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'Tempest' takes region by storm, on to state

SAN ANGELO — "The Tempest" took 'em by storm at the Region I UIL One-Act Play Contest here Friday, winning a trip to state, nine individual acting awards and overwhelming praise from the judge.

"It was a real triumphant day for us. The show went magnificiently and was a real crowd-pleaser," said a tired, but happy Jerry Worsham, Snyder High School drama instructor.

"The regional show was so much advanced over the earlier contest performances that some were heard to remark 'it's like an entirely different show,'" Worsham said.

The students' ability to consistently and rapidly improve has been remarkable, according to the instructor.

"This may be the most inexperienced group I've ever had. No one in this cast has had a leading role in a one-act before this year. And 10 of the 15 are in their very first Snyder High School one-act play. It's been quite a year," said Worsham.

While the cast is relatively inexperienced, Worsham has a strong, veteran group of technicians. Contest judge Dr. Susan Loughran of St. Edwards University complimented the technical work of Andy Parker, who handles fog; Ryan Landes on lights; stage manager Jay Don Griffin; and Chris Post on sound.

"She asked where we rented our costumes and she was stunned and amazed to find that they are created in the drama lab at Snyder High School," said Worsham.

Loughran also singled out members of the acting company over and over, particularly Jared Dennis, who was named Best Actor; Emily Zeck, who was named to the All-Star Cast; and Joey Steakley, who received honorable mention.

Other Snyder High cast members receiving honorable mention were Christina Bullard, Clark Church, Anna Hannan, Kate McGuire, Jessica Mills and Melanie Gibson.

San Angelo Lake View's "Song of Bernadette" was the other play chosen to advance to state. Fort Worth Boswell's "The Runner Stumbles" was selected as the alternate.

"I'm terribly proud of what these kids have accomplished," said Worsham.

Other cast and crew members of "The Tempest" are Kade Kubena, Jack Hedges, Kevin Taylor, Mac McCraw, Reid Johnson, Chris Halbert, Mary Higby, Joanie Wemken, Eldon Scott, Scott Love, Mark Rodriguez and Lone Pedersen.

SHS enters UIL academics

SAN ANGELO — Snyder High School students began competition in the Region I-4A UIL Spring Academics Meet here Saturday at Angelo State University.

Competing from SHS are Kelly Garner, Jim Caldwell, Thomas Bishop, Christy Tankersley, Cara Glasscock, LaTrisha Lee, Nicholas Means, Kenneth Darlin, Wade Yearwood, Emily Zeck, Jenise Judah, Kevin Kerr, Jessica Brown, Trey Gorman and Michael Hensley.

Their sponsors are Phyllis Smith, Darlene Stokes, Wynola Early, Betsy Griffin, Thomas Strayhorn, Richard Hester, Lynda McCormack and Lynda Patterson.

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Eary voting period draws little interest

Early voting in the May city council and mayorial elections hasn't drawn many citizens to the ballot box.

Despite contested at-large seats on the council, only 23 people bothered to cast ballots during the first week of early voting. The period continues through April 29. The election is set for May 3.

Early voting hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at City Hall.

There are presently two at-large terms up for election on the city council and both incumbents, Dayton Robertson and Ron Shaw, are seeking re-election. Robertson is an engineer and Y-Z Industries plant manager while Shaw is a U.S. Postal Service employee. Joining them in the race is retired oilfield supervisor Terry Jon Martin. Martin is a former Snyder ISD trustee.

The two men who receive the most votes will be elected.

Also on the ballot at City Hall is the office of mayor and the District 3 seat on the council. Both are unopposed elections.

Local businessman David Holt is seeking re-election as mayor and Kerry Bredemeyer, owner of the Rental Store & More, is seeking to finish out District 3's unexpired term.

Those wishing to vote in the city elections must be city residents. Any registered voter can cast a ballot in the at-large and mayorial elections. Those voting in the election for the District 3 council seat must reside within District 3.

Awarding bank bid on county's agenda

Scurry County Commissioners will consider bids for the county's bank depository for the coming four years when they meet Monday at 10 a.m.

Last week, the court received bids from West Texas State Bank and Snyder National Bank. Action was tabled on the matter at that time until the bids could be studied by county officials.

The court will also hear a report from county treasurer Charlie Bell on the financial report for the first quarter of this year.

Reports from the Scurry County Library Board, Scurry County Welfare Board and the Extension Activity Report for February and March will also be considered.



YOU MADE THIS? — Snyder High School industrial arts student Alicia Peoples was impressed with the grandfather clock Hawley High School student Will Hendon entered in the industrial technology competition at SHS Saturday. Students from Snyder, Hawley, Brownwood, Sweetwater and Abilene participated. (SDN Staff Photo)



Scott Bolton

Bolton named ASB branch vice president

Scott Bolton has been named as a vice president and loan officer at the Snyder branch of American State Bank.

Bolton comes from Plainview, where he served as loan officer for Norwest Bank. He was previously employed by the First National Bank of West Texas in Lubbock.

He graduated from Abilene Christian University in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in business administration and received his master's degree from the University of Texas. He is also a graduate of the Texas Tech School of Banking and attended Pepperdine University graduate school of business.

He is married to the former Shelly Lewis of Gail. They were married in the East Side Church of Christ in Snyder. Her parents are R.D. and Carol Lewis.

The Boltons are members of the Hale Center Church of Christ and. Bolton is an executive board member of Camp Blue Haven in Las Vegas, N.M.

Circus coming here Thursday

Recognized for years as the "Biggest Big Top on Earth," Carson & Barnes Five Ring Circus will present its 60th Anniversary Edition in Snyder with two shows on Thursday at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce and Snyder Noon Kiwanis Club.

The circus features 20 elephants, a million dollar zoo of exotic and domestic animals and features performers from around the globe.

The circus will arrive at the Scurry County Coliseum grounds early Thursday morning and will begin setting up the huge circus tent with the aid of elephants.

Tickets are currently available at a dollar discount at the chamber of commerce, both Lawrence IGA stores, West Texas State Bank and American State Bank.

Hospital issue...

Trip gleans little input

A trip to Plainview to investigate statements made by a physician concerning Community Health Systems' operation of that city's hospital failed to reveal much new information.

"Most of the people we wanted to see were not available," said commissioner Jerry Gannaway.

Gannaway, fellow commissioner Ralph Trevey and Cogdell hospital board member E.D. Walton went to Plainview Thursday on the heels of a letter from Dr. Larry R. Karrh, a Plainview doctor.

Karrh's letter — copies of which were sent to members of the commissioners court, hospital board and which was distributed widely within the community — said his association with CHS was first very positive, but later soured.

Karrh was a physician member of the governing board of the Plainview hospital during most of its association with Community Health Systems (CHS). He is now associated with the St. Mary Healthcare Center there.

CHS has proposed to lease Cogdell Hospital for an up-front payment of $8 million and other payments that would make more than $12 million available to the county at the signing of the lease.

See Trip, Page 14A

Execution date set for condemed man

Senior Judge Gene Dulaney on Friday signed an order setting an execution date for a Mitchell County man convicted of killing a Snyder convenience store clerk 10 years ago.

Dorsie Lee Johnson is to die by lethal injection on June 4. It is the fourth execution date set for Johnson, who shot Allsup's clerk Jack Huddleston in the back of the head during a robbery on March 23, 1986.

Johnson received three stays previously while appealing his case through the court system. In 1993, he was the subject of an appeal to the Supreme Court, which chose his case to test Texas law on youthfulness. Johnson was 19 at the time of the murder. In a 5-4 vote, the court denied his appeal.

The latest execution date set for Johnson was Oct. 23, 1996. That sentence was stayed to consider constitutional challenges of a state law passed in 1995 meant to expedite appeals by death row inmates. Johnson's was one of a number of executions stayed at the time, all dealing with the new state law.

Earlier this month, the Court of Criminal Appeals vacated his stay, clearing the way for the district court to set a new execution date.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A bachelor is one who thinks before he acts — and then doesn't."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors: The radio station in Hereford took advantage of our friend O.G. Nieman on April Fool's Day.

Nieman, publisher of the Hereford Brand, and Chip Formby, owner of the radio station, are good friends.

Formby reported that the radio station had purchased the newspaper. Formby did call Nieman in advance to warn him about the prank.

Said Nieman, "We took a few calls wanting to know if the newspaper had actually been sold. I guess most folks got a laugh out of it."

The Post Dispatch reports that the city council there has taken steps to help solve the city's pending water problems.

Post, one of four towns which rely on the dwindling suppy from White River Lake, has made application for a $350,00 block grant to create two separate well fields to supplement the city's water supply.

Walter Buckel, Lamesa publisher and former minor league player, says he's one who doesn't believe the season has started until the Chicago Cubs play a home game and broadcaster Harry Carry belts out "Take me out to the ball game" during his famous seventh-inning stretch at Wrigley Field.

Buckel adds, "The aging, legendary Carry is still one of the bright spots of the national pastime — dominated by a puppet commissioner, a couple of league presidents who are afraid to make a decision, and a host of club owners who connive how to milk the baseball fan even more so they can pay their pampered million-dollar players, many of whom spend much of the summer on the disabled list.

"It doesn't take much figuring to come up with a team of disabled major leaguers drawing $100 million between them while they nurse an injured pinky, a strained wrist, a sore back, an itchy toe or a minor headache.

"Baseball managers must have the patience of Job and the compassion of a day-care operator to put up with today's whiners!"

ASK US

Q—How many hours in a row do police officers normally work?

A—The patrol division normally works eight hours on one of three eight-hour shifts.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 61 degrees; low, 50; 7 a.m. Saturday, 51 degrees; .55 of an inch precipitation; total for 1997, 8.12 inches.

Area Forecast: High 75-80. Variable wind 10 mph or less. Tonight, fair. Low 50-55. Light wind. Sunday, sunny morning, partly cloudy afternoon. High 80-85. S-SE wind 5-15 mph.



Yaliana Arellano
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 8:15 p.m.
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Of 108 days in 1997, the sun has shone 98 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

We can lick gravity, but sometimes the paperwork is overwhelming.

--Wernher Von Braun

Pending tax proposal debate continues

AUSTIN (AP) — Bill Johnson's not worried that some Texans could benefit more than others under a proposal to lower local school property taxes by expanding and raising a list of state taxes.

Johnson, who owns an Amarillo agribusiness insurance company, visited the Capitol on Friday, hours after official analysis of the tax plan revealed that it would cut overall state and local taxes by 2 percent next year.

The richest and poorest Texans would benefit slightly more than those in the middle class, and the richest would get the largest share of the cuts, according to the analysis.

Johnson said his priority isn't a large, overall tax cut. He wants lawmakers to reconstruct the state tax system so that everyone pays a fair share. He believes the pending proposal, scheduled for full House debate Tuesday, would do that.

"It's more equitable," Johnson said. "I don't see an overall tax decrease. I see a property tax decrease and it spreads the taxes."

Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, said many Texans believe the plan would give them a large, overall tax break. He acknowledges the proposed property tax cuts are sizable, but says the other tax hikes would trim overall savings.

He's warning Texans to look at both sides of the plan.

"I don't want Texans walking away from here believing that they are going to have ... 500 more dollars in their pockets," Turner said. "The net effect is negligible."

Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, chairman of the House committee that wrote the plan, said Texans should be happy that it benefits everyone, significantly lowers school property taxes and forces the state to pay more to help run schools.

"Every income group will receive a tax cut," he said. "I'm pleased by that."

Gov. George W. Bush, who's lobbying Republican House members to vote for the plan, echoed that message. "What you can't deny is that everyone benefits from the plan," he said.

Bush said the official analysis is based on economic assumptions that may not be correct or may not account for all benefits.

Bush wouldn't say how many votes he's secured for the plan.

The tax bill is HB4. The proposed constitutional amendment is HJR4.

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Senior Center

A birthday celebration honoring all senior citizens born in April is planned starting at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Senior citizens also receive birthday cards from the Senior Center and everyone is invited to receive them.

The monthly country/western dance and game night is scheduled Tuesday night starting at 7. The Local Yokels will present a musical program at 11 a.m. and the Kitchen Band will be performing at 11 a.m. Wednesday. The Sunshine Choir will go to Snyder Oaks Care Center for a program at 10 a.m. Friday.

The Scurry County chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons is to meet at noon Monday. Bridge will begin at 9:30 a.m. Other games scheduled include 42 at 10 a.m. Tuesday and bridge at 9:30 a.m. Friday. Domino and pool games go on throughout the day Monday through Friday.

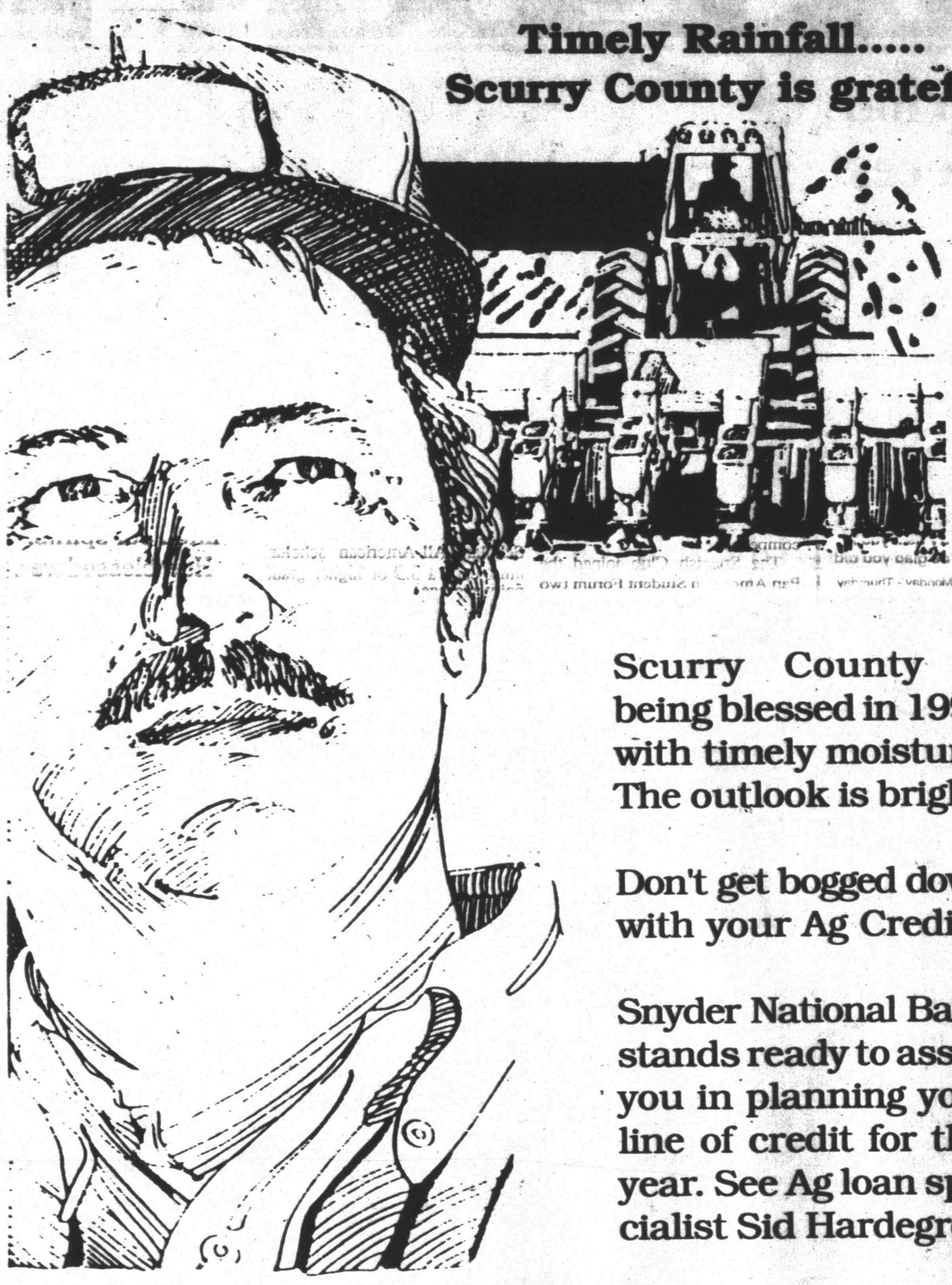
AARP will provide a tape on the protection of families who need to make funeral arrangements to be shown at 11 a.m. Thursday.

The Senior Center's May Day program in the Scurry County Coliseum on May 3 is just around the corner and the community is invited to attend. The coliseum will open at 2 p.m. so bidders can inspect the 35 quilts and other items to be sold in the auction starting at 6:30 p.m.

There will be booths offering refreshments, baked goods, arts and craft items, and a silent auction table. Tickets for the barbecue to be served from 4:30-6 p.m. are $5 each and can be purchased in advance. All proceeds from May Day go to the center's operating fund. For more information, call 573-4035.

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Family files lawsuit in fatal mishap

The family of a 45-year-old Snyder woman who was killed when her vehicle ran under an 18-wheel tractor-trailer last month has filed suit against the trucking company and the driver involved in the accident.

Rhonda Hester's death was caused by the negligence of truck driver Phillip W. Mercer of El Paso, who was an employee of P.A.M. Transport Inc. of Tontitown, Ark., at the time, the suit alleges. Named as plaintiffs are Mrs. Hester's husband, Ron Hester, and her daughters Damona Goss and Evelyn Windham.

The suit contends that at 5:45 on the foggy morning of March 13, Mrs. Hester was driving her 1997 Chevrolet Tahoe south on Texas Highway 350. Her vehicle struck a 1996 Freightliner tractor-trailer driven by Mercer, which was completely over the southbound lane of traffic and the shoulder, attempting to turn east onto FM 2763, according to the suit.

The defendant's actions were "with such reckless and conscious indifference to the rights, safety and welfare of the plaintiffs so as to constitute gross negligence," the suit claims.

The plaintiffs are seeking damages for negligence, loss of companionship and compensation for mental anguish they have suffered as well as physical pain, mental anguish suffered by Mrs. Hester, and funeral and burial expenses.

No bank card

MALDON, England (AP) — It happened to Bob Dole. And to Deion Sanders. Even Daffy Duck, if you believe the ads.

But that was TV.

It happened to Margaret Thatcher for real Friday when the former British prime minister didn't have a bank debit card. The clerk at a supermarket check-out told her she couldn't use a check to buy $40 worth of food.

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ATTEND FORUM — Ten Spanish Club members attended the Pan American Student Forum in San Antonio April 11-12. Students shown with their scrapbook are from left, back row, Jenny Featherston, Judy Camp, Eric Tovar, Josh Coronado, Tyra Brooks; middle row, Richard Rodriguez, LaTrisha Lee, Lupe Guerra; on the floor, Molly Wilson and Christy Morgan. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Spanish Club wins 2 awards

Ten Spanish Club members and Linda Trevino, sponsor, attended the State Pan American Student Forum in San Antonio April 11-12. Two received awards and two were elected to state offices.

LaTrisha Lee garnered third in reading comprehension. Richard Rodriguez also earned honorable mention in reading comprehension, but it was a different level.

Lupe Guerra was elected to one of seven state student director offices. Trevino was named state publicity director, one of six adult offices.

The club's scrapbook, "Los Tesoros De Las Culturas Andinas," was entered in scrapbook competition.

The Spanish Club joined the Pan American Student Forum two years ago. This was the second state meeting the group has attended.

The meeting consisted of a workshop and business meeting.

The Spanish Club has 48 members.

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Accused dog handler refuses EISD's attempt to rehire him

EDINBURG (AP) — Ex-school district dog handler Jose Pulido, accused of mishandling finances for the district's drug-sniffing dog, has refused an offer to get his job back.

"You tell me I can have my job back, but what about my reputation? Where do I go to get that back?" Pulido wrote Friday in a letter addressed to Douglas Moore, superintendent of the Edinburg school district.

Pulido was fired April 1, one day before a grand jury refused to indict him on allegations that he used the now-retired drug dog, Magnum, for private breeding.

Pulido has sued Moore and the school district for slander. Pulido says that Moore is responsible for published allegations that Pulido mishandled finances for Magnum.

Moore had alleged that Magnum was used to sire puppies for which the district received no reimbursement or stud fee. He also alleged that someone had over-ordered dog food — up to 400 pounds a month — and traded the surplus for whiskey and cigars.

Moore, who did not accuse Pulido by name, later said the district could not confirm whether the food was traded.

"I have told my attorney to fight this matter. The only way I will ever clear my name is to have my day in court," Pulido wrote in his letter.

Both Pulido and his attorney, Aaron Pena, believe the offer is only being made because of the pending lawsuit.

"It may appear the school district is trying to be nice," Pena said. "They are not being nice, they are making a strategic move so they can keep the damages down to a minimum."



T'Leah Eicke

Eicke named All-American

The United States Achievement Academy has named T'Leah Eicke an All-American Scholar. All-American scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average.

Eicke, a junior high school student, is the daughter of Johnny and Fairy Eicke. Grandparents are Bill and Lewana Graham of Aspermont and the late J.N. and Wanda Eicke of Snyder.

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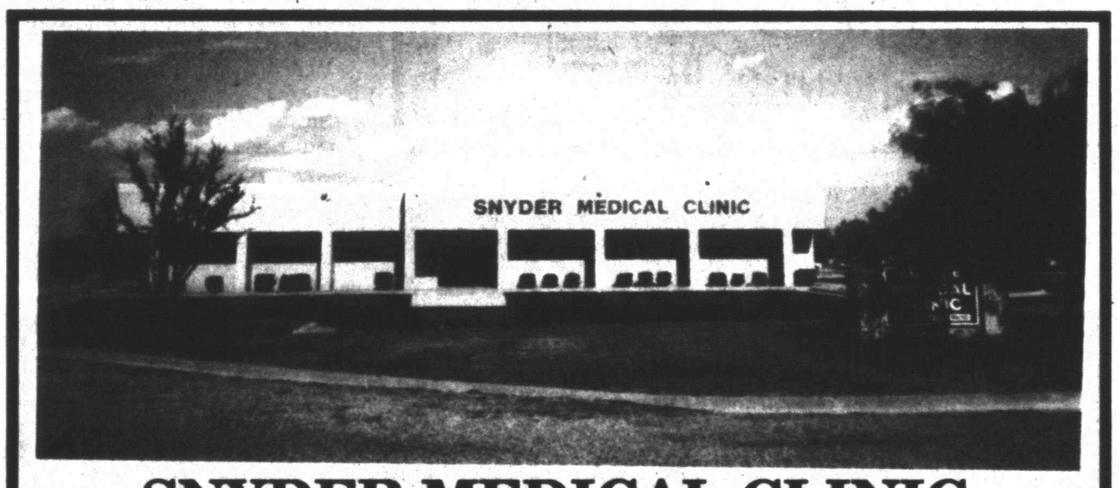
Thank You

Thank you, friends, for the many ways you have expressed your love and sympathy to us at the loss of our dad and granddad, Buddy Pliler.

The cards, flowers, food, memorials, and prayers have been a source of comfort and strength to us. Just to know our friends were thinking of us warmed our hearts and lifted our spirits.

