all your efforts, support and participation.

Kathryn Roberts,
County Extension Agent
Family and Consumer Science

Not Yet!



Deanie Francis Mills

I don't know what it is about daughters, really.

No matter how grown up they become, we just can't seem to stop wanting to watch over and protect them, keep them safe, hold them close. It's not that we don't miss our sons as fiercely when they are away, but somehow, it's just different with our little girls.

A couple of years ago, we helped our son move into his first apartment. It was very exciting for him and lots of fun for us. We shopped for furniture together and looked at apartments until we found just the right one. After he moved in, I loved to visit him and see how he was decorating his own digs. I was pleasantly surprised to find that he put up posters of Clint Eastwood and the Blues Brothers along with some of the more raunchy choices favored by college guys. And he liked to keep the place neat, which didn't surprise me, actually.

When he transferred into Texas A&M and went into the Corps of Cadets, he had to give up his apartment. We sold the furniture and packed up all his kitchen things and the like for Jessica, for when it was her turn. This year she met a lovely young lady who is also a theatre major and has a two-bedroom apartment in an ideal location with a very reasonable rent. At year's end, she invited Jessica to move in with her. Another theatre major was going away on an internship, and she loaned Jessica all of her furniture. The situation was ideal.

So after classes were over this spring, Jessica moved out of the dorm and came home to gather up the things we'd stored for her. By this time, we'd visited the apartment and spent time with her new roommate, and we couldn't have been happier with the arrangement. I told Jessica stories about my first apartment, how much fun you can have, how you never forget it.

And then she started packing up. In her room, she emptied out a bookcase and loaded it into her car. "You don't want any of your fantasy books?" I asked. (I was referring to some beautifully illustrated collector's books she had read over and over through the years.) "You don't want the Nania series?" She shook her head no.

Taking a box, she casually tossed in all the gargoyle fantasy figures she'd collected, and put it into the top of the closet. "You don't want your gargoyles?" I asked in dismay.

"I don't have room for them, Mama," she said firmly. She set aside books which contained plays of any kind, to take to school: Shakespeare, Moliere, Tennesse Williams. A book of popular poems. I looked around at the dozens of stuffed toys that surrounded the room. Only one had been selected to accompany her to college, her faithful mouse, Squeakers. And then it dawned on me.

"You've outgrown them, haven't you?" I asked, blinking back tears.

She gave me a sheepish grin. "Yeah."

"It's like you're packing up your girlhood," I said sadly.

"Yup."

Suddenly surly, I said, "Well, why don't we donate the books to the library?"

"NO!" she cried. "I'm ... not ready yet."

Neither was I. In fact, I wasn't ready for any of it. I didn't want her to be all grown up and living in her own apartment. I didn't want to pack away the gargoyles.

She was growing up and there wasn't a single thing I could do about it. Profound sadness clutched at my heart. Roaming around the room, I tried to be useful. "Your new bed is a double bed," I pointed out. "None of your dorm sheets will fit on it. Do you want to go shopping for comforters and things?"

But that was all under control too, it seemed. "The girl who's loaning me the bed threw in this beautiful $300 set of sheets and comforter — it even has pillow shams and a duster."

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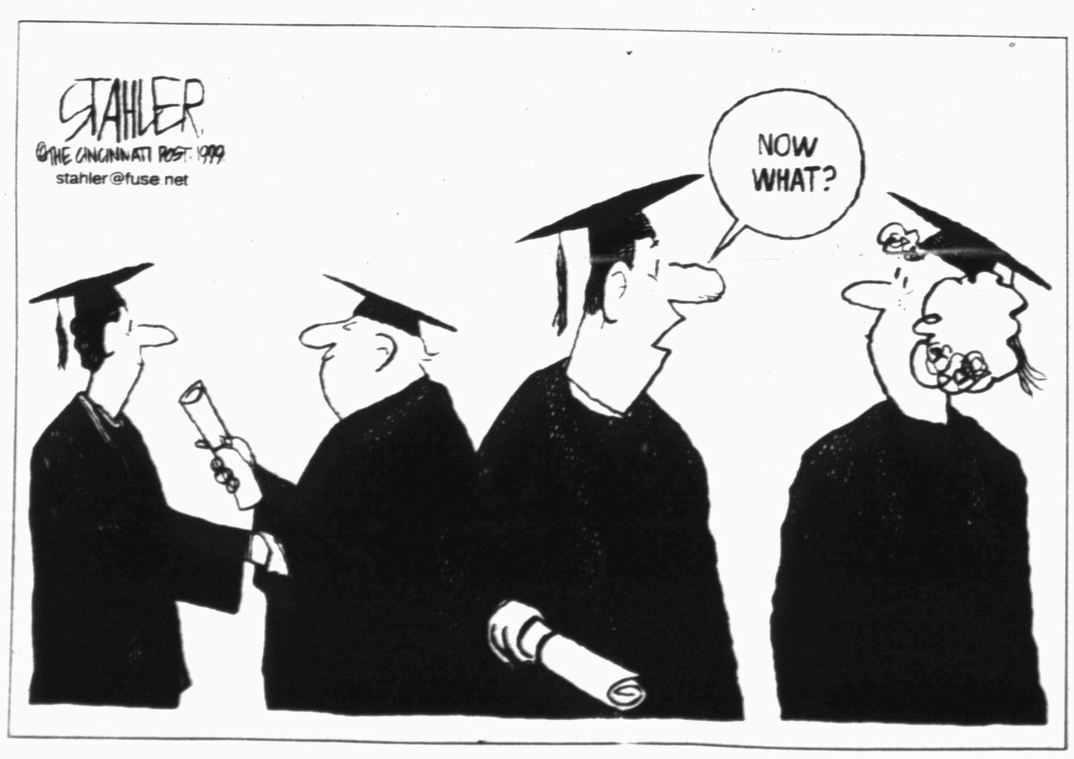
With practiced efficiency, she loaded up her little car with kitchen things and play books, the empty bookcase and her luggage. And Squeakers, of course. She may be leaving home, but she's not ready to abandon Squeakers just yet.