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A MESSAGE TO THE CITIZENS OF SCURRY COUNTY

QUESTION: Who does Ricky Fritz work for, CHS or Scurry County?	FACT: Ricky Fritz is paid by Scurry County.
QUESTION: Will the Hospital Board have final authority?	FACT: Absolutely not. See the letter from Dr. Karrh.
QUESTION: Will Scurry County win or lose after the 6th year?	FACT: Lose. Indigent care is currently $1.9 million. CHS will only pay a part of this. Scurry County's receipt of $250,000 will not cover indigent care. The result-loss of money every year.
QUESTION: Will Scurry County really receive $8 million?	FACT: No. The amount of money will be a negotiated settlement. See the small print in the CHS proposal.
QUESTION: Will CHS operate Cogdell Memorial Hospital?	FACT: Probably not. CHS states that they are a lessor only and will sub-lease to a subsidiary.
QUESTION: Will Cogdell Memorial Hospital be in the same physical condition when returned to the county?	FACT: Probably not. See Dr. Karrh's letter on the condition of the Plainview hospital.

KEEP LOCAL CONTROL!

Friends of Cogdell Memorial Hospital, Carol Davis, Sec.

Homes confiscated

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — U.S. Customs agents have seized two houses owned by convicted heroin dealers.

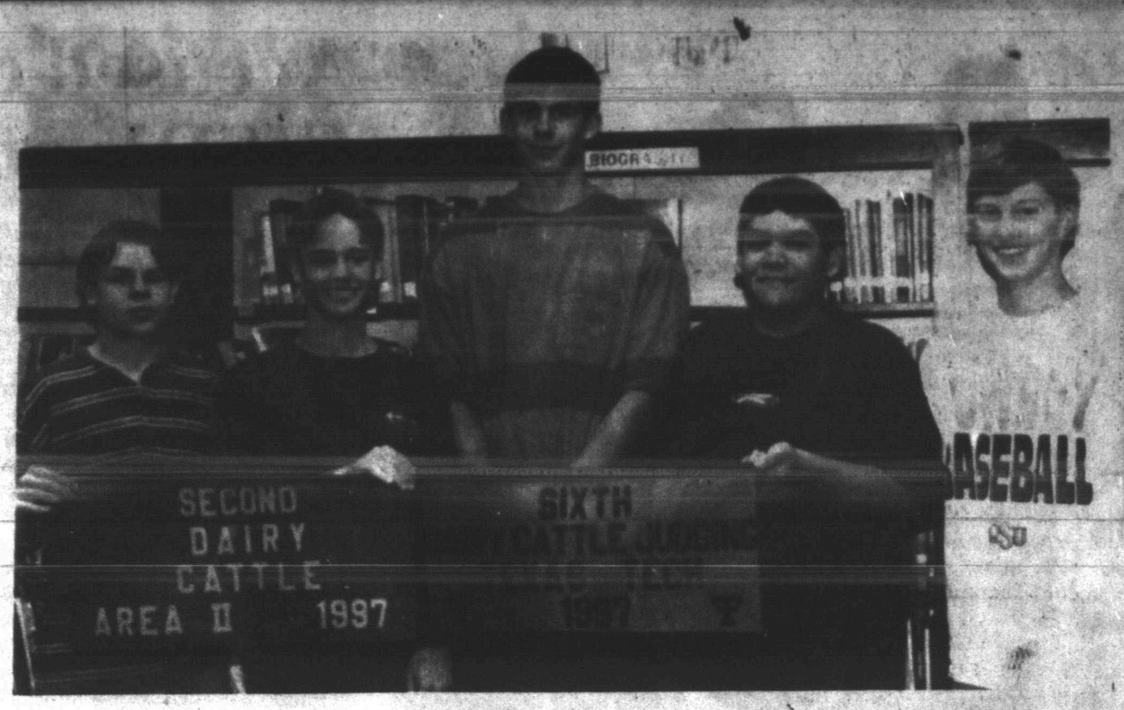
The combined value of the properties seized Friday is about $110,000.

One of the homes was just 1,000 feet from Stafford Elementary School.

In that case, Frank Rios was convicted for selling heroin within 1,000 feet of a school. Customs agents and the Alamo Area Narcotics Task Force had investigated the discovery of 4.5 ounces of heroin at the $65,000 house in August.

The second home, valued at $45,000, was the property of Rudy T. Rios, who was convicted for heroin distribution and is believed to be a distant cousin of Frank Rios. Investigators discovered 4.5 ounces of heroin and narcotic paraphernalia there in August 1996.

The two homes will be sold at public auction.



FFA WINNERS — Ira FFA dairy cattle judging team qualified for state by placing second in area at the recent Texas Tech University contest. From left are, Perry Jamison, 25th high individual, Josh Long, 5th high individual, Logan Daves and Moses Williams. Jenson Gainer is also pictured. He was the 3rd high individual in a recent wool judging contest at Clarendon Junior College. The state wool contest was to be held at Texas Tech this Saturday. The state dairy contest will be at Texas A&M University on April 26. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



Sharika Wofford

Wofford competes in pageant

Sharika Wofford, 16, the daughter of Tony and Kathy Wofford of Snyder, and a sophomore at Snyder High School, recently competed in the 26th Annual West Texas National Teen-Ager Program at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

She was awarded a $2,000 scholarship to Lubbock Christian University and was also the talent winner which entitled her to a $1,600 scholarship to Wayland Baptist.

Among her other awards, Wofford was awarded Miss Congeniality, and was in the top five finalists. For being a delegate to the pageant, Wofford received a $500 scholarship to Wayland Baptist and a $200 tuition scholarship to John Powers modeling school.

Contestants were judged according to academics, leadership and communication skills.

Wofford was sponsored by her parents, The Word Is Life Deliverance Church, Bar-H Bar Family Outfitters, The Shack and Amoco Pipeline Co.

AF to scale back aerial search

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — The Air Force said Friday that the aerial search for a missing A-10 warplane will be scaled back, but not suspended as officials said the day before.

Maj. Gen. Nels Running said daily aerial searches will end early next week but planes will likely make at least two later search runs. No missions by ground teams are planned.

Capt. Craig Button and his $9 million A-10 Thunderbolt haven't been seen since April 2 when he took off from a Tucson base on a routine training mission and veered north, heading to Colorado with four bombs aboard.

On Friday, an Army National Guard helicopter retraced the plane's last known positions on radar in the snow-covered Rocky Mountains near Vail.

Local officials said they have been pushing for a $1 million upgrade of the area radar tower to increase coverage of lower-flying airplanes now shielded by the mountain peaks.

The Federal Aviation Administration's Red Table Mountain radar tower, between Aspen and Vail, is less than 20 miles from where Button is believed to have crashed.

"It's conceivable it would have helped," said regional FAA spokesman Mitch Barker.

Elder Law Seminar planned in Abilene

The West Central Texas Area Agency on Aging and the Abilene Young Lawyers Association are joining forces to offer an Elder Law Seminar to Abilene area residents.

Supported on the state level by the Texas Young Lawyer's Association and Texas Lawyers Care, this free seminar will be presented on Tuesday, May 6, at the Southern Hills Church of Christ, 3666 Buffalo Gap Rd., in Abilene. Registration is at 2:30 p.m., and the seminar is from 3 to 5.

Abilene attorneys Vianei Lopez-Robinson, Kris Fouts and Scott Seamster will discuss wills and probate, advance directives, powers of attorney, estate planning, Medicare/Medicaid and Social Security. Jeannie Williams, benefits counselor at the Area Agency on Aging will speak on recent AAA developments relating to seniors.

All interested persons, especially seniors are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Jeannie Williams at 672-8544.

Famous mime speaks

NEW YORK (AP) — It was Marcel Marceau as you've rarely seen — or heard — him before.

The world's most famous mime was out of costume and out of character Friday, actually speaking to youngsters at a ceremony celebrating creative writing.

As you might expect, the 74-year-old Frenchman was more comfortable with his mouth closed.

"I don't want to theorize. I want to show you," Marceau said. "I'm a man who likes to demonstrate."

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Kaiser and Texas Insurance Department settle legal fight

AUSTIN (AP) — Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Texas, one of the state's largest health maintenance organizations, has agreed to drop its lawsuit against the Texas Department of Insurance and to pay a $1 million fine.

The company also agreed to make specific improvements to assure high-quality care for its members statewide, Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer said late Friday.

The settlement announced between the company and the department does not reveal the allegations against Kaiser contained in a report by department attorneys accusing the HMO of quality-of-care violations and recommending a substantial fine. The report spurred the suit by Kaiser.

Kaiser, which has 124,000 Texas members, has lost $52 million over the past two years.

The agreement requires Kaiser to get an $80 million financial backing package from parent company Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Inc.

The company also agreed to comply with any recommendations issued by an outside consultant to be hired by Kaiser with the department's approval. The department could waive $250,000 of the fine after one year if Kaiser meets all the requirements in the settlement.

The settlement will be presented to a state district judge Monday. Kaiser will ask that its lawsuit be dismissed.

"We reached agreement in many, many different areas, including emergency care, improvements as needed in quality assurance, peer review and medical records," Bomer said.

The agreements include better record-keeping and prompt payment of emergency-care claims.

Bomer said the department report that sparked Kaiser's lawsuit will be sent to Texas Attorney General Dan Morales to determine whether it should be released publicly. Bomer said he believes it's a public document subject to Open Records laws.

Dr. Bill Gillespie, president of Kaiser Permanente Texas, said the company believes the department report should remain secret because it contains false allegations and some proprietary information. He said Texans insured by the company have been and will continue to get quality care.

"We're looking at systems and processes that will help us more fulfill the regulatory requirements that the commissioner wants us to fulfill," Gillespie said.

Both sides of the lawsuit are under a gag order and could not say what the department report alleged or what actions it recommended against Kaiser.

Morales earlier this week told Bomer in a letter that the department was legally authorized to initiate license revocation proceedings against Kaiser if "legitimate questions arise regarding the financial solvency of a Texas health care provider."

Bomer said while there were concerns about Kaiser's financial liability, revocation was never considered.

Snyder man gets probated sentence

A Snyder man pleading guilty to felony driving while intoxicated will be on probation for the next seven years.

Ralph Oliver Torres, Jr., 26, of 4400 Ave. U, Apt. 3B4, was sentenced to seven years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated. He was ordered to pay $750 in court costs and to undergo treatment for alcohol abuse.

Torres, who was indicted by a Scurry County grand jury earlier this month, could have received a sentence of two to 10 years.

Torres was arrested for DWI on April 1 and has previous DWI convictions in 1995 and 1995.

Man tries to rob bank with finger

MERCED, Calif. (AP) — You've heard of a would-be crook pretending the hand in his pocket was a gun? Someone forgot to tell Steven King II to cover up.

Police say King, 22, tried to rob a bank by brandishing his uncovered finger and thumb at a teller and demanding money.

The Bank of America teller told King to wait, then walked away, Sgt. Gary Austin said. King got tired of waiting and went across the street to another bank.

Police say he switched tactics there, jumping over the counter and trying to get the key to a cash drawer. An employee grabbed the key and told him to "get out of there," Austin said.

Police arrested King, who was found sitting in the shrubs nearby.

Missing wallet finally returned

DURBAN, South Africa (AP) — Dennis Done was perplexed when he got a message that someone had found his wallet. It was in his pocket.

"When I eventually contacted the guy, I realized it was a wallet that had been pickpocketed off me ... over 15 years ago," Done said. "You can imagine how astonished I was."

Datebook

April 19, 1997

Today is the 109th day of 1997 and the 31st day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1989, 47 sailors were killed aboard the battleship U.S.S. Iowa when a gun exploded during a gunnery exercise.

On this day in 1993, 86 people died when the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, burned to the ground.

On this day in 1995, 168 people were killed when terrorists detonated a bomb in front of the Alfred P. Murrah federal building in Oklahoma City.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Roger Sherman (1721-1793), U.S. statesman; Eliot Ness (1903-1957), government agent; Glenn T. Seaborg (1912-), physicist, is 85; Don Adams (1927-), actor, is 70; Hugh O'Brian (1930-), actor, is 67; Jayne Mansfield (1933-1967), actress; Dudley Moore (1935-), actor, is 62; Frank Viola (1960-), baseball player, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1979, the Los Angeles Lakers made Magic Johnson the first pick in the NBA draft.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Everything in excess is opposed to nature." — Hippocrates

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1970, a small tornado struck Annabella, Utah.

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

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

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April 20, 1997

Today is the 110th day of 1997 and the 32nd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1914, 19 people were killed when National Guard troops attacked an encampment of striking miners and their families at Ludlow, Colo.

On this day in 1932, Shirley Temple's first movie, "Stand Up and Cheer," premiered.

On this day in 1945, Soviet troops began their assault on Berlin.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Marcus Aurelius (121-180), philosopher-Roman emperor; Daniel Chester French (1850-1931), sculptor; Adolf Hitler (1889-1945), Nazi dictator; Harold Lloyd (1893-1971), comedian-actor; John Paul Stevens (1920-), U.S. Supreme Court justice, is 77; Ryan O'Neal (1941-), actor, is 56; Jessica Lange (1949-), actress, is 48; Don Mattingly (1961-), baseball player, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1910, Cleveland Indians pitcher Addie Joss threw a no-hitter against the Chicago White Sox.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Death hangs over thee. While thou still live, while thou may, do good." — Marcus Aurelius

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1964, Hiawatha, Kan., was pelted by large hail for the second time in a week.

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

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SNS RECEIVES FUNDS — Representing the Snyder Lions Club, president Redge Heard presented a donation to Snyder Neighbors Sharing, accepted by SNS president Thomas Fogleman, left. Next Saturday many volunteers will work all day to repair 18 homes for people who cannot do it themselves due to age or being handicapped. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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Your Birthday

Sunday, April 20, 1997

The possibility for personal accumulation will be much greater this year. However, even though you'll increase in material worth, you're also apt to be more of a spendthrift.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not hesitate to experiment with new efforts today if you feel they can further your ambitions. If you put your mind to it, you could be quite ingenious at achieving goals. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Innovative thinking might get you out of a tight spot today. However, take care not to make a habit of waiting until the last minute to act.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Though everything may look dark today, keep up the pace. Victory and success will come to you through persistence.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) An associate who is never in accord with your suggestions might surprise you today by throwing his or her full support behind your cause.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Funds might suddenly become available for something you've been wanting to do but felt was too expensive. Think positive thoughts and be watchful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The involvements which may turn out to be the most enjoyable today could be those that develop in an impromptu manner. Leave some openings in your social agenda.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you're unduly concerned today about the outcome of an event, your thinking may be distorted. Though you may see yourself as the underdog, just the opposite is true.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You might be getting good news today about a promising endeavor in which you've become involved. Keep your eyes and ears open.

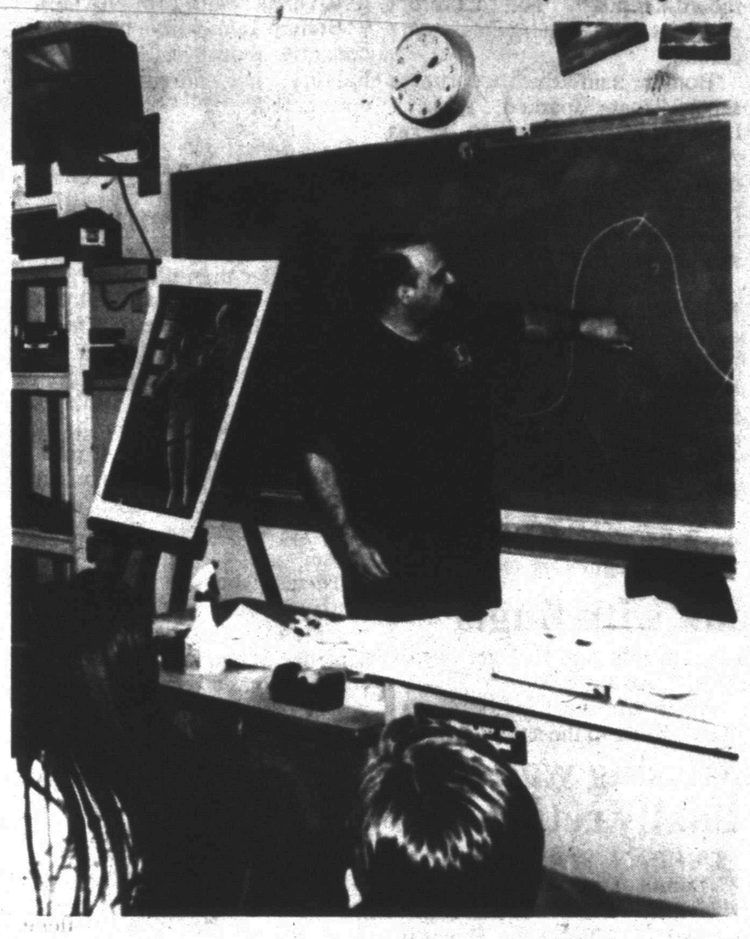
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) This could be a fortunate day for you where your material interests are concerned. You'll not be overlooked if anything is to be awarded or given away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) The probability that you will do well in competitive situations today is high, whether it be in sports, commerce or romance. In fact, you might make your mark in each one.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Today you could be the proud recipient of a surprise gift. A generous friend might give you something you've always wanted but never dreamed you'd receive.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Doing things on your own has its rewards, but today you'll have more fun being part of a small group. Put something together with companions you truly appreciate.

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NASA TOPIC FOR CLASSES — Keith Corsi, Quality Assurance Specialist for NASA, showed a tape after which he answered questions for students of Marsha Krenek's and Dan Pulattie's Snyder Junior High School science classes. In answer to the most asked question, Corsi told students that NASA had many areas of employment but math and science classes would be most beneficial in this line of work. Corsi has been with NASA for six years. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Your Birthday

Monday, April 21, 1997

A number of surprises could be in the offing for you in the year ahead. Fortunately, most of them should be welcome distractions that could help you advance your station in life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There are several opportunities surrounding you at this time where your career is concerned. Make certain that you are taking advantage of each and every one. Major changes are ahead for Taurus in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You will be in your element today in social situations. Your charismatic personality will attract people to you like moths to the flame.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Act in accordance with your beliefs today, even if they are a bit unusual. They can still produce the favorable results you desire.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone with whom you are presently involved is inclined to think on a larger scale than you. Think similarly, and you'll be successful!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An endeavor that presently generates additional income for you has much more potential than you've utilized. Study it more closely.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Do not be reluctant to request business favors today from persons with whom you pal around socially; be certain to reciprocate later.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Situations will work to your benefit today if you don't alter your course. Keep out of matters that are running smoothly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) This is an exceptionally favorable day to work on new endeavors. They can be especially rewarding if they contain novel elements.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Lady Luck may be inclined to favor you today where the stakes are rather impressive. Do everything you can personally do to help her.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Situations you create, develop or manage should work out rather well today. Do not be fearful of taking a chance on your capabilities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Advantages can be derived today from a successful venture initiated by another. Find a place for you to fit in the operation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You can be extremely effective in committee arrangements today if you let others think the ideas and suggestions you originate are theirs.

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Army jazz band due in Big Spring

BIG SPRING — The Jazz Ambassadors, the official touring jazz ensemble of the U.S. Army Band, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 29, in the City Auditorium.

The concert is free and is sponsored by the Big Spring Herald. Free tickets are available at the Snyder Daily News office.

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GOP hopes Gingrich pact will break logjam

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first 100 days, the new House has been wallowing, with little to show for its attendance. Now, hoping the divisive issue of Speaker Newt Gingrich's $300,000 penalty is resolved, Republican leaders suggest the logjam will finally break and attention can be turned to this year's GOP agenda.

"It is now the duty of this Congress to move forward with our agenda, an agenda that the American people have asked us to implement," said Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y., voicing a "morning in America" sentiment echoed by one Republican member after another.

Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash., said the development would enable Republicans to "take back the agenda of this House."

And Rep. John Linder, R-Ga., chairman of the fund-raising National Republican Congressional Committee, asserted: "The Republican party and our majority will now move forward."

Even Bob Dole, as he extended the eight-year, 10-percent loan to Gingrich, spoke of a reinvigorated GOP party that "moves forward with its positive vision for the next millennium."

Republicans can't seem to agree on exactly what comprises that "Republican agenda," other than that it must include tax cuts and less government intrusion.

And little legislation of major consequence is scheduled for action in the coming days or even weeks.

But some of the showcase items Republicans hope to get to soon include a slew of tax-cut proposals, elimination of funds for the National Endowment for the Arts and whether to renew favorable trade status for China.

Also on most GOP lists: bills providing school vouchers to many families and making it easier for workers to select time off instead of overtime pay. Also, strengthening anti-missile defenses, prohibiting companies and unions from using money from workers' paychecks for political purposes without their permission and beefing up federal efforts against illegal drugs, terrorism and child pornography.

Conservative commentator and publisher William Kristol, one of Gingrich's most vocal Republican critics, said Friday that Gingrich's decision to pay the ethics penalty with personal funds was an important step toward getting back on track.

"He had to jump over this hurdle before he could even begin running the race. He's still got to run a tough race now. The good news is Republicans can now put the issue of Gingrich behind them."

"The question is if they can now move ahead on a real agenda," he added. "Can they stop obsessing about Gingrich?"

Two years ago, congressional Republicans were bristling with energy, flush from seizing control from the Democrats of both chambers for the first time in four decades.

Dozens of pieces of legislation were passed by the House in the first 100 days, including many parts of the "Contract With America" campaign manifesto. Gingrich even gave an evening television address to extol the accomplishments.

This year, the 100-day mark passed this week with no celebrations from Republicans in either chamber, no prime-time speeches, and little in the way of solid legislative success.

Two key GOP initiatives — a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution and term limits — have gone down in defeat. Another key part of the "Contract With America," — line-item veto powers — was ruled unconstitutional last week by a federal judge.

Benjamin Franklin lobbied for the turkey to be adopted as the U.S. national symbol.

One year after Redux OK, safety eyed

WASHINGTON (AP) — One year after the drug Redux revolutionized obesity treatment, scientists demand to know why the government let it sell so long without studying a possible brain-damaging side effect.

The critics fear the potent drug is inappropriately prescribed to many Americans, and an Associated Press examination of government records found a 120-pound Redux patient who died inexplicably.

"Make sure you are aware of what the potential side effects are," warns Dr. George Ricaurte of Johns Hopkins University, who is beginning to measure patients' brains to see if they show damage similar to that suffered by animals fed the drug.

"We see side effects to all drugs," responds Dr. John Foreyt, who has seen only minor problems like sleepiness and diarrhea among patients at Baylor College of Medicine. Still, "you ought not to be using these drugs willy-nilly," he added.

Redux was hailed as a wonder drug when the Food and Drug Administration approved it last April. It stimulates production of the brain chemical serotonin, believed vital for mood and other functions, to essentially fool people into feeling fuller.

For many patients, it has worked. Ravi Aulakh says Redux changed her life, helping her control the impulse to binge. The 5-foot-3-inch woman shrunk from 220 pounds to 190 pounds in seven months.

But Redux is not for those who simply wish to shed a few pounds. The FDA insists only the severely obese try it, because Redux users have 23 times the average risk of a rare but often fatal lung ailment called primary pulmonary hypertension.

Also, the FDA approved Redux on the condition that manufacturer Wyeth-Ayerst study whether it damages the human brain cells that produce serotonin. Previous studies in mice, rats, monkeys and baboons show high doses destroy those cells — raising fears of repercussions like depression if the same thing happens to people.

One year later, Wyeth-Ayerst hasn't started that study.

Dr. Marc Deitch, the company's medical director, said the study could begin immediately if the FDA had not demanded changes to its design.

Determining how to measure neurological changes like depression is difficult, but the study will start soon, responded Dr. James Bilstad, FDA's chief of metabolic drugs.

Meanwhile, FDA records of 18 deaths among Redux patients show three suicides. The agency knows of another four suicide attempts.

Church to present program on alcoholism here April 27

Jesse Emerson, national field representative of the Spirit of Freedom Ministries in New Orleans, will present a special program on family alcoholism and drugs at the Abundant Life Pentecostal Church of Snyder.

The program will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 27. The public is invited and there is no obligation or admission charge.

According to Emerson, of the two-thirds of Americans who drink, one in 10 becomes an alcoholic and 40 percent of all teenagers are heavy drinkers.

The Spirit of Freedom will introduce a new approach to family alcoholism and drugs. A tape, "Raised From The Ruins," and other materials will be made available at the meeting.

Abundant Life Pentecostal Church is located at 304 31st St. For additional information, call pastor Laman Wilson at 573-3418.

Social science contest slated

Western Texas College will hold its annual Social Science Contest Thursday on campus.

Participating schools include Snyder, Ira, Rule, Rotan, Highland, Blackwell and Abilene High.

Students are tested on their knowledge of history, geography, government, economics and current events during a series of mid-morning examinations.

A ceremony is set for 1:15 p.m. to award medallions and scholarships.

The event is sponsored by the college's social science department and administered by division staff members Dr. Jim Palmer, Dr. Duffy Wilks, Ruth Richburg, Dr. Jim Durham, Robert Adams, Britt Canada and Jack Price.

Stronger state oversight sought

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' councils of government would face stronger state oversight under a bill approved by the Senate.

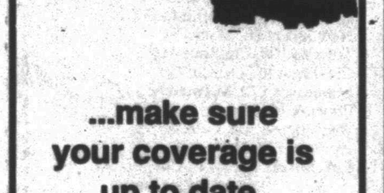
The bill follows reports last year of the regional councils spending money on such items as trips to distant conferences for commission members and their spouses. In one example, records indicated the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission spent $700 at an Austin nightclub that features topless dancers.

State and federal agencies funnel public money through the state's 24 councils of government. They collect matching funds from participating local communities and distribute the money to local programs.

The councils are made up of locally elected officials from participating cities and counties.

Under the measure by Sen. Tom Haywood, R-Wichita Falls, the governor's office would issue rules regarding oversight of commissions and ensure compliance with the rules. The state comptroller would review certain cost plans of the commissions.

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	Pick up trash
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Dump trucks and drivers will be available from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on April 21st, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th to pick up tree limbs., lumber, appliances; items that can be lifted manually and placed over the sides of a dump truck. NO TIRES.

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April 23rd - West of College Ave and North of 30th Street
April 24th - East of College Ave. and North of 30th Street

Please indicate the type of items you are wanting picked up and schedule it for the day the dump trucks will be in your area. Have the items placed next to the curb, driveway, alley, leaving access for traffic. Small items must be placed in bags and stacked near the curb, driveway or alley. City personnel will not be allowed to go onto the property and into any structure to retrieve objects. Please keep brush in a separate pile from other items. Please keep appliances and metals in a pile separate from other items. Any appliance that uses freon/coolant, must have the freon removed and tagged by a licensed recoverer.

Please be available to assist in loading the items. If you can't be available, indicate so when scheduling the dump truck. Tree limbs, lumber, etc. will need to be cut into pieces that can be easily handled by one person.

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Cogdell Hospital Is Operating At A Deficit of About $100,000 a Month

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Don't take anyone's word for it - go to the courthouse and look at the hospital's past budgets. They have not done the things they have put in their budget for the past 9 years.

Albany Hospital closed the last week of February, 1997; Eastland has just recently closed their hospital, Post's hospital closed about 6 months ago.

LET'S FACE IT!

The closing of hospitals in happening all over the country. They, like us, are losing money on Medicare and Medicaid. The taxpayers just simply CAN NOT shoulder any more of the load. The bottom line is

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Projected 1996 Figures	13,410,700	13,814,917	-404,217	444,550
Audited 1995 Figures	13,224,264	13,396,351	-172,087	515,694
Audited 1994 Figures	11,712,042	12,397,068	-685,027	395,000
Audited 1993 Figures	9,929,149	10,644,546	-715,397	376,734
Audited 1992 Figures	9,274,687	9,519,804	-245,117	314,451

COGDELL SALARY EXPENSE

Description	Wages	Purchased Services
Budgeted for 1997	5,179,178	700,578
Projected for 1996	5,099,878	694,456
Audited for 1995	4,916,577	793,328
Audited for 1994	4,697,457	467,655
Audited for 1993	4,473,686	468,534
Audited for 1992	4,282,619	420,780

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SPORTS

Snyder Lady Linksters look for state tournament berth

The District 2-4A champion and runner-up Snyder Lady Tiger linksters journey to the Riverside Country Club in San Angelo looking for a trip to the state tournament.

Snyder swept the district tournament, with Snyder I capturing the title and Snyder II earning the runner-up spot.

The Lady Tigers also dominated the All-District squad, landing seven golfers on the team. Julie Doolittle, Daysha Weaver, Alissa Wells, Keisha Gafford, Randi Reed, Lacey Kidd and Misty Williams all received All-District honors.

Coach Matt Glenn said that qualifying rounds for the regional tournament were so close that his team had to play a total of four rounds to determine the regional team.

"The qualifying rounds were real tight," Glenn said.

Playing on the varsity squad will be Doolittle, Weaver, Wells, Gafford, and Reed. Playing on Snyder's second team will be Kidd, Williams, Adrian McJimsey, Sally Barham and Stephanie Alderete.

Snyder has played the Riverside course once this year in a fourth place finish at the San Angelo Golf Classic Jan. 31-Feb.1.

Snyder shot a 362 the first day and a 340 the second day for a 702.

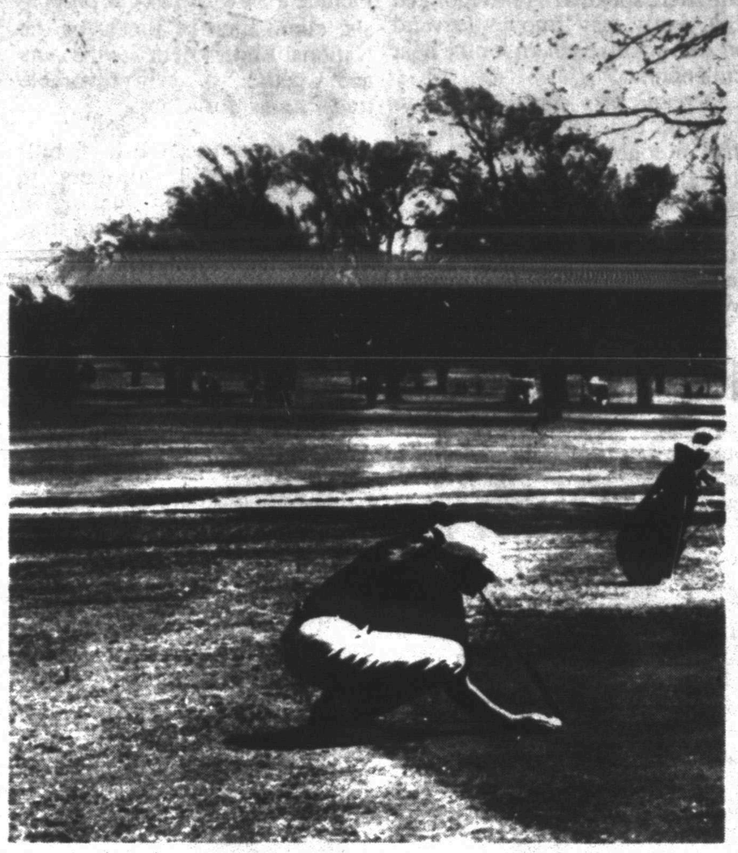
Doolittle led the Lady Tigers with a 85-86--171 while Gafford and Wells carded a 177. Reed fired a 186.

"We play that tournament in San Angelo in preparation for the regional tournament," said Glenn.

Glenn feels that his golfers are playing sound golf right now.

"They're playing the best golf they've played all year," Glenn said. "I just hope we haven't peaked too soon."

Snyder will play a practice round Sunday with the first round starting Monday at 8 a.m.



LINE IT UP — District 2-4A champion Julie Doolittle looks over a putt in the final round of the district tournament. The Lady Tigers journey to the regional tournament Monday through Tuesday. (Contributed Photo)

Tiger netters prepare for tough regional tournament

Three Snyder Tiger netters are preparing for a trip to the Regional Tennis Tournament Monday through Tuesday.

District 2-4A champion Adrian Gonzales and district runners-up Jaime Juarez and Laura Gonzales all advanced to regionals with their first and second place finishes at the district tournament.

"It's going to be a really tough tournament," coach Chad Redwine said. "There are some really good schools competing."

Redwine said that athletes from Sweetwater, Andrews, Canyon, Big Spring, Hereford, Wichita Falls and Fort Worth all advanced from their respective tournaments."

"This is the strongest group I've ever taken and this is the first time I've ever taken three singles players to regionals," Redwine said.

The coaches will meet Sunday night at 8, and Redwine said that this will be the first time that he will see the draw for the tournament.

"Hsiao-Hsuan Li from Big Spring is a very good player. He is a junior and he has advanced to state both his freshman and sophomore years."

"Brandon Hicks of Sweetwater is also a real tough player," said Redwine.

Redwine feels that all three of his netters are playing their best tennis of the season.

"They're playing better now than they have all year," he said. "They are thinking more on the court and playing a good mental game."

The tournament will get underway Monday morning at 8:30 at the Angelo State University tennis courts. The semifinals and finals will be played Tuesday.

Cowboys won't sign Schwantz

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys won't match the contract offer restricted free agent Jim Schwantz received from the San Francisco 49ers, the team announced Friday.

The linebacker made the Pro Bowl last season as a special teams player.

"We wish Jim nothing but the best," said Cowboys owner and general manager Jerry Jones.

"We knew his performance would elevate his standing in the marketplace. Jim was a solid contributor to our team and someone we would have liked to have retained," he said.

The 49ers said Monday they had offered Schwantz a four-year deal. Details of the offer were not released.

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Sports Briefs

Men's softball tourney

The first annual Men's Brew Bash Softball Tournament will be held next Saturday and Sunday at the Winston Park softball field.

The entry fee is $100 per team.

For further information, contact Bobby Velasquez at 573-4437

SCC MGA Pro-Am

The Snyder Country Club Men's Golf Association will host its annual Pro-Am on Monday, April 28.

The entry fee is $35 per player and two shotgun starts will be held at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Format will be low ball net using full handicap. The teams will consist of one local PGA professional and three amateurs.

SCC Pumpjack Tournament

The Snyder Country Club will hold its annual Pumpjack Partnership Tournament May 17-18.

The deadline to enter is May 14 and the entry fee is $150 per team. The first 60 paid teams will be accepted.

Format is a scramble both days and all handicaps will be verified.

Snyder Lady Tigers enter area playoffs

MIDLAND — The Snyder Lady Tiger varsity softball squad will enter the area playoffs Friday playing some good ball.

In a warm-up game for the playoffs, Snyder ousted Monahans, 8-4, in a game that was called in the fifth inning due to rain.

"The team played really well together," said coach Billy Hicks, "especially in the rainy conditions."

Snyder owned a 2-1 lead heading into the third, where Snyder ignited for three runs to take a 5-1 lead.

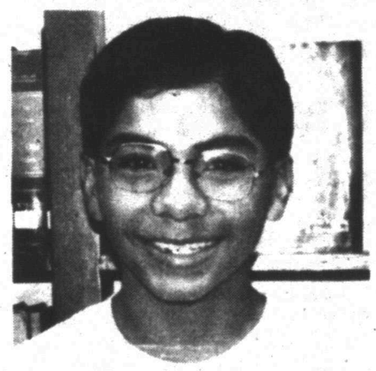
Monahans scored one run in the fourth and two in the fifth, but it was not enough to stop the Lady Tigers who scored three more runs in the fourth to take the win.

"I'm still trying to get the right combinations on defense, but this game looked pretty good," Hicks said.

Brittany Drummond scored the win on the mound, giving up five hits, walking 1 and fanning three.

Amanda Huff led the Snyder offense, going three for three with a triple. CeCe Vasladez two for three with a double and Starla Davis and Amy Ricks each went two for two.

Snyder takes a 14-19 season mark into the area round of the playoffs. The Lady Tigers will take on the winner of the Sweetwater-El Paso Parkland game that will be played Tuesday.



REGIONAL QUALIFIER — Ira Freshman Jose Juarez qualified for the Regional Meet in the 800-meter run. Juarez will compete at the Regional Meet in San Angelo Friday and Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)

BOWLING NEWS

Commercial

4-15-97

Teams	W	L
The Shack	108	74
Stephen's Office Supply	104½	74½
Blue Sunoco	100	82
The Racers	93	89
Bar-H-Bar	92½	89½
Reef Chemical	92	90
Leven's Gas and Oil	89½	92½
Whit Parks Auto	88½	93½
Price Construction	71	111
E.D. Walton	71	111

High game scratch: J.C. Harrison 675
High game handicap: David Carroll 649
High game series: Rick Mammolite 240
High game handicap: Gary Kinder 246
Splits and special mentions: Jerry Surratt 2-7-10; Harold Komegay 3-10; Wayne Monroney 4-5, 4-5; Roger Pavlik 2-10.

Roll-N-Hope

4-14-97

Teams	W	L
Eddins Walcher	88	40
Fuller Foods	73½	54½
Should of Beens	68	60
Carousel Arcade	64	64
Lawrence IGA	63	65
Redman	53	75
City National Bank	51½	76½
J.C. Wells Drilling	51	77

High series scratch: Bernie Sealy 551
High series handicap: Setsuko Jones 642
High game scratch: Michelle Ewing 200
High game handicap: Debra Wells 232
Splits and special mentions: Bonnie McDorman 4-5-7, 4-5; Norma Seabourn 3-10; Leda Beck 3-10; Debra Wells 3-10; Brenda Meurer 2-7.
200 games: Bernie Sealy 213, Michelle Ewing 200.
500 series: Bernie Sealy 551, Lynn Maldonado 508.

Jack-N-Jill

3-19-97

Teams	W	L
B.J. Services	87	37
House of Antieks	77½	46½
Rogers Backhoe	72½	51½
KSNY	71	53
Holcomb	68	56
Misfits	66½	57½
Buchanan	54½	69½
Landes	54	70
Ace Hardware	53	67

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
y-Miami	60	21	.741	—
x-NewYork	56	25	.691	4
x-Orlando	45	36	.556	15
Washington	43	38	.531	17
NewJersey	25	56	.309	35
Philadelphia	22	59	.272	38
Boston	15	66	.185	45
Central Division				
z-Chicago	69	12	.852	—
x-Atlanta	55	25	.688	13½
x-Charlotte	54	27	.667	15
x-Detroit	53	28	.654	16
Cleveland	42	39	.519	27
Indiana	39	42	.481	30
Milwaukee	32	49	.395	37
Toronto	29	52	.358	40
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
z-Utah	62	18	.775	—
x-Houston	56	25	.691	6½
x-Minnesota	40	41	.494	22½
Dallas	24	57	.296	38½
SanAntonio	20	61	.247	42½
Denver	20	61	.247	42½
Vancouver	13	68	.160	49½
Pacific Division				
x-L.A.Lakers	56	25	.691	—
x-Seattle	56	25	.691	—
x-Portland	48	33	.593	8
x-Phoenix	40	41	.494	16
x-L.A.Clippers	36	45	.444	20
Sacramento	33	47	.413	22½
GoldenState	30	51	.370	26

z-clinched conference title
y-clinched division title
x-clinched playoff berth

Friday's Games
New York 97, Indiana 89
Boston 119, Philadelphia 113
New Jersey 86, Miami 74
Toronto 108, Charlotte 100
Cleveland 82, Detroit 75
Minnesota 122, Milwaukee 112
Phoenix 106, San Antonio 95
Washington 104, Orlando 93
Houston 112, Dallas 102, OT
L.A. Lakers 123, L.A. Clippers 95

Saturday's Games
Miami at Orlando, 5 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 5 p.m.
New York at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 8 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	12	3	.800	-
Florida	10	5	.667	2
Montreal	5	8	.385	6
NewYork	4	10	.286	7½
Philadelphia	4	10	.286	7½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	9	7	.563	-
Pittsburgh	6	8	.429	2
Cincinnati	6	10	.375	3
St.Louis	4	10	.286	4
Chicago	0	12	.000	7

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	11	3	.786	-
Colorado	10	4	.714	1
LosAngeles	10	4	.714	1
SanDiego	8	5	.615	2½

Thursday's Games
Florida 2, St. Louis 1
Montreal at Philadelphia, ppd., rain
Pittsburgh 3, Cincinnati 2
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets, ppd., rain
Philadelphia 8, Montreal 3
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 1
Atlanta 14, Colorado 0
Los Angeles 5, Houston 3
San Francisco 5, Florida 4

Saturday's Games
Cincinnati (Schourek 0-2) at Pitsburgh (Schmidt 0-1), 1:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Mulholland 0-2) at N.Y. Mets (Clark 0-1), 1:40 p.m.
Atlanta (Neagle 1-0) at Colorado (Ritz 1-2), 3:05 p.m.
Florida (Saunders 0-0) at San Francisco (Estes 2-0), 4:05 p.m.
Montreal (C.Perez 2-0) at Philadelphia (M.Leiter 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Kile 0-1) at Los Angeles (Nomo 2-0), 10:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Al.Benes 1-1 and Morris 0-0) vs. San Diego (Hamilton 1-1 and Hitchcock 2-0), at Honolulu, 2, 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Chicago Cubs (Foster 0-1 and Trachsel 0-2) at N.Y. Mets (Mlicki 0-0 and Jones 2-1), 2, 12:10 p.m.
Montreal (Juden 1-0 and P.Martinez 1-0) at Philadelphia (Munoz 0-3 and Portugal 0-0), 2, 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Mercker 1-1) a. Pittsburgh (Lieber 0-0), 1:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Smoltz 2-2) at Colorado (Swift 1-1), 3:05 p.m.
Houston (Holt 1-1) at Los Angeles (Valdes 1-2), 4:05 p.m.
Florida (A.Fernandez 2-1) at San Francisco (O.Fernandez 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Raggio 1-0) vs. San Diego (Ashby 0-1), at Honolulu, 8:05 p.m.

American League

All Times EST
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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	10	3	.769	-
Toronto	7	6	.538	3
Boston	8	7	.533	3
Detroit	7	10	.412	5
NewYork	6	10	.375	5½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	8	4	.667	-
Minnesota	9	7	.563	1
KansasCity	6	7	.462	2½
Cleveland	6	9	.400	3½
Chicago	4	11	.267	5½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Seattle	10	6	.625	-
Texas	7	6	.538	1½
Oakland	8	8	.500	2
Anaheim	6	8	.429	3

Thursday's Games
Toronto 5, Oakland 4
Seattle 8, Detroit 6
Minnesota 4, Anaheim 3, 10 innings
Milwaukee 5, N.Y. Yankees 4
Cleveland 4, Boston 3
Texas 5, Kansas City 1
Baltimore 1, Chicago White Sox 0

Friday's Games
Baltimore at Boston, ppd., rain
Oakland 9, Detroit 5
Milwaukee 10, Cleveland 2
N.Y. Yankees 10, Chicago White Sox 4
Toronto 6, Texas 5
Minnesota 10, Seattle 3

Saturday's Games
Baltimore (Key 2-0) at Boston (Gordon 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Adams 0-1) at Detroit (Thompson 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Eldred 2-0) at Cleveland (Nagy 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Langston 1-1) at Kansas City (Appier 1-1), 2:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Rogers 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Alvarez 0-3), 2:05 p.m.
Toronto (Clemens 2-0) at Texas (Hill 1-1), 8:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Tewksbury 0-2) at Seattle (D.Martinez 1-0), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Baltimore (Erickson 2-0) at Boston (Wakefield 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Oakland (Karsay 0-1) at Detroit (Moehler 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 0-3) at Cleveland (Hershiser 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Wells 1-0) at Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 0-2), 2:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Dickson 2-0) at Kansas City (Rusch 2-0), 2:05 p.m.
Toronto (Guzman 2-1) at Texas (Witt 2-0), 3:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Aldred 1-1) at Seattle (Wolcott 1-1), 4:35 p.m.

Three in a row...

Snyder ousts Frenship 7-6 in district victory

FRENSHIP — The Snyder Tigers upped their win streak to three games Friday and they continued their hot streak at the plate.

Snyder slammed eleven hits in a 7-6 loop win over the Frenship Tigers.

In the third inning, Snyder turned a 1-0 deficit into a 6-1 lead.

With two outs, Richard Canas started it off with a single to left field. Eric Lang then walked, putting runners on first and second. John Border was next up and he drilled a single to right field, scoring Canas to tie the game at 1-1.

Clay Berryman then doubled scoring Lang to give Snyder its first lead at 2-1. The Tigers then built on that lead when Patrick Cumbie ripped a single to right field, scoring courtesy runner Matt Rogers to put Snyder up, 3-1.

Kyle Beck stepped to the plate next and kept the Tiger rally alive with a double to left field that scored Berryman and courtesy runner Banks Alexander, upping the Tiger lead to 5-1.

Snyder scored its final run of the inning on a Trevor Thompson single that allowed Beck to cross the plate, ending the third with Snyder up, 6-1.

The contest was tied at 6-6 with Snyder at the plate in the bottom of the sixth.

Border reached first on a walk from Frenship pitcher Stephen Leist and Clay Berryman walked, advancing Border to second.

Frenship coach Eric Leger then decided to intentionally walk Cumbie, the area's leading hitter with a .546 average.

Beck stepped up the plate with the bases loaded needing a run to put Snyder back on top.

Leist gave Beck four straight balls and allowed Border to cross home, putting Snyder up, 7-6.

Cumbie then forced Frenship to go three and out, preserving the Tiger win.

Cumbie had the win on the mound for Snyder, giving up 10 hits, walking none and fanning four.

Snyder went above .500 in the district standings, improving its loop record to 4-3-1.

Berryman was one for three with a double and Beck was one for three with three RBIs. Designated hitter Sonny Cumbie was two for four and Patrick Cumbie was one for two.

Snyder has two District 2-4A games left and the Tigers need to win at least one of the two to enter the playoffs.

Snyder hosts Estacado Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Moffett Field and journeys to Plainview Friday at 7 p.m. for the final district game of the season.