I had a real hard time saying good-bye.

After she left, I laundered her Winnie-the-Pooh sheets and started to make the bed. Then my gaze fell on the dorm stuff she'd left behind. A pretty plaid comforter and plain blue sheets. Suddenly, I ripped off the Pooh sheets, threw them on the floor, and remade the bed, using the college set. With a heavy heart, I packed up the Pooh stuff in a plastic storage bag and put it away in her closet with the rest of her childhood.

All the stuffed toys from around the room gazed at me with sad, lonesome eyes. I told them not to worry, I wasn't ready to part with them yet, either.

Deanie Mills writes a weekly column for the Snyder Daily News



EDITORIAL COMMENT



Remembering the reason for Memorial Day

by Butch Miller

Memorial Day is the day we remember and honor those who lost their lives fighting for our nation. The men and women we remember on Memorial Day demonstrated the highest form of faith in the triumph of good over evil. Just as they had a mission, we, too, have a mission: To teach the young people of today to respect America's values.

History teaches us that our faith in freedom — readily backed up by our resolve to defend freedom — has made America — and the world — a better place. Today, 170 of the world's 193 sovereign states elect the lawmakers. That means the earth is covered by democracy. Clearly those who made the supreme sacrifice for freedom did so for a victorious cause.

History teaches us that the world will never run out of threats to freedom. Hitler is no more. We won the Cold War. But our world must contend with Milosevic in Kosovo and Hussein in Iraq. China has an up side and down side — a growing appreciation for the free market, but a disturbing aspiration for nuclear and strategic supremacy. Clearly, future generations may be called up again to sacrifice for freedom.

If we teach young people correctly, they will willingly serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, the defense of freedom will continue and democracy will flourish worldwide.

I often tell others about Danny Flynn, a young Marine. His story helps me reaffirm a young person's faith in the perseverance of a free people.

Private First Class Flynn drove a personnel carrier during the War in Vietnam. He had been in Vietnam for 19 days when he volunteered to take a sick buddy's tour of duty. On that fateful night, May 15, 1968, a Cambodian rocket killed Flynn. He was 20 years old.

Flynn was a native of Kings Park, New York. He was buried with full military honors at Pinelawn Cemetery there. He was awarded the Purple Heart posthumously. A Kings Park baseball field was named in his honor. But the most important tribute to Flynn is carried out by a local middle school. They keep hope alive by teaching young people how important Memorial Day is.

Every year, 5th and 6th graders write letters to Flynn's mother. Through the battlefield death of Danny Flynn, new generations are learning about patriotic values. Their notes to Flynn's mother are short, but poignant. "When I say the Pledge of Allegiance, I will remember Danny Flynn," writes one student. "Bringing books to the Kings Park Library will help me focus on the sacrifice Danny Flynn made for me," reflects another.

The children of that middle school wouldn't understand Memorial Day if someone hadn't taught them that freedom isn't free. They continue to learn that America's fallen heroes expressed the faith in democracy by committing the most selfless act of all.

Each of us must instill in young people the importance of Memorial Day. We should also ask God — in our daily prayers — to continue to bless America. If we do these things, America's faith in freedom, justice and democracy will remain intact. So, too, will the blanket of freedom that our honored dead bequeathed to us.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Butch Miller is the National Commander of the 2.8 million-member American Legion, the nation's largest wartime veterans organization. He resides in Woodbridge, Va.

Open containers

The Dallas Morning News

Texas legislators have tried and failed in the past to curb the unacceptably high number of people who drink and drive on the state's highways.

They approved legislation that allows law officers to arrest individuals who consume alcohol while they are driving. But the arresting officer must see the motorist swigging from a bottle or beer can before he can make a move.

The current law, which was heavily influenced by lobbyists for the liquor industry, has proved largely ineffective in the crackdown on drunken driving. But there is new hope.

The Texas Senate has just approved legislation that would make it a misdemeanor to have an open container of alcohol in the passenger compartment of a moving vehicle.

Even if a passenger rather than the driver is drinking, it would be a violation. That would eliminate the opportunity for a motorist to hand an alcoholic beverage to someone else when a police officer stops him.

The open container law, which has been proposed but never adopted in previous sessions, needs to be approved. There is no way for officers to nab drinking drivers when the rules on observation are so stringent.

For many Texans, drinking while making road trips has been a long-held tradition. They consider it a natural freedom dating back to this state's Wild West days.

But the shocking number of alcohol-related traffic fatalities should be reason enough to puncture old traditions. State lawmakers have an obligation to help make our highways safer for all motorists.

Having crossed its first hurdle, the open container law should be approved by the House. Texas already faces the prospect of losing some of its federal highway funds if it does not adopt a tougher stance on drinking and driving.

But money isn't the issue here. The loss of human life is.