District 2-4A Baseball

Standings

	District			Overall	
	W	L	T	W	L
Plainview	6	2		16	9
Frenship	5	3		20	6
Snyder	4	3	1	14	8
Estacado	4	4		10	11
Levelland	2	5	1	8	14
Lamesa	2	6		7	15

Friday's games: Snyder 7, Frenship 6; Estacado 5, Plainview 3; Levelland 1, Lamesa 0.

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

Orlando Pace goes to Rams

NEW YORK (AP) — Orlando Pace, Ohio State's massive tackle, became the first offensive lineman taken at the top of the NFL draft in 29 years today when the St. Louis Rams selected him.

The 6-foot-7, 330-pound All-American is the first blocker chosen so early in the draft since Ron Yary went to Minnesota in 1968.

The Rams on Thursday traded up from the sixth overall spot, switching with the New York Jets, expressly to take Pace, who left Ohio State after his junior season.

"Orlando is going to set the pace here in St. Louis," coach Dick Vermeil told ESPN.

Pace's selection drew a mild reaction from the crowd, which chanted "J-E-T-S" for most of the early moments of the draft, perhaps thinking of what might have been if the team had kept the No. 1 overall pick.

Oakland, which traded with New Orleans earlier this month to get the second selection, went for Darrell Russell, a defensive tackle from Southern California. Russell also left school after his junior year.

Seattle, which moved up through a trade with Atlanta, hoping to take Ohio State cornerback Shawn Springs, did just that with the third pick. Springs, also a fine kick returner, made it three straight juniors selected at the top of the draft.

Once again, Ohio State was dominating the early picks. Last year, three Buckeyes were taken in the first 15, two in the top 10.

Baltimore, seeking to deal the fourth choice because of salary-cap restrictions, instead took Peter Boulware.

Rangers walk first four in 6-5 loss to Blue Jays

ARLINGTON (AP) — After Texas' Roger Pavlik walked the first three Toronto hitters, Blue Jays cleanup batter Joe Carter expected things to change real quickly.

"I was going, 'Yeah, he'll probably paint me three pitches,' " Carter said.

Pavlik kept missing, avoiding the strike zone four more times to set an American League record with four free passes to start the game. Toronto was the benefactor as the Blue Jays went on to win 6-5 Friday night.

"It was the weirdest thing I've ever seen," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "There weren't that many pitches close enough to get a call."

Pavlik (1-2) threw only three strikes during walks to Otis Nixon, Carlos Garcia, Orlando Merced and Carter. Two of the strikes were on bunt attempts by Garcia, the third on a 3-0 pitch to Merced.

"He wasn't getting his fastball or his slider over," Carter said. "I said if the first one is a ball, I'm not going to swing until he has two strikes on me. Why swing before you have to?"

The only other major league game ever to begin with more walks was on June 16, 1941, when Cincinnati's Johnny Vander Meer walked four New York Giants, then Gene Thompson came in and walked a fifth batter.

Toronto's sixth batter, Ed Sprague, began with a 2-0 count before hitting a two-run double. Carlos Delgado followed with an RBI groundout, then an RBI single by Charlie O'Brien ended Pavlik's night.

SDN Sports Week

Monday
SHS girls golf at Regional Tournament, San Angelo.
SHS JV baseball at Andrews, 5 p.m.

Tuesday
SHS varsity baseball hosts Estacado, 6 p.m., Moffett Field.
SHS girls golf at Regional Tournament, San Angelo.

Thursday
SHS JV baseball at Lubbock Tournament.

Friday
SHS tennis at Regional Tournament, San Angelo.
SHS boys track at Regional Meet, San Angelo.
SHS varsity baseball at Plainview, 7 p.m.
SHS varsity softball at area playoffs, vs. winner of Sweetwater-El Paso Parkland.
SHS JV baseball at Lubbock Tournament.

Saturday
SHS tennis at Regional Tournament, San Angelo.
SHS boys track at Regional Meet, San Angelo.
Junior High tennis at Midland Tournament.

Junior high track ends season with top honors

The seventh and eighth grade boys junior high track squads ended their season on an up note at the Andrews Relays, with the seventh taking third and the eight winning fifth.

Seventh grader Wade Pinson had an outstanding final meet, bringing home five first place medals.

Pinson set a new meet record in the pole vault with a height of 9-6. He also was first in the high jump with a height of 5-4.

Pinson had three top finishes in the running events with first place medals in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 46.04, the 110-meter hurdles with a 16.9 and the 400-meter dash with a 59.15.

Seventh grader Rudy Martinez also had a good meet, winning two first place medals in the 800-meter dash and the 1,600-meter run.

Martinez had a time of 2:26 in the 800-meters and a time of 5:14 in the 1,600.

The fat man relay team of Zack Rollins, Diego Hernandez, Richard Martinez and Billy Schultze was second as was Johnny Vasquez in the 1,600-meter run.

The mile relay squad of Samuel Arizmendi, Marcus Barboza, Shay Franks and Miguel Lopez captured third.

Zack Billingsley placed fourth in the 100-meter dash.

Brooks Nunley was fifth in the pole vault and Billingsley was fifth in the 400-meter dash. Vasquez took fifth in the 800-meter run and the sprint relay team of Lopez, Brandon McGuire, Chris McLeod and Arizmendi was fifth.

The eighth grade squad was fifth overall, led by Matthew Grimmett who was second in the pole vault with a height of 11-0. Grimmett also placed fifth in the 300-meter hurdles and fifth in the high jump.

Jared Thornhill was third in the pole vault with a height of 10-6.

The fat man relay squad of Mark Medley, Chad Thomas, Bradley George and David Fugate was fourth.

Joash Arizmendi won fourth in the 110-meter hurdles and Medley was fourth in the discus with a toss of 119-10¾. Medley also took sixth in the shot put with a heave of 41-7¾.

Jesse Haines was fifth in the pole vault with a height of 9-6 and the mile relay team of Grimmett, Arizmendi, Justin Englert and Edwin James was fifth.

The sprint relay squad of Jared Boyd, Eric Chavez, Ralph Ramon and Devin Williams was sixth.

"These guys have been a pleasure to coach due to their hard work ethic," said coach Thance Springer. "They have had a great season."

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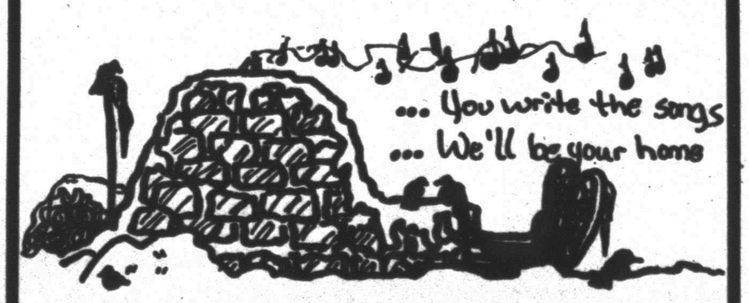
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FFA '96-'97 victories noted

Snyder FFA is closing in on the end of a successful judging season.

The teams have traveled to various contests around Texas which culminated in the state qualifying contest this past week at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Snyder FFA will have eight teams representing the Area II FFA Association at the state contests over the next two weekends.

Teams that have qualified for the state contests and their recent placings include the poultry team — members are Ty Jones, Marci Irvine, Shauna Huddleston, Matthew Miller and Tyson Hallmark, alternate.

The horse team members are Kasey Nachlinger, Veronica Williams, Darcee Purcell and Shawn Purcell. Members of the crops team are Brandon Williamson, Cody Cribbs, Amy Church and Laurie Huddleston.

Members of the meats team consists of Jenise Judah, Mark Cave, Casey Doyle, Sarah Pierce and Jessica Bradshaw, alternate; dairy products team includes Johnna Ferris, Daphny Lopez, Shane Beauchamp, Thomas Arguello and Paul Cooley, alternate.

The farm business management team members are Jerrod Rinehart, T.J. Whetsel and Jacob Hodges. Tommy Gordon, Brady Collier, Dwayne Robertson and Ben Cook make up the horticulture team.

The marketing plan team includes Amy Church, Laurie Huddleston, Brandon Williamson and Jessica Bradshaw, alternate.

To qualify for the state contest, the teams had to place in the top four teams from Area II.

Snyder FFA team victories are listed below:

During the Sweetwater Invitational, the poultry team placed second and Matthew Miller was the first high point individual. Dairy products team placed sixth.

More than 250 high schools participated in Tarleton University's Invitational.

The poultry team captured fourth place with Matthew Miller as the fourth high point individual.

The Farm Business Management team placed second at Abilene Christian University's Invitational, Jerrod Rinehart was the second high point individual.

Four teams claimed wins at West Texas A&M University's

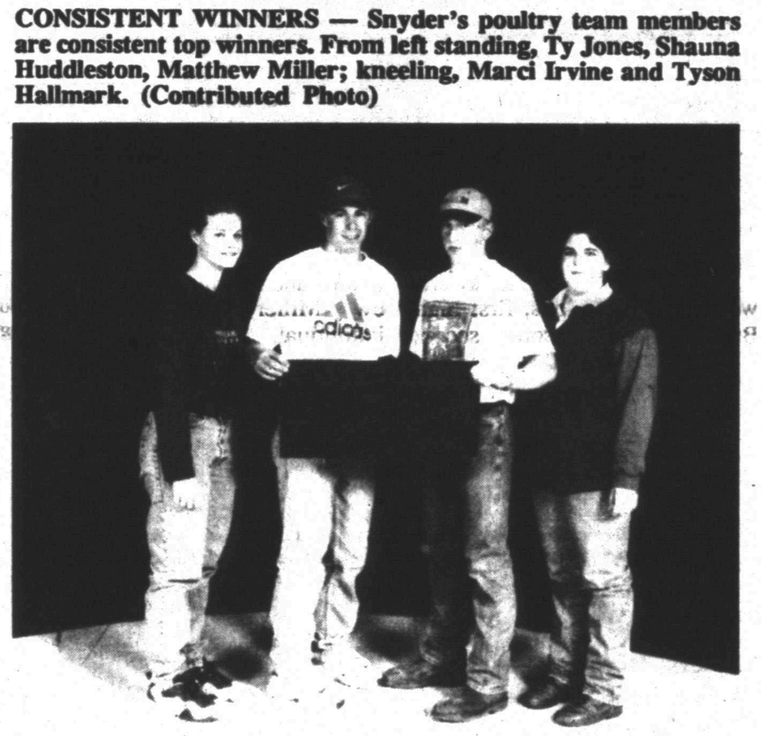
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STATE BOUND — The farm business management team is headed to state with two previous wins. Members are, from left standing, Jacob Hodges and T.J. Whetsel; kneeling, Ferrod Rinehart, Jenise Judah. (Contributed Photo)



CONSISTENT WINNERS — Snyder's poultry team members are consistent top winners. From left standing, Ty Jones, Shauna Huddleston, Matthew Miller; kneeling, Marci Irvine and Tyson Hallmark. (Contributed Photo)



SEEK STATE TITLE — Snyder's meats team is shooting for a state title. Members from left, Jenise Judah, Mark Cave, Casey Doyle and Sarah Pierce. (Contributed Photo)



UNDEFEATED — The crops team is undefeated as it heads to state. From left standing, Brandon Williamson, Cody Cribbs; kneeling, Amy Church and Laurie Huddleston. (Contributed Photo)

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to John Gayle, City Manager of the City of Snyder, will be received at the office of the City Engineer in the City Hall until 4:00 P.m., April 29, 1997, for the construction of the following item:

Snyder Industrial Park Elevated Water Storage Tank

At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

A prebid conference for the project will be held at the City Hall, City of Snyder, 1925 24th Street, Snyder, Texas, at 4:00 p.m., April 22, 1997.

Direct questions related to the design of the project to Jerry Fleming, Freese and Nichols, Inc., (817) 735-7300, 4055 International Plaza, Suite 200, Fort Worth, Texas 76109-4895.

This project includes construction of a 250,000 gallon elevated water storage tank, fittings and site development.

Contract Documents, including Plans and Specifications, are on file and may be examined without charge in the office of the City Manager at 1925 24th. Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, and the offices of Freese and Nichols, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4055 International Plaza, Suite 200, Fort Worth, Texas 76109, Telephone (817) 735-7300. Contract documents, including plans and specifications may be procured from Freese and Nichols, Inc., at the above address as follows:

Cost: $50.00 per set -- Non-Refundable

A cashier's check, certified check or acceptable bidder's bond, payable to the City of Snyder in an amount not less than five (5%) percent of the bid submitted, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the contract, the Bidder will, within fifteen (15) days after receipt of Notice of Award, enter into a contract and execute bonds on the forms provided in the Contract Documents.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the prevailing wage rates, as established by the Davis Bacon Wage Rates and as hereinafter set forth in the Contract Documents hereinbefore described and which are made a part hereof, must be paid on this project.

In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age of national origin.

All contractors/subcontractors which are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation on federal assistance programs may not undertake any activity in part or in full under this project.

Performance and Payment Bonds will be required.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, the (Owner) reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject any or all bids, and waive formalities. No bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after date on which bids are opened.

Contract will be awarded within 30 days after bid opening.

CITY OF SNYDER

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to John Gayle, City Manager of the City of Snyder, will be received at the office of the City Engineer in the City Hall until 2:00 p.m., April 29, 1997, for the construction of the following item:

Lorber Street Water and Sanitary Sewer Improvements

At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

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This project includes construction of approximately 1,413 L.F. of 10-inch gravity sewer PVC pipe; 2,512 L.F. of 12-inch C-900 PVC water pipe; related manholes, valves, fittings and connections; fire hydrants; necessary fittings and adapters.

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Card Of Thanks

Thank You

To all who were so kind and thoughtful to us in the hour of our sorrow at the passing of our dear Drake, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks. Our special thanks go to Cogdell OB nurses, Dr. Burleson and Staff and Dr. Thompson. The beautiful floral offerings will always be remembered. May God bless all of you.

The family of Drake Kazmon Landon Jones
Infant son of Courtney Landon & Greg Jones
Grandparents & Great-grandparents

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Division of Labor in Marriage Drives Couple to Separation

DEAR ABBY: Three weeks ago, after five years of marriage, my husband and I separated. During our five years together we accomplished many of our dreams. We purchased a home, opened the business he wanted and took our dream vacation. We're not from wealthy families, so we sacrificed to make our dreams come true and put off having children, which we both wanted very much.

I believed that marriage should be a 50/50 proposition, and so did my husband before we got married. Once we were married, it turned out that he thought household chores were the woman's responsibility. For the entire five years of our marriage, we struggled over this issue and argued over the smallest things.

For example, he'd get upset if I didn't pick up his plate after he ate, and I would get upset if he didn't pick it up himself. It bothered him so much he finally confessed there were times when he would eat out before coming home in order to avoid a confrontation.

In our last attempt at compromise, I told him I'd agree to do everything for him if he would support me and let me quit work. (I have a full-time job that is quite demanding.) I told him we could go back in time and live the way people used to live in the 1950s. His response was, "We're in the '90s and women are supposed to work. Look around and see. That's the way it is. Accept it."

So I'm asking you, Abby. Is that how a marriage in the '90s is? Am I wrong to believe that marriage should be 50/50?

CONFUSED IN LAREDO

DEAR CONFUSED: No marriage is ever strictly 50/50. It is a series of compromises on the part of both parties, so that neither bears the entire burden of household responsibilities, financial obligations and emotional support.

Ideally a couple create their own balance and bolster each other in areas where the other is weak.

Your husband's demand that you bear the entire responsibility for the household chores plus hold a full-time job is chauvinistic. Show him this column and tell him he's the one who needs to look around and see how it is in the '90s.

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DEAR ABBY: I am so furious I can hardly see to write this letter. Last week a man I met recently invited me to have dinner with him. We agreed on the day and time. It is now 45 minutes past the time he was supposed to pick me up and he has not called, and by now I don't expect him to.

Abby, I have been stood up by so many men that I am surprised when a planned date actually happens. I'm not talking about men who say, "I'll call you sometime," or "Let's get together sometime." I am referring to those who make a specific date with a specific activity planned. I am too embarrassed to talk to anyone about this; therefore, I don't know if this is normal behavior or not.

My question to you is this: The next time I get stood up, instead of ignoring it, would you suggest I call the man with whom I had the date and tell him that if he wanted to cancel our plans, he should have had the courtesy to call and tell me?

ON MY WAY TO SEE A MOVIE WITH A GIRLFRIEND

DEAR ON MY WAY: It is extremely rude to make specific plans and then fail to show up, whether it is a date or an activity between friends. A phone call to the person who stood you up would not be out of line. Remind him or her that sometimes the sins of omission are far more cruel than the sins of commission.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

DEAR ABBY: April 20-26 is Organ Donor Week. Because there is a shortage of donors, more than 49,000 Americans are waiting for lifesaving organ transplants.

For those who have decided to be donors: First and foremost, *inform your family*! Even if you have signed an organ donor card (many states use the back of the driver's license), your family must consent to the donation before it can occur.

Abby, in the past you have printed a beautiful composition regarding organ donation. Printing it again could help in promoting donor awareness. Please do it for all of those who are waiting for the gift of life.

As a heart recipient, and on behalf of all other organ recipients, I want to express my gratitude to the families who, in the midst of their grief, generously donated the organs of their loved ones. Thank you and may God bless you.

JACK ADAMS, HOOVER, ALA.

DEAR MR. ADAMS: Thank you for a powerful letter, and for the reminder that National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week is a time of tribute to the thousands of compassionate and generous donor families who have consented to the gift of life, so that others might live.

Organs are matched with people on a national waiting list according to blood and tissue type and medical need, among other factors. The system of organ allocation is fair and highly ethical. Contrary to what some believe, most religions consider organs the ultimate charitable gift.

It is vital that individuals who wish to become organ donors discuss their decision with their families, since family consent is required.

The essay "To Remember Me," written by the late Robert Test, first appeared in my column in 1977. Copies suitable for framing may be obtained from The Living Bank, P.O. Box 6725, Houston, Texas 77005. The Living Bank also provides informational literature and organ donor cards. Information and donor cards can also be obtained from the National Kidney Foundation, 30 E. 33rd St., New York, N.Y. 10016, or contact your local organ procurement organization.

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TO REMEMBER ME

The day will come when my body will lie upon a white sheet neatly tucked under four corners of a mattress, located in a hospital busily occupied with the living and dying. At a certain moment, a doctor will determine that my brain has ceased to function and that, for all intents and purposes, my life has stopped.

When that happens, do not attempt to instill artificial life into my body by the use of a machine. And don't call this my deathbed. Let it be called the Bed of Life, and let my body be taken from it to help others lead fuller lives.

Give my sight to the man who has never seen a sunrise, a baby's face or love in the eyes of a woman.

Give my heart to a person whose own heart has caused nothing but endless days of pain.

Give my blood to the teen-ager who was pulled from the wreckage of his car, so that he might live to see his grandchildren play.

Give my kidneys to one who depends on a machine to exist from week to week.

Take my bones, every muscle, every fiber and nerve in my body and find a way to make a crippled child walk.

Explore every corner of my brain. Take my cells, if necessary, and let them grow so that someday a speechless boy will shout at the crack of a bat, and a deaf girl will hear the sound of rain against her window.

Burn what is left of me and scatter the ashes to the winds to help the flowers grow.

If you must bury something, let it be my faults, my weaknesses, and all the prejudice against my fellow man.

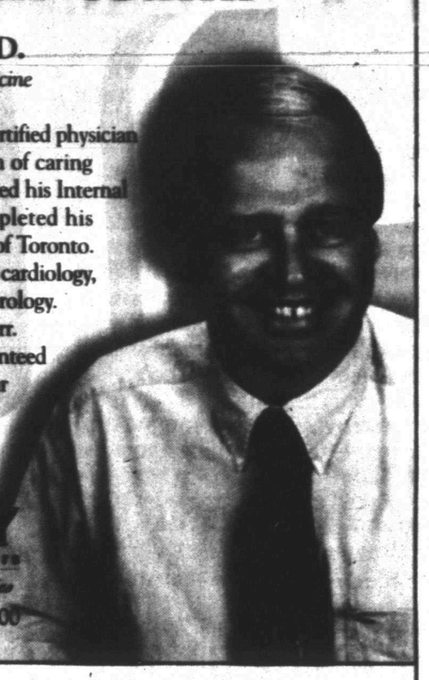
Give my sins to the devil. Give my soul to God. If, by chance, you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you. If you do all I have asked, I will live forever.

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A welcome addition to our team.

Thomas L. Kerr, M.D.
Board Certified Internal Medicine

We're proud to add Board Certified physician Thomas L. Kerr to our team of caring professionals. Dr. Kerr received his Internal Medicine Degree and completed his residency at the University of Toronto. His special interests include cardiology, pulmonology and gastroenterology. Join us in welcoming Dr. Kerr. More than ever, you're guaranteed the quality care you and your family deserve.



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Hours: M–F, (except Thurs.) 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Thurs., 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Snyder FFA teams win

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contest. Farm business management placed first. Individual awards included Shauna Huddleston, first high point; T.J. Whetsel, third high point; Jerrod Rinehart, fourth high point; and Jacob Hodges, ninth high point.

The crops team placed first, beating the second place team by 1,600 points. Individual awards went to Cody Cribbs, first high; Brandon Williamson, second high; Laurie Huddleston, third high; and Amy Church, fourth high.

The meats team earned fourth with Jenise Judah as the fifth high point individual.

Dairy products earned seventh place.

Clarendon College victories numbered four, including three first places. The first went to farm business management. Team members also nabbed four individual awards including Jenise Judah, first high point; Jerrod Rinehart, fifth high point; Jacob Hodges, sixth high point; and T.J. Whetsel, ninth high point.

The crops team also picked up a first place win and four individual awards. Laurie Huddleston was first high; Brandon Williamson, second high; Cody Cribbs, third high; and Amy Church, fourth high.

The final first place victory was awarded to the poulty team which also claimed four individual awards. Ty Jones was first high; Shauna Huddleston, second high; Matthew Miller, third high; Marci Irvine, eighth high.

The dairy products team placed sixth.

Six FFA teams placed at state elimination competition for area II held at Texas Tech University. The meats team was named area champions and second overall. Jenise Judah was fifth high individual and Mark Cave was 10th high.

The poultry team placed second in area and second overall. Matthew Miller was first high individual.

The horse team also placed second in area and sixth overall. The dairy products team was third in area and seventh overall. The livestock team captured seventh in area. Teams members include Brandon Hackfeld, Nicky Jones, Matt Preston and Justin Stribling.

The dairy cattle team was sixth in area. Team members include Amanda Powell, Brandi Wolf, Paul Cooley and Tyson Hallmark.

The horse and crop teams were to compete Saturday at the state contest at Texas Tech. The poultry, farm business management, dairy products, meats, horticulture and marketing team will compete on Saturday, April 26, at Texas A&M University in College Station.