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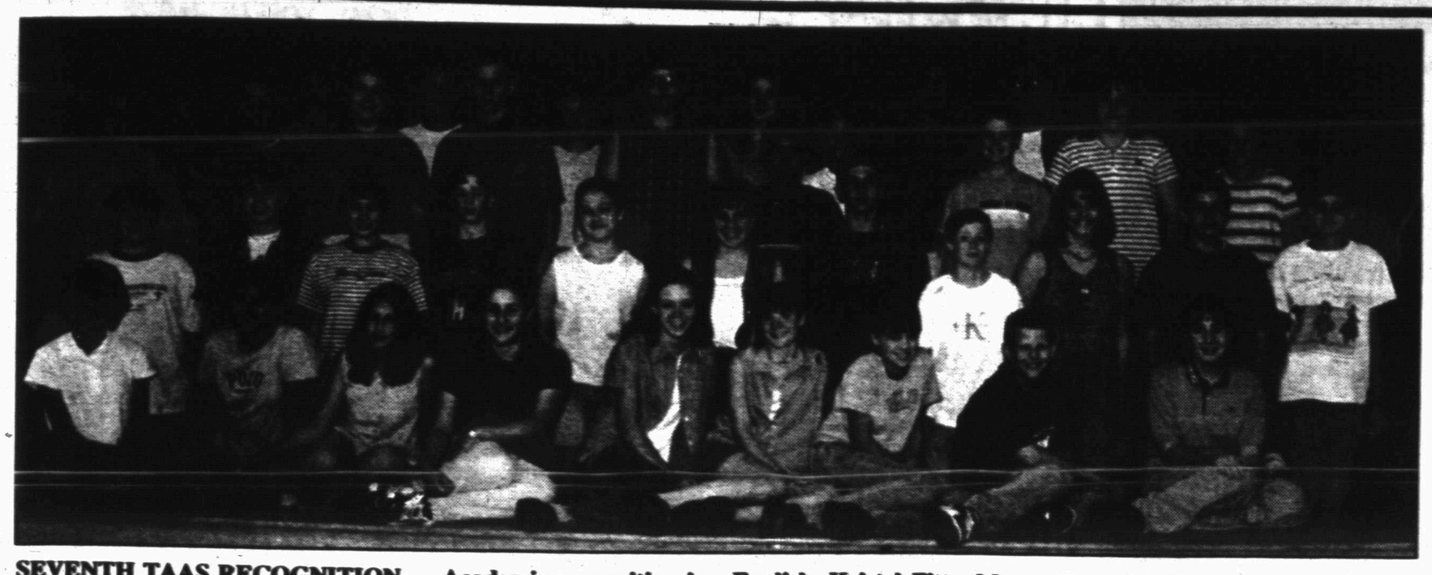


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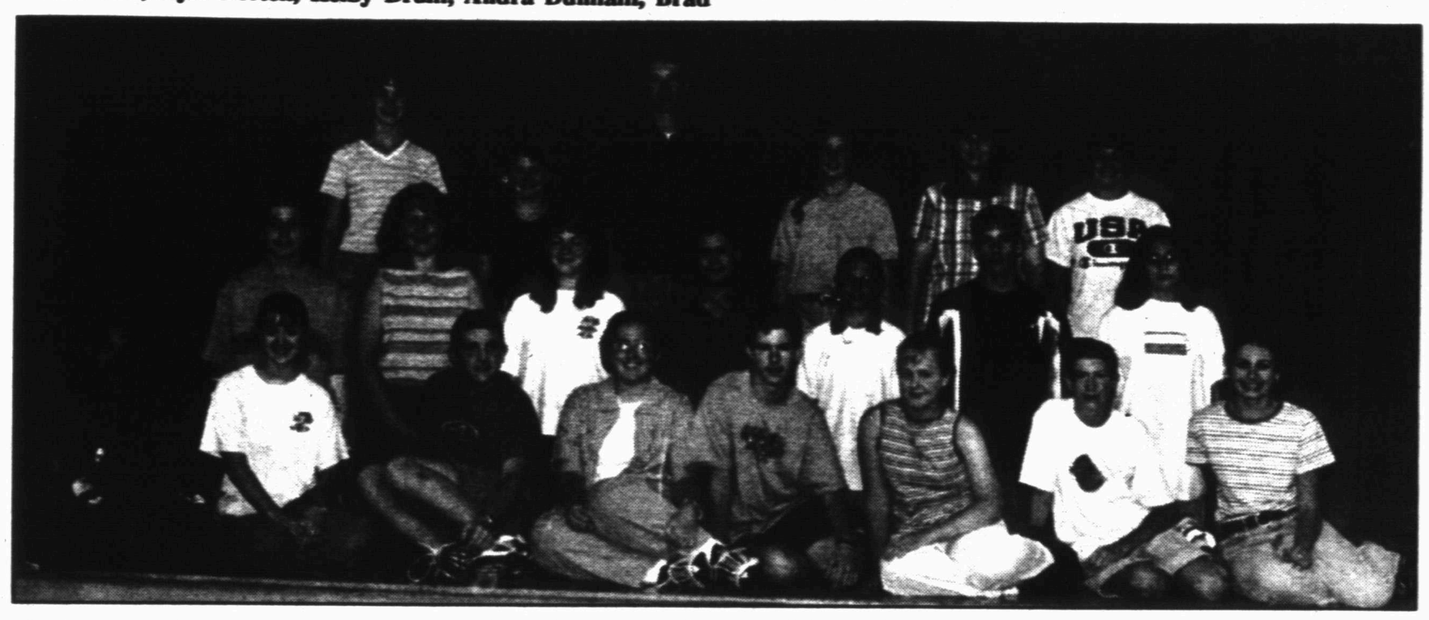


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SEVENTH TAAS RECOGNITION — Academic recognition in the TAAS reading and math tests are awarded to students who answered at least 95 percent of the items correctly. Thirty-seven seventh graders at Snyder Junior High School received academic recognition in both areas. From left, bottom row, Ashlye Amox, Laura Arellano, Shana Blackard, Katie Bryant, Erin Burleson, Beth Clements, Sarah Crawford, Jordan Dea, Jordan Donelson; second row, Kyle Dortch, Kelby Drum, Andra Dunham, Brad English, Kristel Fitts, Megan Fletcher, Blake Grimmett, Justin Guynes, Gretchen Hollis, Josh Kemp, Emily Long; third row, Chad Martin, Jed Martin, Molly Mason, Sterling Millhollen, Rebecca Pavlovsky, Jose Perez, Peter Perez, Bradley Price, Brandi Russell, Paige Smith; top row, Chance Tatum, Sara Thornhill, Kendall Tidwell, Cami Trout; Amanda Whitson, Stephanie Williams, Joseph Ynguanzo. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



EIGHTH TAAS RECOGNITION — Academic recognition in each subject area is awarded to each student who answers at least 95 percent of the items correctly on that subject area test. On the writing test, a score of four on the written composition is also required. Eighth graders take five tests: writing, reading, math, science, and social studies. Twenty-two eighth graders at Snyder Junior high School received academic recognition on the writing, reading and math portions of the TAAS. They are from left, bottom row, David Arizmendi, Rachel Cave, Taylor Cotton, Christan Curry, Will Davis, Kellie Dodson, Jason Guynes, Cozy Jones; middle row, TJ Jones, Whitney Jones, Jacinda Judah, Duran Lopez, Matt McCormick, Jacob Pechacek, Cyrena Morin; back row, Afton Schwertner, Tiffany Stanley, Zach Starnes, Tara Trammell, Lilli Valdez, Patricia Vargas. Tyler Kerr is not pictured.

(Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



SPECIAL TAAS RECOGNITION — Twelve Snyder Junior High School eighth graders earned academic recognition on all five of the TAAS test areas: writing, reading, math, science and social studies. From left, front row, Rachel Cave, Christan Curry, Will Davis, Kellie Dodson, Cozy Jones; back row, TJ Jones, Jacinda Judah, Cyrena Morin, Afton Schwertner, Lilli Valdez. Tyler Kerr and Taylor Cotton are not pictured. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



The flying hatchet fish can take off from the water's surface and fly as far as ten feet, using its side fins as wings.

Snyder FFA captures 1st place recognition

LUBBOCK — A Texas FFA team from Snyder High School was victorious in the International Video Judging Contest, beating out 73 teams to win the W.K. Krueger Poultry Judging Contest.

Team members included Marci Irvine, Dana Stribling, Sarah Bryant and Laurie Huddleston. All Snyder teammates placed in the top 20 among the 282 competitors.

The poultry judging contest consisted of interior egg quality, ready-to-cook broilers, broiler breeder evaluation, breaded poultry meat patties, ready-to-cook turkeys and production hens.

David Frazier was the coach. Officials for the poultry contest were Dale Hyatt, Texas A&M University; Dr. Jason Emmert, University of Arkansas; and Dr. Tim Chamblee, Mississippi State University.

This is the seventh year for the competition sponsored by CEV Multimedia, Ltd. in Lubbock.

For its first place win, the Snyder team received a $1,000 agricultural scholarship, a team trophy and jackets for individual team members.

This year there were 2,311 teams entered from almost every state in the U.S. and from one foreign country. Over $15,000 in scholarships and awards will be distributed to more than 50 teams from 12 different states.

Historical group has new Web site

The Scurry County Historical Commission has a new Internet Web site designed by Josh Burney and locally hosted by Bullard's Computer Solutions. Ther site is located at http://www.snydertex.com/history.

The site includes a brief history of the local commission, and pages highlighting the lives of Gen. William Read Scurry, J. Wright Moar and W.H. (Pete) Snyder.

In addition, the site lists the 21 historical markers that can be seen in a walking tour around Snyder's square, as well as a page highlighting other points of interest in Scurry County.

Finally, the site features a list of history books written by local authors that are available for purchase.

Billy Bob McMullan is chairman of the Scurry County Historical Commission, Aline Parks is treasurer, and Wanda Falls in secretary.

Riggan receives top recognition

LOS ANGELES — Tim Riggan, investment representative with the Snyder office of Edward Jones, has been named to the President's Club of The American Funds Group, one of the nation's leading mutual fund families. Appointment to the President's Club is one of the organization's highest honors for stockbrokers and financial planners.

Riggan was honored for superior service to investors in the Snyder area and for continued financial expertise and dedication to principles of sound mutual fund and variable annuity investing.

Riggan has been with Edward Jones since October 1980. He has been in the financial services field for 19 years.

Riggan lives in Snyder with his wife, Diana, and their children, Russell, Stoni-Brooke and Tyler.

Not a great idea

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Former President Bush's plans to skydive again don't strike his eldest son, Gov. George W. Bush, as a great idea.

The ex-president plans to celebrate his 75th birthday three days early on June 9 by leaping from an airplane at an altitude of 12,500 feet. He plans to land on the grounds of his presidential library at Texas A&M University in College Station.