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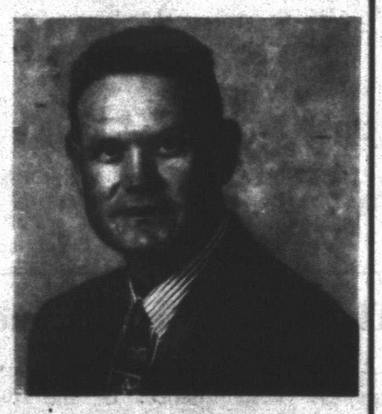


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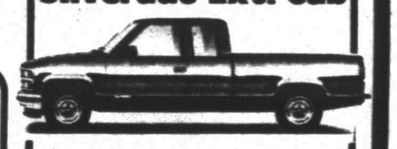
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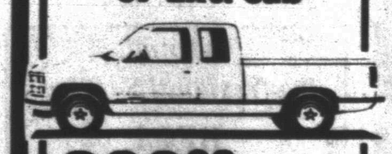
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Bombing of federal building...

Oklahoma City marks 2nd anniversary

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — People fell silent and church bells tolled "Ode to Joy" and "Amazing Grace" Saturday in memory of those killed exactly two years earlier in the terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

Hundreds of people gathered next to the grassy mound where the building once stood, praying and leaving photographs and bouquets on the fence that surrounds the site.

Relatives of the victims lined up at a table to get seedlings from the survivor's tree, a slippery elm damaged in the bombing on April 19, 1995.

"I will go home and I will plant this and I will always remember," said Cathy McCaskell, whose sister, Terry Rees, was killed in the bombing.

Steve Powell of Tulsa stood quietly with his rescue dog, Brontee. They both were part of the frantic rescue effort after the bombing.

"The people who went into the building don't feel like heroes," he said. "I can't speak for everybody, but we worked a mass murder. The attention shouldn't be on us. It should be on the families."

At 9:02 a.m., the moment of the explosion, Oklahomans observed 168 seconds of silence — one for each of the dead. An hour later, bells rang out for a similar observance in Denver, where Timothy McVeigh is standing trial for the bombing.

And just as members of the Oklahoma City crowd bowed their heads, a fire truck's siren — on an unrelated emergency call — sounded somewhere in the distance, an eerie reminder of the morning when firefighters and police rushed to the smoking rubble scattered by the blast.

After the tolling of church bells across the city and the state, the names of the death were read aloud.

Before the ceremony, about 12 people held a prayer service in the newly reopened Heartland Chapel across the street from the bomb site. They prayed, held hands and sang hymns in a chapel surrounded by orange net construction fencing and large piles of dirt.

Gov. Frank Keating asked that people leave a flower or other memento at the fence Saturday, and declared the anniversary a day of remembrance and prayer.

"The prayers should be for those who died and their families, for those who were injured and for justice as the first trial of the accused continues in Denver," Keating said.

Trip gathers little info

Continued From Page 1

The firm has also pledged to make capital improvements of more than $3 million at the hospital over the next four years and make physician recruitement a top priority.

Scurry County Commissioners Court has tabled CHS's proposal in order to work out contract negotiations.

"One thing we did find in our trip," said Gannaway, "was that a big part of the problem between CHS and the doctors in Plainview is that the established doctors resisted the recruiting efforts of CHS."

Walton and Trevey both agreed.

Michael Portacci, vice president of CHS, said physician recruitment in Plainview was an uncooperative process, "Just the opposite of what it should be."

In the February board meeting of the Cogdell board of managers, chief of staff Dr. Gary Nussey addressed the board on the need for more physicians here.

"We've got to bring more physicians into the community," said Nussey. "Every day we deal with people who call and we don't have the space to fit them in. There are a lot of people who want medical care and would provide plenty of calls for a new physician."

He said physician recruitment is among the top concerns of the medical staff, along with evaluating nursing staff pay and benefits and improving the physical plant.

Nussey has said the medical staff at Cogdell will issue a statement concerning its opinion of the lease proposal, possibly later this month.

Gannaway said he would like to go back to Plainview and try to talk to more people, including Dr. Karrh, who they did not see Thursday.

"We're going to get as much information as we can on this matter, and then let people make up their own minds," said Gannaway.

Five arrests begin weekend for police

Three people were arrested Friday and two were taken into custody early Saturday morning on various charges.

At 2:15 a.m. Saturday, officers received a call from a person in the 200 block of U.S. Highway 84 in reference to a person kicking his door in and that he knew the identify of the person.

Officers located the individual at 3:26 a.m. in the 3800 block of Avenue V and arrested the 19-year-old male for public intoxication and a capias pro fine warrant for public intoxication. Also arrested was a 32-year-old male on outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants out of Midland and warrants from Scurry County for issuance of bad checks. A female juvenile was also taken into custody for minor in possession and, she was later released to her mother.

Other arrests include a 22-year-old male who was arrested at 9:21 a.m. Friday at the sheriff's office for outstanding city warrants for no drivers license and for failure to appear.

At 9:16 p.m., officers arrested a 24-year-old male in the 1700 block of College Avenue for public intoxication.

Deputies arrested a 27-year-old male at 11:48 a.m. Friday on FM 1606 for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

In other activity, an offense report for harassing telephone calls was made at 9:25 a.m.

Pauline Boyd requested to speak to an officer at 10:16 a.m. in reference to criminal mischief to her vehicle while it was parked at 1306 24th St.

Carissa Claxton requested to speak to an officer at 4:28 p.m. in reference to the theft of a ring from a room at the Western Texas College dorm. An offense report for burglary of a residence was submitted.

A report of a gas drive-off was made at 5:53 p.m. from Skinny's on Coliseum Drive. However, the person returned at 9:45 p.m. and paid for the gas.

An officer was requested at 9:17 p.m. in the 2700 block of Avenue Y in reference to a person finding some pills. An offense report for found propeity was submitted.

Officers were called to the Cogdell Hospital emergency room at 3:21 Saturday morning in reference to a possible assault. Officers filed an offfense report for aggravated assault in reference to Joe Luis Chavez being assaulted. The 30-year-old man was treated at Cogdell and then transferred to Lubbock's University Medical Center where he was treated and released.

The case is still under investigation by the Snyder police department.

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Snyder gets some showers

Snyder received another half-inch of rainfall Friday and early Saturday morning.

The .55 of an inch brings the city's total for the year to 8.12 inches.

Skies are expected to remain partly cloudy Saturday and mostly sunny Sunday.

Residents near Lake J.B. Thomas reported receiving a half-inch of rain, as did locations west of Snyder. Dunn recorded three-tenths and Hermleigh just over three-tenths.

Polar and Loyd Mountain area residents received no rain.

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What's Up?

Primera Iglesia Bautista

Primera Iglesia Bautista, 2007 Ave. R, is holding a revival through Sunday with services at 7:30 p.m. Julian Gonzales, pastor of de La Iglesia Jerusalem in Odessa will conduct the services. Everyone is invited.

Morningside revival

Morningside Baptist Church's revival continues through Sunday. Services are set for 7 p.m. Saturday. Sunday services are 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Bro. F.M. Riley of Artesia, N.M. is be the evangelist. 4-Giv'n and Tom Lewis of Anson are providing the music.

'Nunsense' returns

"Nunsense," a popular Dan Groggin comedy, is back on stage at the Ritz Theatre through Sunday. Performances are 8 p.m. through Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $7 at the door.

Parents and the prom

Parents will be allowed to visit and view decorations at the Junior/Senior Prom Saturday from 6 until 7:30 p.m. only. The prom is being held in the armory.

St. Elizabeth Sausage Festival

St. Elizabeth Sausage Festival is slated from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Parish Center. Ticket prices are $3 for children, $6 adults, $6 takeout. Sausage will also be sold by the pound: $2.75 uncooked; $3.75 cooked. Included will be raffles, game booths and the Country Store.

Chamber board to meet

Snyder Chamber of Commerce board will meet at 11:30 a.m. Monday. Agenda items include a hotel/motel funds request for maps, welcoming new members, an update on a legislative conference and notification of upcoming events.

United Way luncheon

Scurry County United Way will hold its annual awards luncheon at noon Monday. The dutch treat affair will be held at Rudy's.

Parenting seminar set

"Children Are Not Born Winners or Losers, But Choosers," a parenting seminar with Link Fuller, will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Northeast Elementary. The free seminar is a Goals 2000 initiative sponsored by Snyder ISD.

Bible study video tapes

Bible study video tapes are airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. They are followed by the series titled "The Story of the Bible." The first Bible tape, "Attitude of Obedience," will air at 7 p.m. Monday. It will be followed by "Lesson 1: The Beginning."

SNS in need of workers

Snyder Neighbors Sharing has 18 projects for its April 26 workday and is in need of volunteers. Groups willing to help can call Sam Robertson's Insurance Company or West Elementary.

Adult education classes

GED and ESL classes are available at Western Texas College. Times are 8-11 a.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact the college continuing education department for more information.

Senior Swimnastics

Senior Swimnastics is held each Tuesday and Thursday at the Western Texas College pool from 2:15-3:45 p.m.

American Heart Walk

The American Heart Walk is set for 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 3. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. The five-mile course begins at the Towle Park pavilion. Participants solicit pledges and receive prizes based on the amount of money raised. For information, call Dee Chasteen at 573-5401, Carol Gulseth at 573-5525 or Matt Cross at 574-7280.

Arts and crafts festival

The seventh Snyder Arts and Crafts Festival will be held next Saturday and Sunday in Scurry County Coliseum. Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on April 26 and noon until 5 p.m. on the 27th. There is no admission charge.

'Merchant of Venice'

Western Texas College drama department will present William Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" Thursday through Sunday, April 27. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. with Sunday's matinee set for 2:30 p.m. For ticket information, call 573-8511, ext. 234.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
1-2-6
(one, two, six)

Cash 5

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
03-14-26-27-33
(three, fourteen, twenty-six, twenty-seven, thirty-three)

Timeless rememberance common thread

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A timeless remembrance is the common thread in the proposed designs selected as finalists Saturday for the Oklahoma City bombing memorial.

Reflecting pools, a children's garden, empty chairs, bosques of trees, a peaceful meadow and the survivor's tree are among the items the finalist design teams suggested to remember the victims of the April 19, 1995, federal building bombing.

The finalists, selected from 600 designs, are Hans-Ekkehard Butzer, Torrey Butzer and Sven Berg of Locus Bold Design in Berlin; J. Kyle Casper and Brian Branstetter of Dallas; Susan Herrington and Mark Stankard of Ames, Iowa; Richard Scherr and James Rossant of New York and Hanno Weber and Kathleen Hess of Hanno Weber & Associates in Chicago.

Bob Johnson, chairman of the Oklahoma City Memorial Foundation, called the day "a day of remembrance first and foremost.

Littlepage helped found school credit union

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

In 1955, Scurry County School Federal Credit Union opened for business with a total of $125 in deposits. Today, it has about $4 million in assets, and, since 1987, has also included county and city employees.

James Littlepage, retired Snyder High School teacher, had served as manager-treasurer of the instituton from its birth on Sept. 29, 1955 through infancy and expansion, until retiring Dec. 31 after more than four decades.

Forty-two years ago, Littlepage said two teachers instigated the idea: Dan Martin, who is deceased, and J.C. Jackson, who resides in New Mexico.

Before the credit union could be founded, he said approval had to be sought and granted by the National Credit Union Organization.

Fifteen charter members then, with the approval of the school board, pooled their resources in order to found a financial institution for SISD employees that would allow participants to borrow at a cheaper rate and earn more interest on savings than was available through other banking institutions.

Littlepage said they also adopted the motto, "Not for profit, not for charity, but for service."

During the early years, Littlepage often worked "out of a briefcase" after school and at night. The credit union was located in several different places until a permanent home was purchased. One of the first was the journalism room and later an empty room in the nurse's clinic, both at the high school.

When the clinic needed more room, Littlepage said the credit union was moved to Humble-Smith where it remained for about six months.

He said the present building at 1903 40th St. was purchased three years ago, the same year Gayle Lomax was named superintendent.

The original $125 investment came from members who paid yearly dues of 25 cents and opened "share accounts" or savings accounts in units of $5, Littlepage said.

Other transactions included personal and automobile loans. That initial investment has since grown to some $4 million, but the amount fluctuates, Littlepage said. The funds are deposited at West Texas State Bank. Littlepage said the credit union is subject to federal regulations and a federal audit is conducted yearly.

Today, the audit is relatively simple — the auditor's computer downloads the information from the credit union's computer.

Before the computer age though, Littlepage said an audit meant "everything had to be shut down for the duration." At one time, Littlepage, who taught math for many years, used pencil and paper to figure sums. In later years, a Remington adding machine was purchased. It still works. A calculator and computer followed.

As the years passed, equipment became more sophisticated and the paperwork also increased. Now, he said the credit union couldn't get by without the computer.

The credit union has two full-time employees, including Marsha Levens, who has been named manager-treasurer.

After the credit union had been organized some three years, Littlepage began drawing a small salary.

A part-time worker was added in 1972 and then a full-time person "shortly after that."

His years as credit union manager-treasurer were very satisfying because he "liked helping people," he said. However, there was a downside to the job, too. He hated having to turn people down because they did not have a good credit rating and he did not like to repossess anything.

During the years when he was sole manager, Littlepage said people would sometimes talk to him about their problems. He said that was an important outlet for them.

Now retired, Littlepage said what he misses most is "the association with people." He also misses the math associated with the job.

When Littlepage retired from the credit union, he said the board of directors presented him with a mesquite wood chair.



MEMORIES — James Littlepage played an important role in the formation and management of Scurry County School Federal Credit Union which was organized in 1955. This building was purchased three years ago. Littlepage, who retired as the manager-treasurer in December, recently shared more than four decades of memories. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Of the 15 charter members, Littlepage said several are still active even though they are also retired SISD employees. Frank Miller is the president and Ed Raborn, Carol Miller and Ollie Peek are still doing volunteer work with credit union committees.

A native of Snyder, Littlepage earned his bachelor's degree at McMurry University. He later received his master's degree at Texas Tech University.

He had worked at the Snyder post office while in college and had earned five years credit there working part-time on weekends, holidays and summer months.

When the oil boom began, Littlepage said the post office became very busy. He was working there part-time when he was hired to teach at the high school.

Having always enjoyed math, Littlepage said he decided to take the job and liked it so well he continued teaching until retiring in 1988, due to health concerns.

He said he always enjoyed the challenge and having students understand the different concepts he taught them.

He said that throughout his career, he was amazed at the "intelligence of some students," especially in his geometry and algebra II courses.

Littlepage said he decided to retire from the credit union because he "no longer wanted the responsibility."

At 65, he said he "just wants to relax, enjoy my grandchildren, go fishing, work around the house."

Littlepage and his wife, Jo Ann, have three children and five grandchildren. A son, Bryan Littlepage, is a petroleum engineer who lives in Metarie, La. A daughter, Debra Kesseler, lives in Katy, and another daughter, Karen Waller, lives in Slaton. Both are certified public accountants.

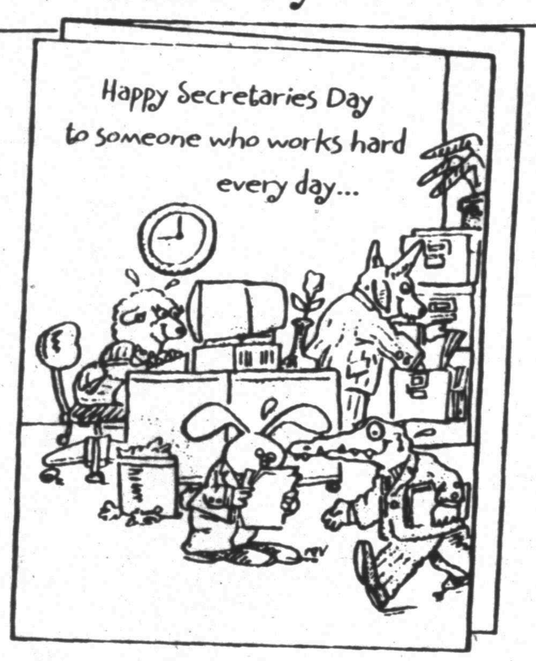
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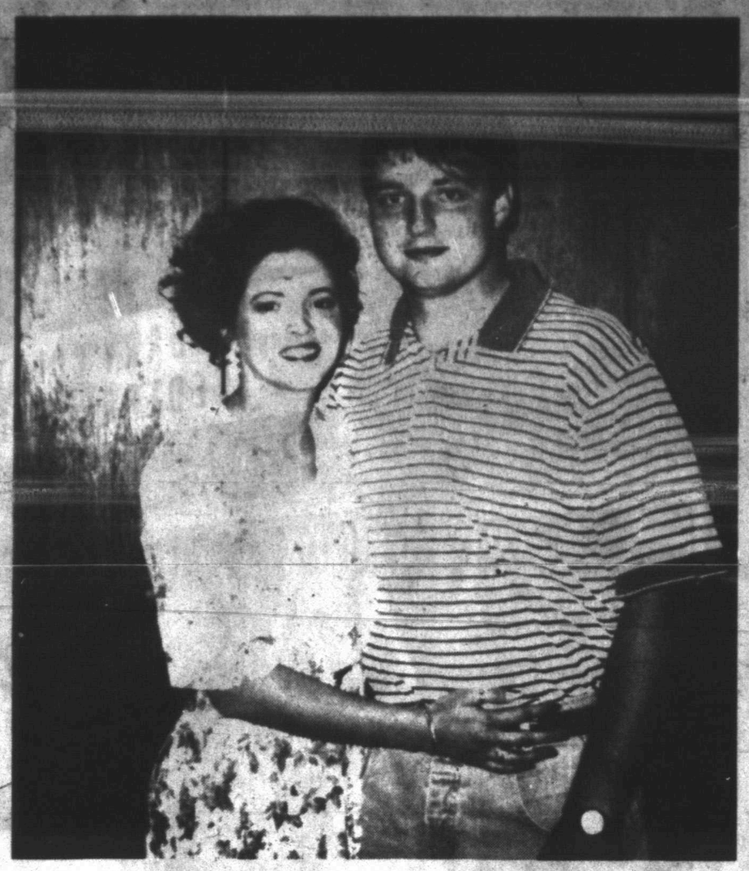
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NUPTIALS — Vergina Garza and Mario Molinar were married on Sunday, April 13, in an afternoon ceremony at the Villa residence, 2803 College Ave. Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Lupe Anguiano and the groom's parents are Josephina Molinar of Snyder and Max Bernal of Kermit. (Contributed Photo)



BURDITT, FINCHER — David and Julie Strunk of Snyder and Bob and Nina Howard of Seguin announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Casey Laine Burditt and Michael Dewayne Fincher. An evening wedding ceremony is planned for Saturday, April 26, at 6 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Snyder. (Contributed Photo)



Stan Boaz and Sunny Jo McNeill
(Contributed Photo)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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

Vulnerable: The solver!
Dealer: East

South	West	North	East
			2 ♣
2 ♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
3 ♣	Pass	5 ♣	5 ♠
6 ♣	6 ♠	Pass	Pass
7 ♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♠ 10

A crossword for bridge

Many years ago, when I was the editor of Bridge Magazine in England, we published a few cryptic crosswords that generated single-dummy bridge problems. The compiler, who does wonderful crosswords for The Guardian newspaper, has the "nom-de-clue" of Araucaria.

Some of the toughest cryptic crosswords were published by The Listener, the erstwhile publication of the British Broadcasting Corporation. Now these crosswords have been resurrected in Saturday's edition of The Times newspaper. Late last year, Phil Brindall compiled a very difficult crossword that led to a bridge deal. I wrote to him, asking permission to use the deal, but have not had a reply. Too bad! So, here it is, rotated through 90 degrees to make South the declarer. (I had a problem with the bidding. Brindall said that South sacrificed in seven clubs over East's six spades. All "normal" auctions seem to lead to North's bidding clubs first or West's bidding spades first.)

As you can see, seven clubs is some sacrifice! South ruffs the spade lead, ruffs a diamond in the dummy, plays a trump to hand, and ruffs another diamond in the dummy. Two major-suit ruffs in hand, and two more diamond ruffs in the dummy follow. Finally, South ruffs something back to hand and claims the last four tricks with his established diamonds and remaining trump.

Not bad, a grand slam with only five combined high-card points. It's even more impressive to compile a crossword to generate it.

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Home accessories make for a perfect wedding day

The wedding day is one of the most important days in a woman's life. She wants everything, from her gown to the flowers to the food served at the reception, to be perfect. Most of all, she wants her memories of the big day to be special.

Personal, handmade bridal accessories can help make those memories special. A lace-trimmed ring pillow, made out of the same fabric as the bridal gown, contains details that are hard to find in a store-bought pillow.

The following ring pillow will add a personal touch to the wedding day. After the ceremony, it can be used as a decoration in the bedroom or kept in a safe place for use in the next family wedding.

RING PILLOW

¾ yard of 24-in-wide silk voile for pillow back and front
1 11-in. square of silk satin for front lining
1 10-in. square knife-edge pillow form
2½ yards of 2½-in.-wide lace for ruffle
1¼ yards satin piping
1 10-in. zipper or 10-in. Velcro strip
1 yard of ⅛-in.-wide satin ribbon
1¼ yards of 2¼-in.-wide insertion lace
Directions: (½-in. seams allowed)

1. *Cutting:* From voile, cut an 11-in. square pillow front and two 6-in.-by-11-in. pillow backs.

2. *Pillow Front:* Symmetrically space two vertical and two horizontal 11-in. lengths of insertion lace on the voile pillow front; pin and edgestitch. With small, sharp scissors, cut away the voile behind the lace. Place the right side of the satin square against the wrong side of the pillow front, with edges even. Baste the edges.

3. *Piping:* Pin the piping ½ inch from the edges of the pillow front, with right sides together and raw edges outward, clipping to the piping seam at each corner. Stitch over the piping seam.

4. *Ruffle:* Seam the short ends of the ruffle lace together; press seam open. Fold the resulting loop with the seam at one end, and mark the opposite fold. Fold the loop in half again, and mark those two folds. Stitch a gathering row at each quarter (mark to mark) of the loop. Pin the lace to the pillow front with the seam or quarter mark at each corner; have right sides together and sides even. Pull up gathers to fit pillow. Stitch along the piping seam.

5. *Pillow Back:* With right sides facing, pin the two back pieces together along an 11-in. edge. Stitch a ½-in-long seam at each end. Press the seams, and insert a zipper or Velcro strip between them. Open the zipper part way.

6. *Assembly:* Pushing lace toward the center, pin pillow front to pillow back, with right sides together and edges even. Seam along the previous stitching. Turn the case right side out through the zipper opening.

7. *Ring Ribbons:* Cut two 8-in. lengths of ribbon. Pin the center of each to the pillow, and fasten in place with small stitches.

May wedding is planned

Dave and Terasa McNeill of Jacksboro announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sunny Jo McNeill of Abilene, to Stan Boaz of Fort Sumner, N.M. He is the son of Charlie and Linda Boaz of Snyder.

The wedding, set for 3 p.m. on May 17, will be held in the Monterey Church of Christ in Lubbock. Skip Clark, minister of 21st Street Church of Christ in Clovis, N.M., will officiate.

A 1993 Jacksboro High School graduate, the bride-elect is a candidate for May 10 graduation at Abilene Christian University with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

The prospective groom graduated from George West High School in 1989 and Texas State Technical College in 1992 with an associate degree. He is employed at Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway.

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY

Six tables of Snyder Duplicate Bridge Club were directed by Dot Casey at the country club.