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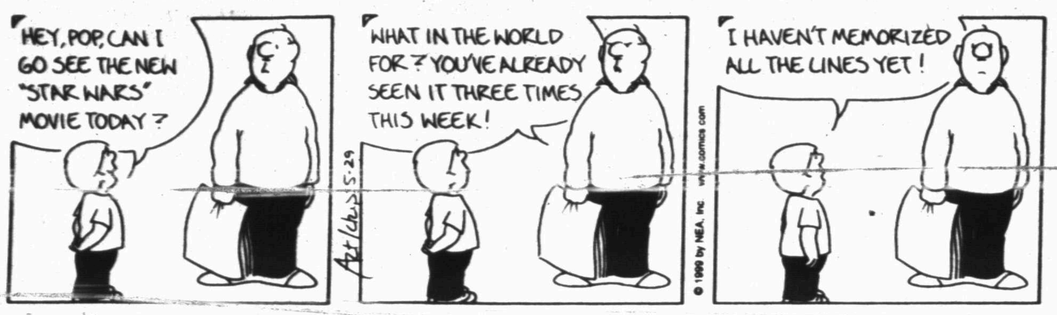
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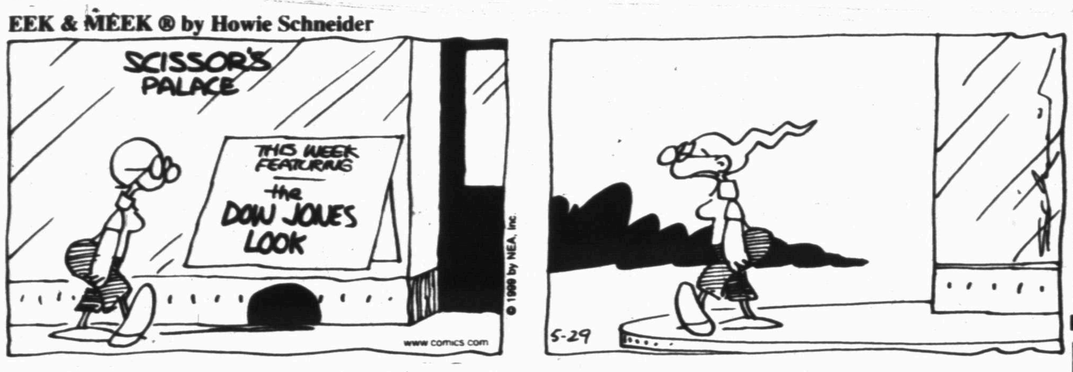
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1 Change into bone
7 De — (in reality)
12 Baltimore symbol
13 One or the other
14 World War II general
15 Nastier
16 Author — Rand
17 Feel regret
18 St. crosser
21 Postpone
23 Actress Gardner
26 Football kick
28 Ellington's rank?
29 — Tin Tin (movie dog)
30 Pelvic bones
31 Roped
33 Chinese snack
36 Young tough
37 Machine part
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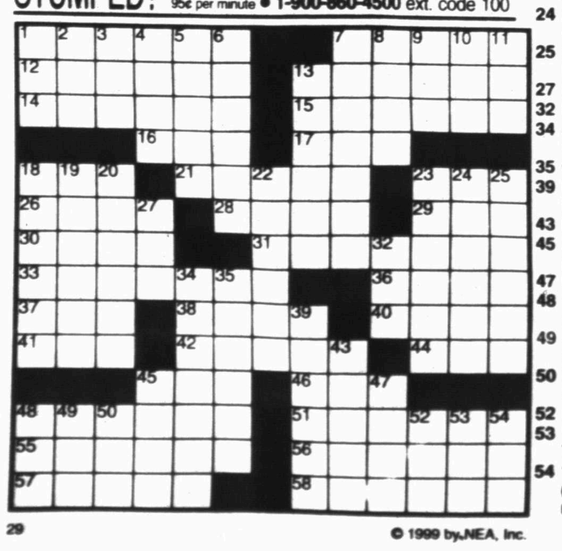
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2 Mrs., in Madrid
3 Come to rest
4 Small quantity
5 Boxer — Patterson
6 Wanted, slangily
7 Reckons
8 Tamarisk salt
9 T'ai — ch'uan tree
10 Golf peg
11 Hockey great Bobby
13 California state motto
18 Each
19 Unrefined
20 Mystery
22 More distended
23 In circumference
24 Austrian capital
25 Under lock — —
27 Deck hand
32 Hot spring
34 Jazz player — Coleman
35 Charters
39 Diane or Buster
43 Hog
45 Alençon product
47 Minus
48 "— the ramparts . . ."
49 Jeb Bush's st.
50 Bernstein, for short
52 Lab animal
53 "Hold On Tight" group
54 "— Spiegel" (German magazine)

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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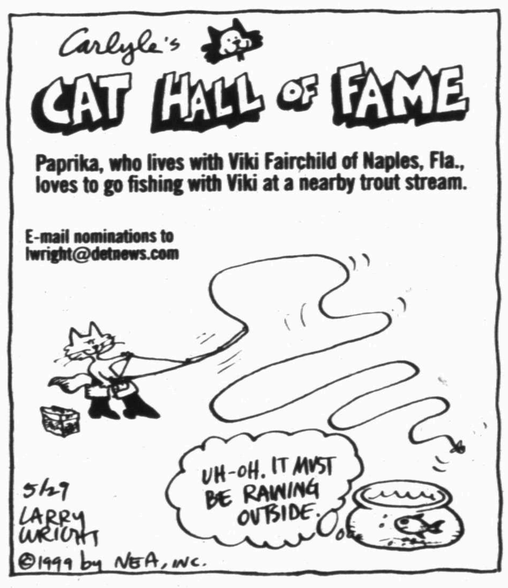


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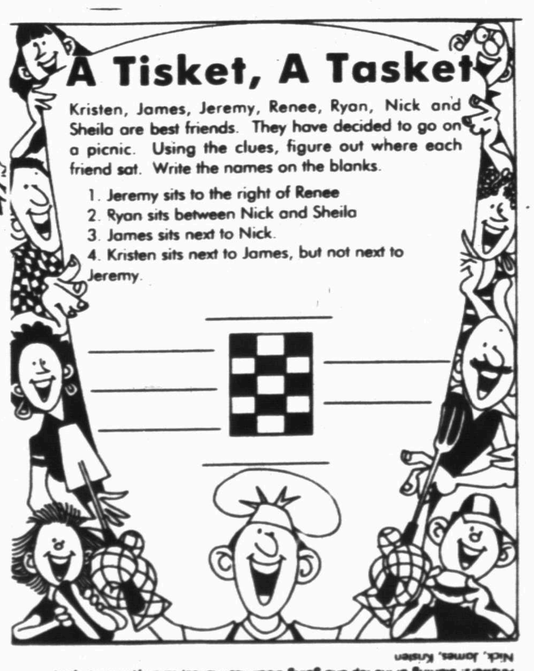




A Tisket, A Tasket

Kristen, James, Jeremy, Renee, Ryan, Nick and Sheila are best friends. They have decided to go on a picnic. Using the clues, figure out where each friend sat. Write the names on the blanks.

1. Jeremy sits to the right of Renee
2. Ryan sits between Nick and Sheila
3. James sits next to Nick.
4. Kristen sits next to James, but not next to Jeremy.



Answers: Starting at the top and going clockwise: Renee, Jeremy, Sheila, Ryan, Nick, James, Kristen





Life moving on slowly...

For those touched by school massacre

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Michael Shoels still cries before he goes to bed at night. Kacey Brackney has stopped looking for friends who are no longer alive. Vickie DeHoff just took up ironing again.

Life is moving on, slowly, for the students and the families of those touched by the Columbine High School massacre.

"It's up and down," said Shoels, who lost his son, Isaiah, in the shooting. "I'm not going to say I'm not hurting."

Vickie DeHoff, whose sophomore daughter Krysti was one of the last students rescued, is trying to get life back on track.

"Last night, I laughed for the first time. Friday, I'm doing the ironing for the first time since the shooting," she said.

For her 16-year-old daughter, the trauma has persisted. Her mother said Miss DeHoff sat in a car for hours and could not easily go back to classes at a nearby high school after the April 20 attack.

"It's never over. It never will be over," the teen said.

Miss Brackney, a 15-year-old freshman, said there are times when the horror of the massacre unexpectedly assails her.

"One month ago, I was wondering where my friend was. It's hard, but it's getting better," she said.

The lives of all four were turned upside down when students Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold stormed Columbine with guns and bombs, fatally shooting 12 students and a teacher before killing themselves.

As the Columbine students marked the one-month anniversary, another school shooting in Conyers, Ga., reopened their wounds. The May 20 attack at Heritage High School injured six students.

"How could someone see all the tears and emotion and try to copycat this?" asked freshman Katie Crona, 14. "I'm angry someone else had to go through the same experience we did."

Mrs. DeHoff, who teaches a community college sociology course on death and dying, believes the grieving process has been even more difficult for the families of the gunmen.

"Look at the pain of those whose children were injured or killed. Then look at the pain of those whose kids did this and multiply that. Their pain is so much greater than ours," she said. "I know the Klebolds. They raised Dylan well. They're not to blame.

"They're suffering from disenfranchised grief. Their loss can't be openly acknowledged, socially sanctioned or publicly shared."

Pam Russell, a spokeswoman for the prosecutor's office, said the Klebolds have talked with investigators, but the Harrises have refused to cooperate without a grant of immunity.

Dr. Mark Stebnicki, a counselor who helped after the March 1998 school shooting in Jonesboro, Ark., that killed five people, said it could take months or years for families of some victims to recover.

"For the trauma of an event like having your child (killed), there's no bouncing back," Stebnicki said. "It will never be the same. They have to learn how to cope and how to adjust."

For the families of those responsible, "there is a feeling they have no right to grieve," he said.

Mrs. DeHoff, who has known the Klebolds for 15 years, said she has received a number of letters expressing support for them. Typical was a letter from a California couple, who wrote that they had had troubles raising their own son, who turned out fine in the end. They asked Mrs. DeHoff to convey their message to the Klebolds.

"We do not blame or judge you because as parents of a son, we know that you trust your kids," they wrote. "The point is that you don't have a second chance and by the grace of God, we did."

Lisa Simon, a spokeswoman for the law firm representing the Klebolds, said they have received hundreds of similar letters. She said the Klebolds are still in the Denver area.

Mrs. DeHoff said forgiving the parents of the two killers "doesn't sit well with the parents of some of the victims."

"I'm hoping our community is big enough to wrap our arms around those parents, too, because they also lost sons," she said. "I don't hate the boys and I don't hate their parents. I hate that it happened." But Shoels said he cannot forgive the parents of the gunmen. On Thursday, he filed a $250 million negligence lawsuit against them.