1. Malven Stevenson, Anita Talbott.
2. Dot Casey, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Tizzy Hall, Mary Lois Wilson.

SUNDAY

Four tables were directed by Dot Casey.

1. Nona Morrison, Billisue Stuard.
2. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.
3. Tizzy Hall, Barbara Yorgesen.

TUESDAY

Four tables were directed by Dot Casey.

1. Margaret Birdwell, LaVerne Hood.
2. TIE: Linda West, Monte West and Mippie Brownlee, Shirley Stewart.

Building a family means involving family members. Involve your children in family decisions. Doing this will help build their self-esteem.
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Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings

The Elephant Ears mystery

Tons of Feedback! Thank you, as always, for taking the time to write.

FUNNEL CAKES AND ELEPHANT EARS: Some time ago we published a letter from Ann Mehr of Schaumberg, Ill., asking how to make the Elephant Ears that are sold at fairs in Wisconsin. We replied that we thought what she was looking for was Fried Dough.

Many of our readers wrote to set us straight: They said Ann's Elephant Ears were actually something called Funnel Cakes. We appreciated the response, but didn't publish it because we had no idea what Funnel Cake is or how to make it.

Then we received a letter from Linda Mayo of Rocky Mount, N.C. She writes: "I think the Elephant Ears are probably Funnel Cakes... here's the recipe."

FUNNEL CAKE
2 beaten eggs
1-1/2 cups milk
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups cooking oil

In a bowl, combine eggs and milk. Sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Add to egg mixture and beat with electric mixer until smooth. (Check to see if mixture flows easily.)

In large skillet heat oil to 360 degrees. Covering the end of a small funnel with your finger, pour batter in funnel. Remove finger and release batter into hot oil in a spiral shape. Fry till golden (about 3 minutes) using tongs to turn. Cook 1 minute more. Drain on a paper bag covered with a paper towel. Sprinkle with cinnamon and powdered sugar or serve with maple syrup. Makes 4 cakes. DEE-LICIOUS!

WIDE-MOUTHED "THERMOS": Gloria Weaver of Uniontown, Pa., was looking for one of these, and we were STUMPED. Deborah Watson of Horsham, Pa., kindly did the research for us. She remembered the containers in question were made by the Aladdin Co., called them and asked them to send her a catalog of their products.

Sure enough, there were the wide-mouth insulated containers in both the 6-ounce (item #7000, $2.50) and 10-ounce sizes (item #7100, $3).

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Incidentally, this catalog carries replacement parts for all Aladdin insulated bottles, jugs and containers. Thanks so much, Deborah.

CATHEDRAL (STAINED CHURCH WINDOW) COOKIES: About a month ago, we published a recipe for these uncooked cookies that contained raw egg. Many of you wrote to express your concern about possible salmonella poisoning.

Thanks to Patricia Croom of Copperas Cove, Texas, (and others) we now have a recipe that contains NO egg at all.

STAINED CHURCH WINDOW COOKIES
1 large package chocolate chips
1 cube butter
1 7-1/2-ounce package miniature colored marshmallows
1 cup coconut
1 cup chopped nutmeats

Melt chips and butter in saucepan. Cool slightly. Add remaining ingredients. Line a large Baggie box with wax paper, making sure there is wax paper hanging over the edge. Pour in mixture, fold over wax paper, close the Baggie box top and chill thoroughly. Slice. (An option: You can use chunky peanut butter instead of chopped nuts.)

Write to "Ask Anne & Nan" at P.O. Box 240, Hartland, VT 05048. Questions of general interest will appear in the column. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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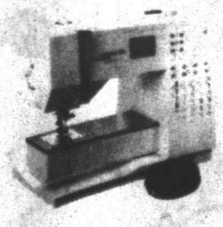
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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Michael Thames Jr.
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April vows held in church...

Lopez, Thames wed

Nancy Jaramillo Lopez and Joseph Michael Thamez Jr. were united in marriage at 2 p.m. on April 5 in the Church of the Nazarene. The Rev. Shawn Foust, pastor, officiated the double-ring ceremony.

Juana Jaramillo of Muleshoe and Lawrence Jaramillo Sr. are parents of the bride. The groom's parents are Joseph Thamez Sr. of Waco and Teresa Galindo of Snyder.

Decorations for the wedding were arranged by Debra's Flower Shop, using colors of burgundy and ivory.

Candlelighters were Michael Thamez and Justin Thamez, the groom's sons of Snyder.

Ruby Harper of Colorado City was organist, and Tisha McQuirk of Snyder was pianist.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a winter white, silk dress with flower designs in the fabric. It was outlined with burgundy trimming. She wore a matching headpiece and carried a cascading bouquet of white silk roses adorned with baby's breath, tied with burgundy ribbon with long streamers.

Lucy Garcia, matron of honor, wore a burgundy dress and carried a bouquet matching the bride's.

Flower girl was Valarie Thamez, the groom's daughter. Sabrina Salinas of Snyder, the bride's daughter, was ring bearer.

Best man was Michael Thamez, the groom's son of Snyder, and another son, Justin Thamez, was usher.

The groom's western attire included Wrangler jeans, a beige shirt, a beige jacket and a western-style hat.

The reception was held at Jaramillo's Restaurant. A table, covered with a burgundy cloth, held a three-layer white wedding cake with a strawberry filling. It was decorated with burgundy flowers and was topped with white wedding bells and doves.

A late summer honeymoon is being planned by the couple. They reside in Snyder where the groom is employed by Lone Star Gas Co. The bride is employed at Jaramillo's.

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
Beef & Cheese Enchiladas
Refried Beans
Spanish Rice
Tossed Salad
Strawberries & Bananas

TUESDAY
Beef Liver & Onions
Parsley Potatoes
Steamed Rice
Carrot-Raisin Salad
Refrigerator Cheese Dessert

WEDNESDAY
Barbecued Chicken
Au Gratin Potatoes
Cream Style Corn
Jellied Citrus Salad
Caramet Bread Pudding

THURSDAY
Baked Ham
Harvard Beets
Spinach
Green Onions
Corn Bread
Yellow Cake

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Hominy w/Cheese Sauce
Herbed Green Beans
Tomato Wedges
Chocolate Pudding
Refrigerator Cookies

School Menus

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LUNCH

MONDAY
Steak Fingers w/Gravy
Baked Potatoes
Green Beans
Bread
Pears

TUESDAY
Stromboli
Mixed Vegetables
Whole Potatoes
Fruit

WEDNESDAY
Pork Ribs
French Fries
Corn
Biscuits
Oatmeal Cookies

THURSDAY
Turkey Roast
Creamed Potatoes
Sweet Peas
Rolls
Peanut Butter Cake

FRIDAY
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce
Vegetable Salad
Italian Bread
Peaches
Plain Cookies

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All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Fruit
Muffins

TUESDAY
Juice
Waffles/Syrup

WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Biscuits/Gravy

THURSDAY
Juice
Cinnamon Rolls

FRIDAY
Fruit
Breakfast Pizza

LUNCH

MONDAY
Fried Ham
French Fries
Tossed Salad
Hot Biscuits
Blond Brownies

TUESDAY
Pepper Steak
Steamed Rice
Buttered Corn
Hot Rolls
Pear Crisp

WEDNESDAY
Beef Stroganoff
Glazed Carrots
Hot Rolls
Orange Cake

THURSDAY
Chili
Cheese Sticks
Relish Cup
Corn Bread and Crackers
Chilled Peaches

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
Coleslaw
Tater Tots
Hush Puppies
Rice Krispie Bars

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BREAKFAST

All breakfasts are served with assorted cereal, toast, and a choice of fruit juice and milk.

MONDAY
Sausage Sticks

TUESDAY
Donut

WEDNESDAY
French Toast Sticks

THURSDAY
Breakfast Taco

FRIDAY
Breakfast Pizza

LUNCH

All lunches are served with milk.

MONDAY
Cheeseburger on a Bun
Chicken Salad Sandwich
French Fries
Burger Salad
Assorted Fruit

TUESDAY
Barbecued Chicken
Steak Fingers
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Brown Gravy
Rolls, Wheat

WEDNESDAY
Chili Dog
Submarine Sandwich
Tater Tots
Baked Beans
Cowboy Cookies

THURSDAY
Enchilada Casserole
Nachos w/Ground Beef
Pinto Beans
Corn Bread
Peaches

FRIDAY
Sausage Pizza
Stuffed Potato w/Cracker
Tossed Salad
Corn on the Cob
Assorted Fruit



MAY CEREMONY SET — Richard and Ginnie Stertz of Garland announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Rachel Leigh Stertz of Snyder, to Gregory Lyle Smith, also of Snyder. He is the son of Larry and Sue Smith of Ropesville. The wedding has been planned for 6:30 p.m. on May 24 in the Loretta Chapel in Santa Fe, N.M. (Photo by Harley Bynum Photography)

Revealed facts

NORTHFIELD, Vt. (AP) — Here's a reminder from Tom Clancy and other military fiction writers: The novels aren't real!

The author of such books as "The Hunt for Red October" and "Debt of Honor" said his is the business of ideas — and it's OK to take those ideas to their logical ends.

"There's not anything that happened in the history of the world that did not begin in the mind of one human being," Clancy said Thursday at the William E. Colby Military Writers' Symposium.

Clancy had to respond to criticism of a scene from "Debt of Honor" in which, at the height of a U.S-Japan conflict, a Japanese-owned jet flies into the Capitol, killing the president and most members of government.

"One of the things you do as an author is examine possibilities," Clancy said. "We try to do so in an entertaining way.

"It was a necessity for Congress to die," he said, to laughter from the audience. "I hasten to add — I didn't write that without telling the Air Force about it first."

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Four years after Waco, lawsuit targets officials

WACO (AP) — Four years after the fiery end of the Branch Davidian standoff, the cult lives on, pressing a lawsuit aimed at pinning the blame for the 80 deaths on the government.

The lawsuit, seeking hundreds of millions in damages, challenges the government's conclusion that the Branch Davidians themselves started the fire and that they also shot first during the federal raid on their compound 51 days earlier.

The plaintiffs — about 250 surviving Davidians and the relatives of the dead — contend that when federal agents punched through the walls and fired tear gas into the cult compound in an April 19, 1993, attempt to end the standoff, the canisters ignited, burning the building and the people inside.

Joe Phillips, a Houston lawyer for the plaintiffs, acknowledged that they will be hard-pressed to make their case.

"Certainly the fact that the government killed most of our witnesses and theirs mostly survived makes it more difficult for us," he said.

With hundreds of motions and rulings expected, it will probably be years before the case goes to trial.

On Saturday's anniversary of the blaze, the Branch Davidians plan to gather at the site of the fire and hold a ceremony in honor of political prisoners.

The siege began in February 1993, when four federal agents and six Branch Davidians were killed in a gun battle that broke out when the government tried to arrest cult leader David Koresh on weapons charges. After weeks of negotiations, the FBI sent in armored vehicles to flush the cultists out with tear gas.

Since then, cases that have gone to court and two weeks of congressional hearings have exposed mistakes by federal agents, but no government officials were ever charged with any crimes.

Instead, surviving Davidians and relatives of the dead filed nine lawsuits that were consolidated into one case in 1995. The defendants include Attorney General Janet Reno and top officials of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the FBI, including then-Director William Sessions.

Last year, against the plaintiffs' wishes, the case was moved from Houston to federal court in Waco.

"We did not want to go there because the only federal judge is Walter Smith. He is unfairly biased against the Branch Davidians," Phillips said.

Smith has put eight surviving Davidians in prison for various charges, including weapons violations and voluntary manslaughter. A federal appeals court has ordered him to review some of his more severe sentences.

The Davidians have also asked the appeals court to remove Smith from hearing the lawsuit.

In the meantime, the Davidians hold weekly services at the Mount Carmel site, a tangle of burned-out vehicles and concrete ruins.

Anti-government militias and conspiracy theorists have made Waco a rallying cry. And federal prosecutors have suggested that Timothy McVeigh, who once visited the compound's ruins, blew up the Oklahoma City federal building on the second anniversary of the fire as revenge.

"I came down here because I was drawn to it because of all the anger," said Dale Perkins, a visitor to the site from Garland. Shaking her head, she said, "I don't know who was at fault. It's hard. It's hard."



PERFORMING ELEPHANTS — Shown are some of the 20 elephants that will be performing April 24 as Carson & Barnes brings its 60th Anniversary Edition of its circus to town. Sponsored by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce and the Snyder Kiwanis Club, tickets are now available at the chamber with a savings of $1 each over tickets at the circus gate. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

AARP local chapter; Senior Center; Perry Westmoreland, guest speaker; noon.

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

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

Stargazers, Family Community Education Club; 3117 Ave. T; for Pauline Broyles at 573-5144 for more information; 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

American Cancer Society; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 5 p.m.

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

Dialogue, cancer support group; board room of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 7 to 8 p.m.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

MAWC Game Day and Luncheon; lunch will be served at 11:30 and games of choice will follow, reservations are needed by Monday by calling 573-3427.

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Feds investigate seat belt complaints

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Lynn Beaty hit the brakes on her 1992 Dodge Caravan to avoid two deer, the child seat holding her 18-month-old daughter was sent flying toward the front seats.

The seat landed upside down with her daughter still in it, wedged between the minivan's two front bucket seats.

"I was terrified," Mrs. Beaty said in an interview. Her toddler escaped injury, but the Clinton, S.C., woman was irate when she found the seat belt securing the child seat in the minivan's second row had detached from its floor anchor.

Beaty and other owners of older Chrysler minivans are complaining that some seat belts are breaking apart on children and adults who are riding buckled up.

The case has the attention of investigators at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which is responsible for government-ordered safety recalls.

NHTSA has received 171 complaints about belts becoming unhooked from a floor anchor in the middle row of the popular minivans, according to agency records reviewed by The Associated Press.

Chrysler dominates the minivan market, and the problem could affect up to 1.1 million minivans made from 1991 through March 1993.

Most of the minivan owners who filed complaints said the belt disconnected while somebody was riding buckled up in the seat.

Agency investigators suspect the belt failure could be more widespread, based on spot checks of other vehicles, an April 10 agency memo says. They are studying the belt's design.

Chrysler Corp. spokesman Jason Vines in Auburn Hills, Mich., said the company was working with the agency in reviewing the complaints to "see what has to be done."

Some owners, like Mrs. Beaty, have refused to let passengers sit in the right middle-row seat, which is closest to the sliding door.

The same belt design was used in the 1991-93 Dodge Caravan and Grand Caravan, Plymouth Voyager and Grand Voyager and Chrysler Town and Country minivans.

At least five children suffered minor bruises and cuts when a seat belt came undone and they slid forward during braking, hitting the back of the front seat; records indicate.

Unlike other seat belts in the minivan, the belt for the right-side seat in the middle row was anchored with a hook so that it could be clipped on to one of two anchor locations depending on whether a two-passenger bucket seat or a three-passenger bench seat was installed.

In April 1993, Chrysler strengthened the design of the hook by adding a second rivet to the spring clip that closes the hook's opening and strengthening the metal on the clip, agency records show.

But the company did not notify its dealers and their customers of the change through a technical service bulletin, so some dealers are still using the old hooks as replacement hooks for concerned owners, the memo says.

Chrysler confirmed there was no service bulletin for that change, but it did notify dealers about a stronger spring added to the clip that same year, Vines said.

Some dealers simply put a loose spring clip back under the lip of the hook, where it can easily come undone again, the memo says. One owner was charged $159.72 for the installation of a new seat belt.

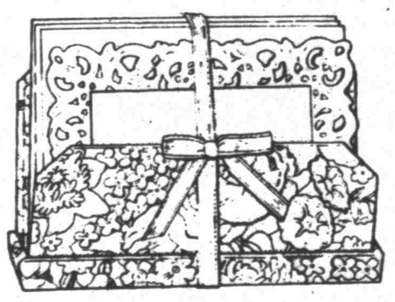
This is the second time the government has investigated the belt's hook.

In 1992, Chrysler told the government the belt became disconnected only when it was not being used and passengers could simply rehook it. Chrysler changed the protective plate that surrounded the floor anchor and told the agency in a memo that the problem was resolved. The agency closed the investigation.

Ten months later, Chrysler turned out minivans with the stronger hook, records show.

The government also is investigating consumer complaints that indicate the seat belts on the bucket seats in 1991-93 Chrysler minivans can come unlatched or passengers have trouble buckling them because the release button jams.

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Rolling Plains Crop Insurance Agency and Raford Hargrove, 1997 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Paul Arismendez, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Associates Leasing Inc., 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Hobie Bolin, 1997 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Tim and Dana Magers, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Robert Monde, 1997 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

James P. Wilson III and Kara Wilson, 1997 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Steven Pitts, 1997 Chevrolet Blazer from Big Country Autoland.

Banc One Leasing Corp. 1997 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Joyce Cooper, 1996 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Bruce E. Drummond, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

E Z Pipeline, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Roxie Strain, 1997 GMC Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Calvin L. Goebel, 1997 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Jack R. and Frances R. Denman, 1997 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Benjamin and Diana Zapata, 1997 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Paul Dickerhoff, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Johnny L. and Sandra Tucker, 1997 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

H. Shane Bearden, 1997 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Van R. Drain, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

George Wesley Kiker and Regina Jo Kenly, both of Snyder.

Mario V. Molinar and Vergina Santos Garza, both of Snyder.

James Ural Short and Jennifer Mae Gordon, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

David C. Wickline vs. Sarasohn Company, suit for breach of contract and deceptive trade practices.

Bernadean McGaha vs. City of Snyder and Ronald Keith Ward, suit for damages, motor vehicle.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Patricia Ann McKinney and Johnny Mark McKinney, divorce granted.

Alice Gutierrez vs. Ann Marie Thames, order of dismissal with prejudice.

Scurry County vs. Shirley McMillan, et al, order of dismissal.

Deed Records

The Faye Everett Trust for Don Roland Everett to the Fay Everett Trust for W.D. Everett Jr., Sections 504, 505 and 506 in Block 97, H&TC survey.

Pedro Lopez Jr. to Mary Ann Gutierrez, all of Lot 4 in Block 43 of the Wilmeth Addition.

R.W. Prozeller to Charles Galloway, Lot 25 in Block A of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Rex Robinson, independent executor of the estate of Travis Rhoades to Lida Rhoades, tract one being Section 151, Block 2, H&TC survey; tract two being Section 228, Block 2, H&TC survey.

David L. and Tamara L. Ford to Terea Ann Baldwin and Janet Sue Parmer, the north one-half of Lot 2 in Block 25 of the Blankenship Addition.

San Andres Auto Electric Co. Inc. to Delane C. Tucker, tract one being Lot 2 in Block 77 of the Scarborough Addition; tract two being Lot 4 in Block 78 of the Scarborough Addition; tract three being the west one-half of Lot 3 in Block 78 of the Scarborough Addition.

Joseph E. and Norma Ruth Wirsching to Joseph John and Melanie Faye Wirsching, one acre in Section 100, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Stephanie A. Campbell to Darrell Wayne Campbell, Lot 2 in Block 6 of the Towle Place Addition.

J.E. and Linda Compton to Darrell Wayne Campbell, Lot 2 in Block 6 of the Towle Place Addition.

Billy Ray and Helen K. Self to Doris E. Self, Lot 3 in Block E of the Towle Place Addition.

Beryl H. and Betty L. Williams to Abraxas Petroleum Corporation, tract one being all the southeast one-quarter of Section 161, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being the northeast one-quarter of Section 161, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mary Purswell to Abraxas Petroleum Corporation, the northwest one-quarter of Section 161, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Alfred Lee Robbins to Connie Lou Robbins, Lots 1-3 in Block 2 of the Glen Huffman Addition.

Douglas C. and Donna L. Hutchinson to James Robert and David Wayne Doolittle, Lot 6 in Block 18 of the Gross Subdivision of the Scarborough Addition.

Scurry County to Cindy A. Torrez, the south 50 feet of Lot 1 and the north 50 feet of Lot 2 in Block 49 of the Blankenship Addition.

Scurry County to Jimmy Don Lloyd, Lots 5 and 6 in Block 15, Andres Heights Addition.

Scurry County to Jimmy Don Lloyd, Lot 2 in Block 39 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Scurry County to Jimmy Don Lloyd, Lots 12 and 13 in Blocks 39 and 40 of the Cody Heights Addition.

Scurry County to B&B Enterprises, the north 85 feet of the east 97 feet of Lot 1, Block 37, Original Town of Snyder.

Scurry County to Fernando and Mary Romero, parts of Lots 6 and 9-12 in Block 6, Cloyes Subdivision of the Cody Addition.

Scurry County to B&B Enterprises, the north 85 feet of Lot 1 in Block 29 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Scurry County to Russell Jones, Lot 6 in Block 3, Section 1, Parkway Addition.

James David Rollins to Hermelando A. Aguirre, the north 63 feet of Lots 1-3 and the west one-half of Lot 4 (except the south 50 feet) in Block 8 of the Wilmeth Addition.

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Alice Jane LaGrone, attorney-in-fact for Alice M. Patterson, to William K. Patterson, tract one being Lot 21 in Block C of the Highland Park Addition; tract two being parts of Lots 20 and 21 in Block C of the Highland Park Addition.

Faye Longoria to Donald D. Rhodes and Virginia Fay Hopkins, the north 75 feet and the east 90 feet of Lot 4 in Block 55, Original Town of Snyder.

Jane Holladay Jackson and Larry Wayne Holladay to Harold and Virginia Wade, the north 430 acres in Section 75, Block 20, Lavaca Navigation survey.

Andres and Irma Ramirez to Alden C. and Shirley Carthel, an 0.117-acre tract in the southwest one-quarter of Section 134, Bock 97, H&TC survey.

Judge reduces killer's sentence

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A man who antagonized his neighbors and was gunned down in a hail of bullets was a "jerk" who got what was coming to him, a judge said, and set aside a jury's murder conviction.

Danny Palm, a retired Navy commander, faced 15 years to life in prison for the November 1995 slaying of John Harper Jr.

But Judge William Mudd said Thursday that the jury was wrong to convict Palm of second-degree murder and such a long sentence would be cruel. Mudd reduced the conviction to manslaughter.

"Occasionally, in the real world, victims bring about their own death," Mudd said.

Under state law, Palm, 51, must serve about 8½ years of the 10-year sentence, getting credit for the year he has already spent in custody.

Palm cornered Harper and emptied a clip of ammunition into him, loaded another clip and fired until all the bullets were used. Prosecutors argued it was premeditated murder; Palm claimed he blacked out before the shooting.

Mudd, who said he has never before set aside a jury verdict, called the 48-year-old Harper a "jerk" and "ne'er-do-well" who "set the wheels in motion for his own death."

Harper moved into his parents' house in the San Diego suburb of Spring Valley about 2½ years before his death.