"This is not about money, this is about change. This money will be used properly for my son and others," he said.

It's not the dark at the top of the stairs that spooks us, it's the skateboard lurking in the shadows at the bottom of the stairs that scares us all to bits.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Johnny and Victoria Guynes, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Clarence and June Anderson, 1999 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

James T. Wemken, 1999 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Laurie White and Jose Olvera, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Associates Leasing Inc., 1999 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

Jamie Hall, 1999 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

Wylie and Brenda Oliver, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

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Aubrey L. Brewster, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

James and Michelle Jenkins, 1999 Ford Windstar from Wilson Motors.

Carl Erickson, 1999 Dodge from Snyder Chrysler.

Patricia Hudgins, 1999 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

R.J. and Ellen Kubena, 1999 Oldsmobile van from Wilson Motors.

Marriage License

Alonso Amaya Arreola and Josefa Ann Muniz, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Joni Leigh Wenetschlaeger and James Melvin Wenetschlaeger, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Alessa Fabre and Alvin Anthony Fabre Sr., divorce granted.

Deed Records

Joe E. Michie to Joe E. and Sophie Michie, Lot 5 in Block 2 of the Davis Subdivision of Block 71 of the Grayum and Nelson's Second Addition.

Burdine B. Anderson to Evelyn Ware, all of Lot 6 in Block 1 of the Cullum Addition.

Bobby Loyce Lemmons, independent executor of the estate of H.B. Lemons, to Bobby Loyce Lemons, Darlene Jacob and Hurston B. Lemons Jr., tract one being the south 175 feet of Lots 3-5 and 8-9 and part of Lot 10, all in Block 1 and Lots 6 and 7 in Block 1 of the Town of Light; tract two being 100 acres in the northwest part of the northwest one-quarter of Section 485, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Evelyn L. Thomas, independent executrix of the estate of John H. Thomas, to Evelyn L. Thomas, all of Lot 9 and the north six 6 feet of Lot 10, all in Block F of the West Ridge Addition.

Bobby Dean and Anita Y. Clinkinbeard to Jose Luis and Maria Cabrera, the east 50.5 feet of Lot 17 and the west 18 feet of Lot 28, both in Block 11 of the Replat of the south one-half of Block 7 and replat of all of Blocks 6 and 6 of the Highlands Addition.

Linda Gail Berryman to William and Donna Dickinson, Lot 10 in Block 1 of the Wall Addition.

Rex and Sibyl Fields to Helen Feinsod, all of Lot 10 of the Replat of Block 32 of the Grayum and Nelson Addition.

Bill Galloway to Lana Galloway, all of Section 304 in Block 97, H&TC survey.

Jimmy Joe and Delores Key to Fowler Ranches, tract one being 182 acres in Section 145, Block 25, H&TC survey; tract two being 320 acres in the north one-half of Section 124, Block 27, H&TC survey.

Tony V. Scott to Carolyn J. Barbee, all of Lot 5 in Block 6 of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Carolyn J. Barbee to Maria D. Gutierrez, all of Lot 5 in Block 6 of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Q&A

Teen drinking and driving

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

Teen Drinking and Driving

If your teen is even close to driving age, you are no doubt thinking and worrying about the drinking issue. Each year for the past decade between 2,400 and 5,400 youths from 15 to 24 have died in alcohol-related traffic accidents. A number of studies of the relationship of Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) to fatal crash risk have been undertaken. As you would expect, **the chance of being involved in a fatal motor vehicle accident increases as the BAC increases**. The risk for drivers age 16-19 is higher than for all other age groups at any BAC level studied. In addition, **risk of death rises faster, as BAC increase, for this age group**. Drivers age 16-19 have 40 times greater risk of being in a fatal crash with a .08-.099% BAC than a sober driver.

Blood Alcohol Concentration and Increased Risk of Death

Age	Increased Risk of Death	%BAC
16-19	2.5 times	.015-.049
16-19	9.0 times	.05-.079
16-19	40 times	.08-.099
16-19	90 times	.10-.149
16-19	420 times	.15 & >

21% of fatally injured teen drivers have a blood alcohol concentration at or above .10%. A pretty alarming statistic considering that alcohol is prohibited for anyone under 21 in all 50 states. 53% of teen motor vehicle deaths occur on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Alcohol and drugs are illegal, slow your reactions and distort reality – and at the same time, they may make you think you're an awesome driver. **Bad combination.**

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-568-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

1999 SUMMER SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULE

BUS SCHEDULE FOR SNYDER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

6:25 am	Depart	Transportation Department
6:30 am	Depart	Snyder High School at Tiger Drive
6:35 am	Depart	Stanfield Elementary
6:40 am	Depart	East Elementary
6:45 am	Depart	Northeast Elementary
6:50 am	Depart	Central Elementary
6:55 am	Depart	26th Street & Avenue V
7:00 am	Depart	West Elementary
7:05 am	ARRIVE	Snyder Junior High School

BUS SCHEDULE FOR SNYDER JUNIOR HIGH & ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Early Session	Late Session		
7:10 am	9:05 am	Depart	Transportation Department
7:15 am	9:10 am	Depart	Snyder High School at Tiger Drive
7:20 am	9:15 am	Depart	Stanfield Elementary
7:25 am	9:20 am	Depart	East Elementary
7:30 am	9:25 am	Depart	Northeast Elementary
7:35 am,	9:30 am	Depart	Central Elementary
7:40 am	9:35 am	Depart	26th Street & Avenue V
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Students attending early session only, will be delivered back to their home campus as follows:

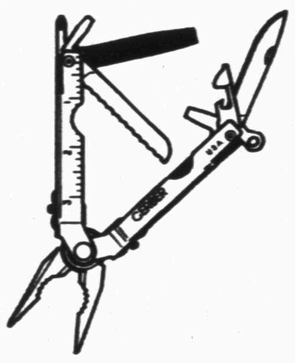
10:00 am	Depart	Snyder Junior High School
10:05 am	Arrive	West Elementary
10:10 am	Arrive	26th Street & Avenue V
10:15 am	Arrive	Central Elementary
10:20 am	Arrive	Northeast Elementary
10:25 am	Arrive	East Elementary
10:30 am	Arrive	Stanfield Elementary
10:35 am	Arrive	Snyder High School at Tiger Drive

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Snyder High School	June 7 - June 30 7:15 am to 12:45 pm	July 1 - July 22 7:15 am to 12:45pm
Snyder Jr. High/ Elementary K-6	June 7 - July 15 8:00 am to 12:00 pm	
Bilingual, K-1st	June 7 - July 15 7:45 am to 12:45 pm	

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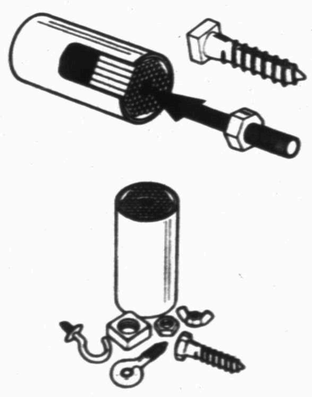
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Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



More of Oscar's Winning Words of Wisdom XXII

Last year in early spring, I had shared some of the wisdom from Oscar Self's 55-year collection of quotes and sayings. I called them Oscar's winners.

This is a five-column month, when I take a little liberty with the last column's content. So, I'd like to share more of the wit and wisdom from Oscar's notebooks.

Food for Thought

•Sign in factory office: Your raise will become effective as soon as you do.

•Count your blessings, your critics are keeping track of your mistakes.

•In the world of give and take, there are very few who are willing to give what it takes.

•You should file your income tax, not chisel it.

•Motto to hang where the boss can see it when he comes by: I'm not lazy, I just work so fast I'm always finished.

•It's a good rule to be early, so that if you're running late you'll still be on time.

•It's not the "IQ," but the "I will" that's important.

•The glory of life is to love, not be loved; to give, not to get; to serve, not to be served.

•Wouldn't it be wonderful if, when we lose our temper, we couldn't find it?

•An exhaustive study of police records shows that no woman ever shot her husband while he was doing the dishes.

•Public speaking is a little like taking a vacation, it helps to know the right place to stop.

•The best thing about the good old days is that we were younger then.

•Freedom is the right to be wrong, not the right to do wrong.

•One of the easiest lessons to learn is; If you want to be the toast of the town, you need a lot of bread.

•Don't be afraid to ask dumb questions. They're more easily handled than dumb mistakes.

•Habit makes a good servant, but a bad master.

•The richest man in the world is not the one who still has the first dollar he ever earned, it's the man who still has his first friend.

What the world needs is an amplifier for that still small voice.

•Happiness is like a butterfly, which when pursued, is always just beyond your grasp, but which, if you sit down quietly, may alight upon you.

•Teen-agers haven't changed much. They still grow up, leave home, get married and have babies. The big difference is that they don't always do it in that order.

Healthy Thoughts

•Fatness — the past tense of fitness.

•Patient to doctor: "I know I should have come to you sooner doc, but I was stuck in your waiting room."

•The first sign of old age is when you hear "snap, crackle and pop" in the morning and it isn't your breakfast cereal.

•Do you realize that before television no one really knew what a headache looked like?

•About the only time being overweight will make a man feel better is when he sees it on a girl he nearly married.

•Obesity is a condition that proves that God does not help those who help themselves and help themselves and help themselves.

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.

Spike Lee says slap at NRA leader was joke

NEW YORK (AP) — Spike Lee says he was joking when he suggested Charlton Heston should be shot.

The director was quoted in Saturday's New York Post as telling reporters at the Cannes Film Festival that the National Rifle Association should be disbanded and, of Heston, "Shoot him with a .44 Bulldog."

"I intended it as ironic, as a joke to show how violence begets more violence," Lee said Thursday. "I told everyone there it was a joke. I said I did not want to read in the papers, 'Shoot Charlton Heston.'"

He said his remarks were in response to a question about whether Hollywood was to blame for the recent rash of school shootings. "The problem is guns," he said.

Lee said he had no reason to apologize.

Heston, the NRA president, had earlier said the remarks amused him.

"He gave me a big laugh," Heston said Thursday on the Los Angeles talk radio station KABC-AM. "The statement is a foolish one and it's not worth arguing about. If he wants to come and take a shot at me, go let him try it."

Lee's comment had also prompted an outcry from House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas. Armey condemned Lee's "embrace of violence."

"Spike Lee obviously has nothing to offer the debate on school violence except more violence and more hate," said Armey. "He should apologize immediately for this unfortunate remark.

Lee, known for such films as "Malcolm X," "He Got Game" and "Do the Right Thing," blamed guns for violence.

"The reason the United States is the most violent country in the history of civilization is the proliferation of guns," he said Thursday.

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