Scurry County Service Men & Women

Editor's Note: Citizens are invited to write their servicemen and servicewomen stationed stateside and overseas. Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder TX, 79550 or bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave. Sorry, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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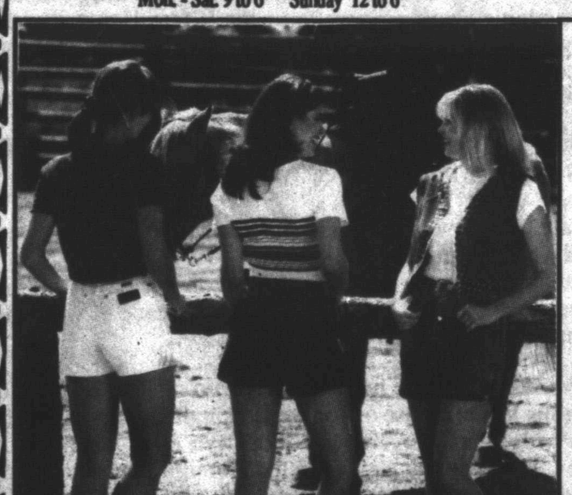
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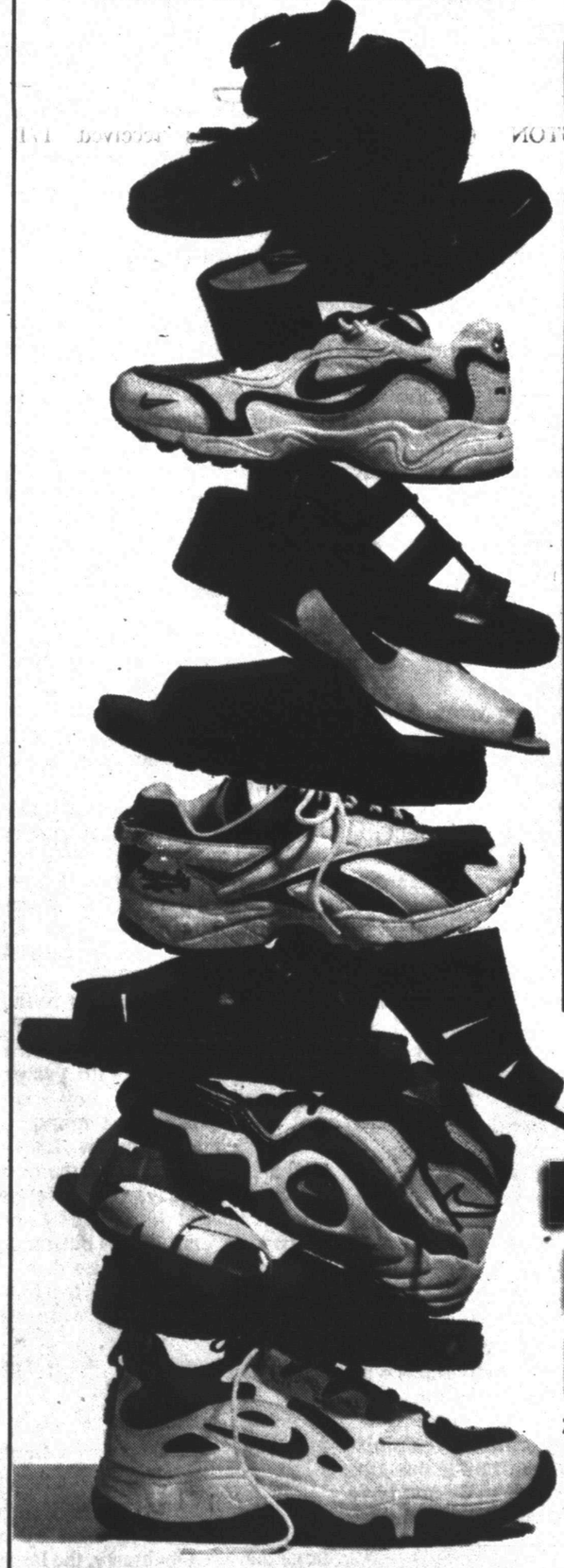
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The true definition of a champion

Deanie Francis Mills

According to the battered, dog-eared paperback Webster's which has been setting on one desk or another of mine since college, the word "champion" is defined as "one who is acknowledged to be better than all the others."

But a true champion is so very much more than that, and if you happened to be watching the Master's golf tournament on television Sunday, you will know what I mean. It's rare that we spectators are privileged to see the birth of a champion, live, but anyone who watched 21-year-old Tiger Woods not only break every record held for the past century at the elite Augusta, Ga. course, but also distinguish himself as having played the game better than anyone ever has in a major tournament, then you know exactly what I'm talking about. Using young Mr. Woods as an example, I'd like to expand on that definition of the word: champion.

A true champion redefines the sport.

In an online press release the day after the Masters, "Time" magazine rhapsodized that Woods "is blessed with skills so sublime you can glimpse the golf's future simply by watching him play it today." Throughout Woods' rocketeer career — he only went pro less than a year ago — he has been called the "next Jack Nicklaus." But his performance at this most prestigious of golfing events blew even Nicklaus out of the water. At 21 years of age, Tiger — named after a man his former Green Berets father knew in Vietnam — already stands apart in a league entirely of his own making.

A champion brings new fans to the game.

"Good Morning America" weatherman Spencer Christian commented Monday that watching Woods play in the Masters on television "made a golf fan out of me." Even more exciting than bringing along non-playing spectators like me into the sport, are all the young people who now have an interest in golf because of Tiger Woods. You could feel their energy in the very ungolflike raucous cheers that followed him around the course, in the Arsenio Hall-type "woof-woof" yells, and in the two clowns in front who bowed before him in a parody of Saturday Night Live's Wayne and Garth, who, in the movie, "Wayne's World," bowed before rock star Alice Cooper in just that manner, crying, "We're not wooorthy!!!" How terrific it is that a sport so many people once thought boring, now seems electric, even "cool," simply because of a single young player by the name of Tiger.

A champion acts as a role model for young people.

Charles Barkley was wrong when he claimed that he was not a role model for young fans. He may not want to be one, but he is. You can't make a media darling out of a sports figure, endow him with millions of dollars, put him on TV commercials and in movies, and NOT make him a role model. The question is: will he be a POSITIVE role model or a NEGATIVE one?

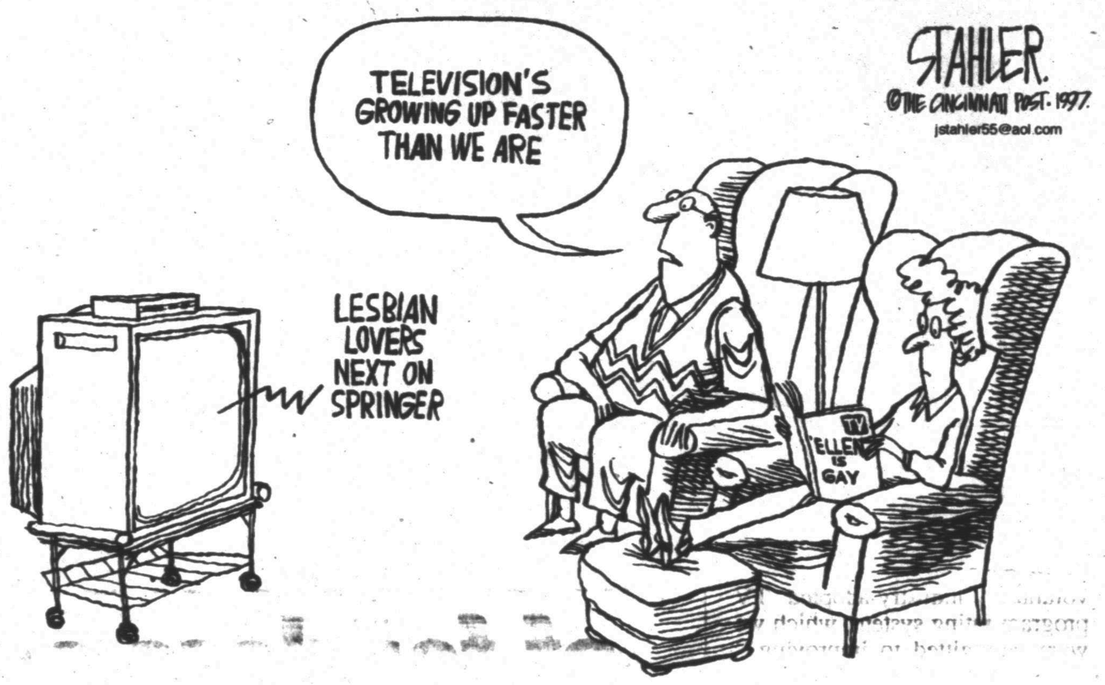
Tiger Woods is keenly aware of the young people who emulate him. "They're not much younger than me," he pointed out recently. Consequently, he lives an exemplary private life, behaves like a gentleman on the course and off, and controls his temper admirably when making the occasional bad shot. You never see him throw down a golf club, curse, or scowl at the cameras in his face. Oh, he scowls, but at himself, in frustration with himself, but he doesn't let it throw him and he NEVER blames anyone else for his mistakes. God forbid that you would ever see a champion like Tiger Woods spit in a referee's face, jeer a fan, or kick a cameraman.

According to a recent issue of "Teacher Magazine," episodes of unsportsmanlike behavior by students has reached alarming proportions. In one case, a high school basketball player punched out the referee and was led frrom the gym by police in handcuffs; and booked for assault. But he can hardly be blamed, when coaches of pro teams throw chairs across the basketball court and cuss out the refs, and when hero-players spit in a ref's face and walk away with a slap on the wrist. No one — from the players to the coaches to the parents — wants to take responsibility for a badly played game. They always want to lay the blame elsewhere, which leads me to my next point:

A champion not only displays sportsmanship when playing badly, but shares the credit when playing well.

Much was made of the fact that Tiger Woods was the first player of color — he is half African-America and half Thai — to win the Masters. But when he was asked about it, he said, "I was the first — but I wasn't the pioneer. Charlie Sifford, Lee Elder, and Teddy Rhodes — those are the ones who paved the road for me to be here. And I thank them. because if it wasn't for them I might not have had the chance to play at all." And he never fails to share his love and respect for his parents.

I could go on, pointing out such things as displaying grace under pressure, exhausting the vocabulary of admiring sportscasters, and eliciting the praise of former champions, but all I'll say is this. There are a couple more tournaments in the "Grand Slam" of golf, and Tiger Woods will be there. If you think golf is boring, I challenge you to watch him play the game, and I guarantee you'll come away with your own private definition for the word, "champion."



Letters to the Editor

Best investment

Dear Editor:

As a citizen, voter and taxpayer, I am shocked and outraged over the activities of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Even more shocking is news that the Republican-controlled Congress may break its "deal" to abolish the NEA this year.

The NEA has used our tax dollars to depict religious blasphemy, sexual torture, incest, child sex, rape, homosexual peversian and other subjects too sordid and repulsive to mention.

I urge all citizens to contact our local Congressional delegation in Washington at (202) 224-3121, and urge those who are supposed to be working in our best interests and the welfare of present and future generations to abolish the renegade, wasteful, and blasphemous agency.

This saving of our tax monies certainly could be used for more constructive purposes.

Cost of this phone call could be the best investment you will ever make in the future of your children and grandchildren.

Sincerely,
Lois B. Leech

Show civility

Dear Editor:

Any day now I expect to see a touchy-feely letter from our president and his wife Hillary about the virtues of St. Mary Hospital.

Every letter and the ads for publication opposing CHS matched their style exactly, some I might add, exhibiting the same regard for the truth that the Clintons have.

The letter from Dr. Karrah in Plainview was the last straw. It was obviously solicited and indeed scurrilous. It would be easy to solicit just such a letter against St. Mary. No one has stooped to such depths and I am confident they will not.

We owe CHS a civil reception and the courtesy to examine their proposition in an unbiased way. Fair is fair.

The facts are:

In the past nine years, Scurry County has subsidized our St. Mary managed hospital in the amount of $3,911,979.00 (figures from Scurry County).

This does not include salaries of the administrator and comptroller and other expenses not easily seen by the public. We now have an aging plant much in need of renovation and replacement of antiquated equipment.

The equipment recently acquired had to be financed for five-years. These costs will eventaully be bourne by the taxpayers of Scurry County.

Eighteen months ago, the hospital board requested $535,000 to replace leaking pipes and the phone system from the commissioners court and the taxpayers. They got over $200,000. What kind of local control is this? We gave up local control nine years ago.

All letters opposing CHS have been authored by individuals with a monetary interest in the status quo.

Judge Fritz and the commissioners court are doing the jobs they were elected to do and have handled their jobs with courtesy and civility.

Thank you,
Mary Dulaney

In defense

Dear Editor:

During the past two weeks, several letters have appeared in area newspapers written by disgruntled golf fans from Lamesa who wrote to voice their complaints against our Snyder High School golf coach, Matt Glenn.

They are unhappy about the fact that Snyder was able to win both first and second place honors in our district. I regret that our victories have caused some contention, but feel that the continuing criticism is uncalled for.

While a small group from Lamesa is complaining, numerous others from Lamesa and other towns in our district have praised our accomplishment and have wished us the best of luck in future competition. To them we send our heartfelt thanks for their kind words of encouragement and very gracious support!

The complainers contend that the B team's second place victory was based on the scores of our top two players. They seem to have overlooked the excellent scores posted by our B team girls all through the five district tournments.

For example, in the first round of district play at Reese AFB, freshman Randi Reed shot the low round of the day with a score of 80 and freshman Lacey Kidd shot an 86. In the last round of district play at Plainview, Lacey fired an 83. It was one of the best scores of the day, (even better than the 84 and 86 posted by our top two players). This is outstanding golf anyway you look at it!

The total scores for the top four teams in district play were as follows:

Snyder A	1,712
Snyder B	1,797
Plainview	1,834
Lamesa	1,869

The Snyder teams won by a large margin. Obviously, the large difference in total strokes could not be due to scores from just two of our players, but was the result of many good scores from girls on both of our teams.

As further evidence, please examine the individual standings of the top players in the district — seven of the top ten golfers in district are from Snyder. Our girls earned positions 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8, with two of our girls tied for eighth. Based on these standings, Snyder has indeed earned the right to take two teams to regional competition.

I am proud of what Coach Glenn and the Snyder golf team have accomplished. We have won first place in district nine years straight, with six of those wins under Coach Glenn. The number of strokes we have won by has increased each year as our team has grown in numbers and in strength.

Furthermore, in 1993, Snyder took 3rd in regionals. In 1994 they placed 1st in regionals and 4th at state. In 1995 they took 1st in regionals and 3rd in state. In 1996, they placed 2nd in regionals and 3rd in state. The competition at state is fierce, and winning 3rd place out of 604 teams from 4A is a major accomplishment. To achieve this level of success takes years of commitment from the players and their families, coaches, the school district and the community. We are very fortunate to have such great support for our golf program.

Our team not only has a proud history, we also have a bright and promising future. Winning first and second place in district was indeed an honor for Snyder, but it was not our ultimate. Rather, we see it as one of many steps toward the continuing success of the Snyder golf program, not only for this year, but for many years to come.

Sincerely,
Sandi Wells

P.S. To the Parents of the Lamesa Golfers:

I can understand the reason why you are so staunchly defending your daughters — they are a terrific group of young ladies of whom you can be very proud. We have enjoyed meeting them and watching their progress through the last several years. We wish them well and look forward to seeing them on the links again next year.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

State budget demands

The Dallas Morning News

Budget writers usually hide a trump card in the hole, rushing in at the last with extra funds to meet compelling needs.

This year could be different, though. The trump card may be a deuce. Budget writers may not finish with a grand flourish as they have in some recent sessions.

First, the background:

The Texas House and Senate just approved budgets that increase spending from about $79 billion in this two-year budget cycle to approximately $83 billion for the 1998-1999 biennium. That's about a 3 percent hike, which prudently tracks inflation.

The proposed budgets help public schools cope with more and more students. The plans also increase spending for abused and neglected children. And the budgets give junior colleges a needed increase.

Texas Comptroller John Sharp also estimates budget writers may have $1.6 billion more in revenues to use before the legislative session ends. But a whole lot of people already have claims on that money:

Gov. George W. Bush wants $1 billion for property tax relief.

The state must spend an additional $140 million in state Medicaid to meet federal nursing home requirements for elderly Texans.

Budget writers must cope with the lawsuit Tejas Testing Technology recently won against Texas over an auto emissions testing contract. If not overturned, the ruling will cost Texas $137 million.

Very quickly, the surplus could be whittled down to about $300 million, and some legitimate needs could easily go unmet.

State employees, for example, have gone four years without a pay raise. Texas universities will receive no real budget increase, even though Texas graduates too few students given its large number of young people. Lawmakers give only minimal assistance to help legal immigrants, whose safety net has been transferred by Washington to the states. The governor's reading program, which would have every child read at grade level by the end of third grade, goes unfunded.

Texas must meet the demands facing a mature, populous state. That means going back into the budget and freeing up funds to invest in Texas' human capital.

Budget writers could whittle away at agencies like the Texas Commerce Department. The governor's original budget calls for streamlining and decreasing the department's funds. But the new legislative budgets give it an 11 percent hike in state funds. Why?

Budgeters also could ask Gov. Bush to accept less than the $1 billion he wants for property tax relief. Current tax proposals would substantially reduce business and residential property tax rates. So why not let budget writers use part of the $1 billion in further tax relief to meet some serious challenges?

For example, legislators could give $500 million in tax relief during the 1998-1999 biennium, and $500 million during 2000-2001. Then $500 million of the current surplus could be used now to improve state colleges, reading programs, and poor Texans' safety net. Both sides would win.

With a few nips and tucks, Texas lawmakers could improve conditions for Texans without sacrificing tax relief and streamlined government. That achievement would be noteworthy, making Texas a beacon to other states.



Campaign finance problems

The Amarillo Globe-News

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno has a decision on her hands that is at once easy and difficult.

The easy part is making the decision whether to appoint an independent counsel to examine alleged campaign fund-raising illegalities in President Clinton's re-election campaign. The difficulty arises if she makes that call. You see, she then is certain to infuriate her political benefactor, Clinton.

Reno is now compromised beyond all hope. The allegations of improper activities have so enveloped the White House that the attorney general, who owes her job to the president, cannot possibly conduct an investigation free of the whispers that would accompany it.

Is she doing a complete job? Is she looking into every nook and cranny? Is she being impartial?

Those are but a few of the questions that would dog a Reno-led probe of the campaign-finance matter.

The statute that set up the independent counsel provision says the attorney general must have compelling evidence of wrongdoing. She has that - and more.

Vice President Al Gore has acknowledged making solicitation calls from his White House office, even though federal law prohibits such activity on government property. Then we have the whole slew of questions about whether foreign contributors got policy favors in return for big bucks.

The statute also gives the attorney general the option of appointing an independent counsel if personal or political conflicts arise that could prevent an impartial investigation. Let's see: Reno, a Clinton appointee, investigating the president. Conflict of interest? Boy, howdy!

Appoint the independent counsel, Madame Attorney General.

Fossils of earliest tree-swinging ape discovered

WASHINGTON (AP) — An ancient ape left its competitors scrambling around on all fours 20 million years ago and reached up to become the first to swing from the branches of a tree.

That is much earlier than previously thought, researchers said.

Fossils of the earliest known ape with the shoulder development permitting it to swing by its arms have been found in Uganda, a team of scientists report Friday in the journal Science.

"This is something that's really different. ... You don't see anything else like it for another 10 million years," said Laura MacLatchy of the State University of New York at Stony Brook, a member of the research team.

"We were very excited when we found the shoulder bone. It told us it would have had a lot of shoulder mobility."

That meant the 90-to-110-pound animal could climb for food more easily than other apelike animals of the time, although it probably used all four limbs when on the ground.

Other animals with generally apelike development existed at the same time, "but they were really different in the way they looked and the way they moved around," MacLatchy said in a telephone interview.

The newly named Morotopithecus, for the Moroto area of Uganda where the fossils were found, was closely related to modern apes and humans. "If it wasn't the ancestor, then probably the ancestor was something very like it," she said.

Owen Lovejoy of Kent State University, an anatomist who restored parts of the Lucy fossil from Africa, said the find provides important information. But he was wary of calling it an ancestor common to apes and humans.

"I put the last common ancestor at about 9 (million years ago) and most people put it more recent than that," he said. The new fossils were dated at 20.6 million years ago.

The findings were welcomed by other researchers in the field.

"This is certainly the oldest material ... that shows characteristics of the body skeleton that resemble those of living apes and humans," said Ian Tatersall of the American Museum of Natural History in New York. "This is earlier than anybody thought they would be able to pick up traces of what we see today."

Richard Potts of the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History said the paper fills a major gap in knowledge about early apes. He said scientists have wondered why they had previously found no signs of arm swinging in apes during that time span.

One thing that shoulder mobility would have done, researcher MacLatchy said, was to allow the animal to distribute its body weight over different branches. That meant it could find food in trees unavailable to animals that had to walk atop a single branch.

Other apelike animals of the time would have been walking around on all fours. "If they were in the trees they would have been walking on branches, they wouldn't have been hanging below branches," she said.

The technical name of the newly found animal is Morotopithecus bishopi, for W.W. Bishop, who first discovered some of the fossils more than 30 years ago. In 1994-95, the researchers revisited the area and uncovered new fossils that led to the conclusion that they had found a new type of primitive ape.

"The Moroto site has always been an interesting question mark," Potts said. "Moroto always stuck in everyone's craw as to what really was there. So it's very important that they have gone back there, ... and the idea that they have found other parts of the body that show modern ape adaptations is kind of neat."

Neither Tatersall, Lovejoy nor Potts was part of the research team.

Besides MacLatchy the group that prepared the paper included Daniel L. Gebo of Northern Illinois University; Robert Kityo of Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda; Alan Deino of Berkeley, Calif., Geochronology Center; John Kingston of Yale University; and David Pilbeam of Harvard University.

Science is the weekly journal of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

House, Senate tax leaders OK banning of tax-free mergers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Republican-led Congress has joined the Clinton administration in seeking to eliminate a tax loophole that lets companies sell off businesses worth billions without paying federal taxes. Critics contend the loophole is a prime example of "corporate welfare."

"The misuse of this provision in the tax code to avoid payment of taxes should be terminated," House Ways and Means Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, said Thursday. "In order to protect taxpayers, I'm taking this action to close this loophole, effective immediately."

The proposal to ban such tax-free business sales enjoys unusually broad support, particularly in face of intense corporate lobbying in recent days.

The proposal to eliminate the tax-free spin offs is included in the Clinton budget plan. Archer introduced a similar bill to ban the deals, as did Senate Finance Chairman William V. Roth Jr., R-Del., and the panel's ranking Democrat Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York.

"We're very pleased in the sense that it's very similar to the approach that we've taken," a senior Treasury Department official said. The Clinton administration estimates the change will raise $311 million through the year 2002.

The House and Senate moved to introduce the legislation to prevent so-called Morris Trust deals from occurring after April 16, 1997, but the bill will not cancel deals that have already been announced, committee staff members said. Officials said market rumors of a large number of pending deals led Congress to introduce the bill.

The fact that Congress agreed to act on the proposal is unusual, because Republicans have sharply criticized the corporate loophole closers in the Clinton budget as hurting businesses and job growth.

Current law allows tax-free acquisition of a subsidiary or parent corporations in an exchange of stock of the acquiring company. The bills' sponsors say the law was intended to permit tax free restructuring of several businesses among existing shareholders — not to permit prearranged sales to occur so corporations would avoid a taxable gain.

One senator wants to force stronger television ratings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Putting more pressure on the television industry to act on its own, Sen. John McCain says he will move ahead with a bill that would force stronger TV program ratings.

The Arizona Republican told reporters Thursday that he plans to bring the bill sponsored by Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., up for a vote May 1 in his Senate Commerce Committee. He will not be deterred even if broadcasters voluntarily strengthen their six-tier, age-based ratings system that went into effect New Year's Day, McCain said.

Hollings' bill would either force the industry to provide more detailed information about shows' content or air violent programs only when children are unlikely to be watching. Hollings has enough votes in the committee to send the bill to the Senate floor, an aide said.

"I still hope that we can work out something with the broadcasters that would lead to a content-based ratings system," McCain said. "I'm still hopeful we can do that. And, we want to continue discussions with broadcasters on that issue."

Broadcasters would take away an incentive for senators to pass a version of the Hollings bill by adding new codes for violence, sex and language to their program ratings, McCain said. "Then some pressures would be relieved for passage of Senator Hollings' bill," he said.

Disappointed with McCain's plans, National Association of Broadcasters' spokesman Dennis Wharton said: "We were under the impression that he preferred a voluntary, industry-adopted TV program rating system which we were committed to improving." Wharton would not say whether NAB would abandon any efforts to change the system.

Under a barrage of criticism from lawmakers and children's advocacy groups, some networks, cable and trade association officials have begun floating the notion of adfing "V," "S" and "L" to existing ratings to note violence, sex and language that could be considered offensive.

McCain said he cannot support Hollings' bill as currently written but said he will talk to him about unspecified ways he could improve it.

Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, who oversaw the creation of the TV ratings system, said the industry would not make major changes unless parents tell them to. The industry plans to poll parents this summer.

Court lets execution stay stand

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court refused to clear the way for the execution of torture-murderer Gary Heidnik early Saturday, putting his death sentence on hold.

In a flurry of legal rulings, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to lift a temporary stay of execution issued late Friday by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. The state supreme court could still allow the execution before the state's death warrant expires at midnight Saturday.

Heidnik, 53, was condemned for murdering two women held captive along with four others in his North Philadelphia row house. One of the women was kidnapped in November 1986 and the two were killed sometime during the next four months.

On Friday, the U.S. Supreme Court voted 5-4 to overrule a federal appeals court, which had blocked the execution.

The reprieve Heidnik received early Friday came when a federal appeals court ruled that a judge had wrongly denied a request from Heidnik's daughter to intervene.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Heidnik's daughter, Maxine Davidson White, should be allowed to intervene because a lower court ruled incorrectly that he was rational enough to act on his own.

Survivors of Heidnik's basement torture chamber testified during his 1988 trial that he cut up one captive's body with an electric saw,



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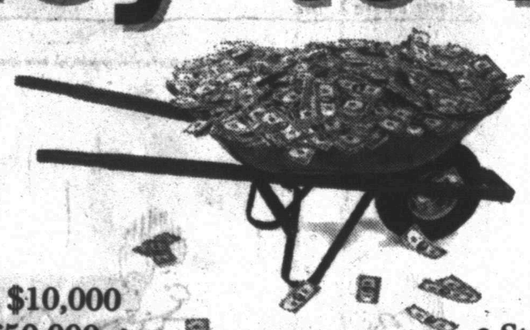
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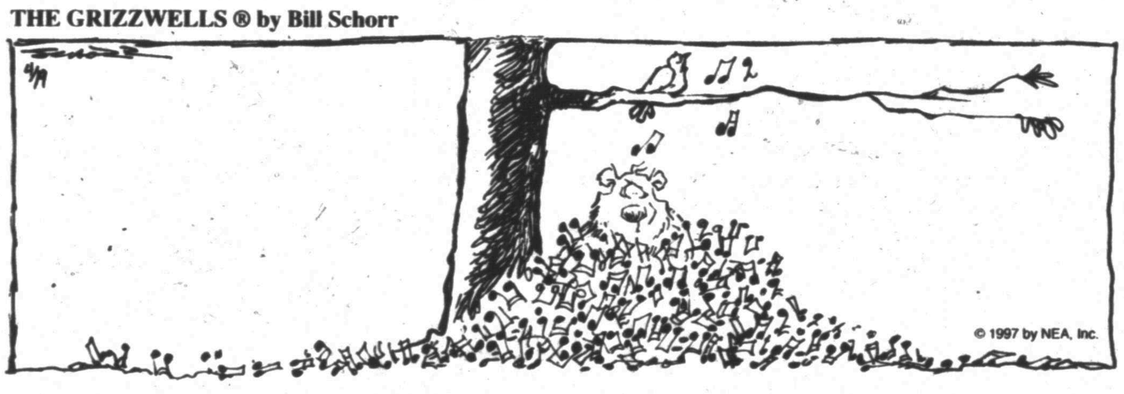
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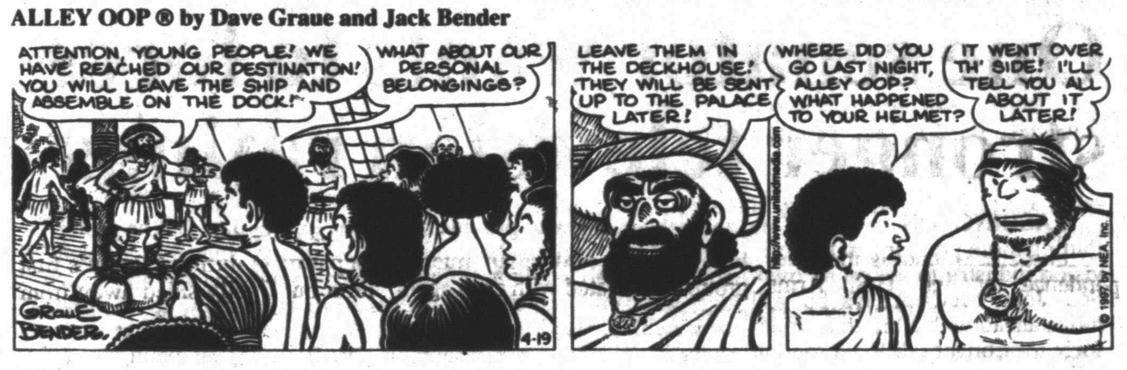


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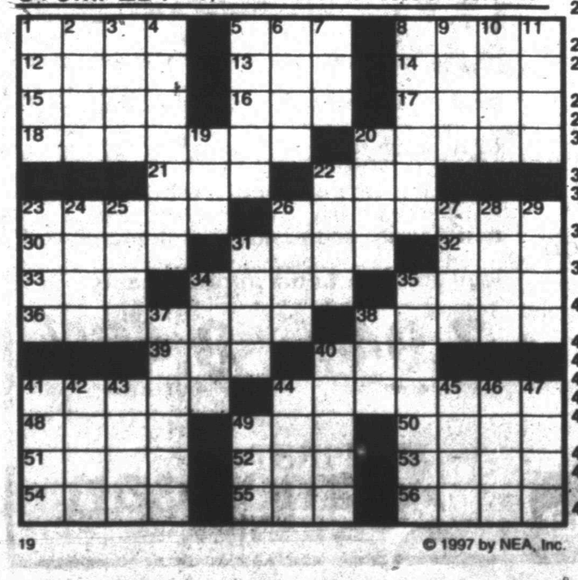
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Loyal Lobo, mascot, livens up school days

PAWNEE — Even though schoolchildren here call themselves the Indians, they say Lobo is the school mascot.

For at least four years, the dog has trotted one block to school with his school-age owners, sat outside their classroom doors in the school's breezeways, escorted them and other children to classes, and walked back home at the end of the day.

Legend has it that the only day of school Lobo missed was when he was hit by a car, said school officials, students and Lobo's owners.

"I think we would have students question where he is if they didn't see him," said Dru Childs, program director for Pawnee Independent School District. "He seems to be such a stable part of this place because he's always here. If he had a job, he'd be very dependable. I guess his job is greeting the students and just being here."

Lobo, who appears to be an Australian shepherd mix, is as laid-back as he is loyal.

Lying on the playground with his head resting on his paws, he doesn't flinch as a neon-orange ball bounces only inches from his nose. As the children's feet pound past him after the ball, he doesn't budge.

Preschoolers celebrating a birthday by sounding party-favor horns don't disturb Lobo.

He moves only to scratch an itch or reposition himself on the grass.

When the final school bell rings, Lobo pops up and searches the wave of students for his owners, the Penas — Anthony, 12; Andrew, 10; and Lucas, 9. A few children's hands brush the top of Lobo's head as they file past him matter-of-factly. For them, there is nothing new or surprising about a dog on campus. As the three Pena boys begin their short walk home, Lobo accompanies. "He doesn't follow us. He walks in front of us," Anthony said. "When you try to pass him, he passes you up."

The Penas say Lobo does that because he is protective, and the boys' mother says his protective nature must be what started his trips to school. Sandra and David Pena and their four sons — the oldest, David Jr., is a freshman at Kenedy High School — inherited Lobo from an uncle who had found the dog at a convenience store off a farm-to-market road about five years ago.

"The reason we kept him is because of the way he was with children," Sandra said. "There's something about kids that he really does love."

Maybe it's the food they give him.

"The girls love to bring any leftovers out to Lobo," said 9-year-old Roxanne Stolte, one of the district's 135 students. "He gobbles it right up."

Childs said Lobo usually can be found near the cafeteria at lunch and is in heaven when ice cream is served.

"Lobo is especially happy because he usually gets a drip or two off the sidewalk," Childs said.

She said Lobo seems to position himself in front of whichever class the boys are in. If the door is open, he doesn't venture in but probably partakes in the learning process, she said jokingly.

"We made the comment last year that he probably could have passed the TAAS test, he's here so much," Childs said.

Childs and Superintendent Jamie Mattison said they have had no complaints about Lobo hanging out at the school.

"He's so gentle," Childs said of Lobo, which means "wolf" in Spanish.

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Advice on how babies' brains grow

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a day of "talking about baby talk" and how brains grow, President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton offered parents simple child-rearing advice: Songs and storytelling fire up infants' brainpower.

The president, surrounded Thursday by researchers and child-care experts in the East Room of the White House, contended that this decade's discoveries on nurturing babies' intellectual and emotional growth rival man's forays into space.

"This may be the most exciting and important exploration of all," he said. "This must always be part of the public's business, because we all have a common interest in our children's future."

Mrs. Clinton marveled at recent studies showing that infants, at 6 months old, are well on their way to learning language. She recalled reading to her baby daughter: "We had no idea ... that what we were doing was literally turning on the power in her brain, firing up connections that would enable her to speak and read."

For the Clintons, two working parents, the research's emphasis on early nurturing by parents also raised a thorny question: Does science prove mothers are better off staying at home?

Mrs. Clinton faced the question head on with help from Dr. Deborah Phillips, a child-care expert with the National Research Council.

"Some people argue that what the research really tells us is that women with very young children should not work outside the home, period," the first lady said.

Phillips reassured her there was no evidence that placing young children in good-quality child care impinges on the parent-child bond or stops babies from thriving.

A report by the New York-based Families and Work Institute, which formed the core of the White House conference Thursday, found that during the first three years of life, the vast majority of the brain's synapses — or connections among brain cells — are formed.

How parents relate with children during that formative period directly affects emotional development, prospects for learning, and ability to handle stress as adults, the report said.

"At first glance, it may seem odd to hold a conference here at the White House devoted to talking about baby talk, but that discussion has never been more important," Mrs. Clinton said in opening the daylong symposium.

Brain research from the past decade was presented by a panel of experts, including renowned pediatrician T. Berry Brazelton, whom the Clintons engaged in lengthy discussions that were broadcast by satellite to nearly 100 "watch parties" around the nation.

Joined in the afternoon by Vice President Al Gore and Tipper Gore, the Clintons' goal was to bridge the gap between what scientists know and what parents practice. Actor-director Rob Reiner highlighted a drive by entertainment leaders to spread the word, and Kellogg chief executive officer Arnold Langbo committed his company to printing parenting tips on the backs of millions of cereal boxes.

A national poll released in conjunction with the conference found that just 38 percent of parents feel sure they can tell if their children's emotional development is on track. Forty-four percent feel confident of recognizing the mileposts of intellectual development, according to the survey of 1,000 parents conducted last month for the "Zero to Three" project of the National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families.

Both the president and his wife also put a political twist on the day, arguing for more spending on early education, child care and health care. "If we, as a nation, commit ourselves now to modest investments in the sound development of our children ... we will lay the groundwork for an American future with increased prosperity," Mrs. Clinton said.

The president, who successfully mined the family-values theme in last year's campaign, announced two modest day-care initiatives: The Pentagon, with a respected international day-care system, will share its expertise with the private sector; and the White House will host a similar conference on child care next fall.

The Justice Department also will establish "Safe Start," modeled after a police program in New Haven, Conn., that uses child-development research to change the way police treat children who are crime victims or witnesses.

Some children's advocates were still bristling Thursday from Clinton's signature on last year's welfare overhaul, which placed a five-year lifetime limit on benefits for families with children.

As Clinton nodded and scribbled notes, Brazelton bluntly told him, "In welfare reform, we turned the wrong way. We should have looked at what we were going to do with children before we pushed women out into the workplace."

Hannah Achtenberg Kinn, executive director of New York's League Treatment Center for autistic and retarded children, said she hoped Thursday's meetings with the Clintons would "put another perspective into play and ultimately reverse some of the most damaging aspects of what's already been done."

Reorganization of federal agencies OK'd by Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton has approved a post-Cold War reorganization of federal agencies, a decision that may help satisfy Republicans who have used the issue in tying up administration foreign affairs moves.

The overhaul, ending the independence of the U.S. Arms Control Agency that for four decades led the drive to cut nuclear arsenals, has long been sought by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C.

Clinton's decision came the same day that Helms, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, gave up his opposition to a vote on a treaty to ban chemical weapons. The Senate on Thursday scheduled a vote for next week, with Helms still insisting on changes the administration says would kill ratification.

Helms has sought the reorganization for years as a means to shave bureaucracies and decrease U.S. government spending overseas.

The arms control agency, along with the U.S. Information Agency would be folded into the State Department. That would eliminate the independent voice and direct access to the White House of both, officials said Thursday speaking on the condition of anonymity.

An agency that distributes U.S. foreign aid to other countries also would be more closely aligned with the State Department but would remain somewhat independent. Instead of reporting directly to Clinton, the director of the U.S. Agency for International Development would report to Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, officials said.

The reorganization must be approved by Congress to take effect.

A similar proposal was considered during Clinton's first term but was rejected after interest groups associated with each agency protested.

Abolishing the arms control agency would take about a year, with its experts transferring to the State Department and its senior officials reporting to Albright, one official said.

Moving the U.S. Information Agency and its Voice of America into the State Department would take about two years, the official said.

Ever since its formation, the small but energetic Arms Control Agency has struggled to fight off conservative critics who were suspicious of its mission. In promoting disarmament, conservatives said, the agency too often was willing to reduce the capability of the United States to use nuclear weapons as a deterrent to a Soviet attack.

Former Secretary of State Warren Christopher was at first receptive to the idea of folding the three agencies into the State Department during Clinton's first term but finally shied away from it. Albright, his successor, renewed the administration's interest after her appointment in January.

Jack Mendelsohn, a retired senior foreign service officer and deputy director of the private Arms Control Association, said the consolidation would strip each agency of its voice and diminish U.S. public diplomacy abroad.

"It's an invitation to cut the budgets of the agencies, and these agencies will in turn starve those functions they find least interesting or important," he said.

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New ship to honor 5 brothers who were killed during WWII

NEW YORK (AP) — Fifty-five years after a Japanese torpedo destroyed the USS Juneau and most of its crew, the Navy will commission its newest destroyer in honor of the five Sullivan brothers who perished in combat.

Hundreds of sailors died in the Battle of Guadalcanal on Nov. 13, 1942, but the deaths of the brothers from Waterloo, Iowa, was particularly painful. It created a Navy legend and led to a rule against brothers serving together on U.S. warships.

The USS The Sullivans, which was christened in 1995, will be commissioned Saturday in the borough of Staten Island.

"It's a real honor, a huge celebration, not only for the Sullivan family but for all the families who sacrificed in the war," said Kelly Sullivan Loughren, 25, a teacher from Cedar Falls, Iowa, and granddaughter of Albert, the youngest brother.

The blast instantly killed all but about 140 of the cruiser's 700 sailors, including four of the Sullivans. The survivors were left clinging to rafts and debris for eight days, fending off sharks and dying from exposure while the Navy botched one search effort after another. One brother, George Sullivan, was killed by a shark.

Only 10 men were alive by the time rescuers reached them.

Because of wartime secrecy, it was two months before a stunned nation learned of the disaster and the deaths of George, Francis, Joseph, Madison and Albert Sullivan, ages 20 to 28. Not since the Civil War had an American family lost five sons in battle; none has since.

Just nine months earlier, in February, the brothers stirred American patriotism by declaring "we stick together" and demanding that Navy officials suspend a rule against family members serving on the same combat ship.

The Navy assented and assigned the Sullivans to the ill-fated Juneau.

A year after the tragedy, the Navy launched a destroyer called The Sullivans at the order of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Christened by the Sullivans' mother, Alleta, the vessel served in World War II and Korea and is now on display in Buffalo, N.Y.

Relatives of the brothers later went on a tour to sell war bonds and visit defense plants; in 1944, Hollywood released a movie entitled "The Fighting Sullivans."

For years after the deaths, the Navy banned brothers from serving together. Modified several times, the regulation now allows exceptions for relatives, except husbands and wives, said Lt. Pamela Kunze, a spokeswoman for the Navy Bureau of Personnel.

The new USS The Sullivans is among 32 destroyers replacing older ships in a pared-down Navy and it boasts innovations that World War II seamen could hardly have imagined.

There are dual facilities to accommodate women, who comprise 12 percent of the 341-member crew. Women have served on U.S. support ships since 1977 and on combat craft since 1994.

Two no longer engaged are fighting over ring

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Jerod Heiman had second thoughts and broke off his engagement to Heather Parrish. He might have expected to have the ring flung in his face, but she isn't letting go that easily.

Miss Parrish kept the gold-and-diamond ring valued at $9,000, so Heiman sued to get it back. A judge sided with him and now the Kansas Supreme Court will decide who gets the expensive band.

"We have prenuptial agreements," Justice Robert Davis mused during oral arguments Thursday. "What about a pre-engagement agreement?"

It is believed to be the first time the court has been asked to decide what happens to an engagement ring when the engagement is no more.

In Kansas, legal precedents generally say that a gift becomes the property of the recipient once it is accepted. Only one state Supreme Court case, from 1885, deals specifically with property when a marriage is promised but never occurs; that case involved a woman who, in the words of the court, used "female arts" to defraud a farmer of his land and money.

Heiman, 27, a Wichita commodities broker, became engaged to Miss Parrish, 24, in August 1994. A year later, he broke off the engagement.

According to Heiman's attorney, Roger McClellan, the couple had a verbal agreement — she would keep furniture Heiman had bought for both of them and would return the ring. Her attorney, Tim Moore, said she considers the ring a gift that now belongs to her.

"Everyone has a different reaction to a tragedy," Moore said.

Moore said Heiman never told Miss Parrish why he wanted to break off the engagement. McClellan said his client came to believe a marriage would not last and "wanted to do the right thing."

The legal question is whether an engagement ring is so special that it is treated differently than, for instance, a gift of a necklace or car.

District Judge Timothy Lahey ruled that it is — that an engagement ring is a gift given on the condition of an eventual marriage. When an engagement is broken, the judge said, the ring goes back to the giver.

Moore wants the court to let Miss Parrish keep the ring or at least order a trial.

Motion planned to re-open murder case for MacDonald

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The Green Beret doctor serving life in prison for killing his family in a case chronicled in "Fatal Vision" may get another court date because of the government report criticizing FBI scientists.

Jeffrey MacDonald's lawyer, Harvey Silverglate, said Wednesday he will file a motion in U.S. District Court in Raleigh next week to reopen the murder case, the subject of Joe McGinniss' book and a television miniseries.

MacDonald, now 56, is at a federal prison in Sheridan, Ore., for the Feb. 17, 1970, slayings of his pregnant wife, Colette, and daughters Kimberly and Kristen at their Fort Bragg home. He was convicted after a 1979 trial.

Among other things, Silverglate plans to argue that FBI forensic expert Michael Malone's credibility as a witness in the MacDonald case now is suspect. A Justice Department report this week that criticized FBI scientists said Malone gave misleading testimony in impeachment proceedings that led to the ouster of U.S. District Judge Alcee L. Hastings in Florida.

In seeking a new trial several years ago, MacDonald's attorneys said hair fibers found in a hairbrush at the murder scene came from a blond wig worn by one of the drug-crazed intruders MacDonald said killed his family.

But Malone, then a top FBI hair-and-fiber expert, submitted written testimony saying that kind of hair fiber — a saran fiber — was not used in making wigs, but might have come from dolls owned by the MacDonald daughters. A federal judge denied Silverglate's request for a new trial in 1991.

Since 1991, Silverglate and other members of the MacDonald defense team, including attorney Wade M. Smith, have worked fitfully on the case. Through a Freedom of Information Act filing, they obtained all the information the FBI possessed on uses of saran fiber, including a crime lab book that said the fibers were used to make wigs.

The defense team also says it has located wig-makers who say saran fibers were used to make wigs in the 1960s and 1970s.

"Thankfully, we may now be in possession of all the information which the courts need to begin, finally, to rectify a terrible injustice," Smith said Wednesday.

Brian Murtagh, who handled the MacDonald case for the U.S. attorney's office, did not return calls seeking comment.

In McGinnis, MacDonald thought he had found a sympathetic author. Instead, "Fatal Vision" painted him as a cool liar and womanizer who murdered his family, then created a cover-up. McGinniss' book became the basis of a TV miniseries.

Two years ago, another book detailed what it described as ignored or suppressed evidence. But most of that evidence was cited in appeals filed in 1984 and 1990 that were rejected up to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Survivors of great quake gather at landmark Friday

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — As a little girl, Helen Perrin looked forward to living in elegance at the lavish Fairmont Hotel atop San Francisco's famous Nob Hill. Then fate intervened.

On April 18, 1906, an earthquake measuring magnitude 7.8 devastated the area, touching off fires that roared through San Francisco. Hundreds were killed and it took months to rebuild.

Perrin, now 101, recalls being in a not-so-elegant wall bed when the quake hit: "It started to go up and scared the wits out of me."

"We rode it out," she said. "I thought the walls were closing in."

Fire badly damaged the Fairmont, pushing back its opening date to exactly one year after the disaster. To mark Friday's 90th anniversary, the hotel arranged a luncheon for Perrin and 50 other earthquake survivors.

The event won't quite match the one when the Fairmont opened on April 18, 1907. The opening banquet, a massive affair, included 13,000 oysters, 600 pounds of turtle, a million tarts and $5,000 worth of wine.

The debut demonstrated that San Francisco was on its way to recovering from the disaster. At 9 p.m., fireworks illuminated the new Fairmont, ships at anchor in the bay, City Hall and other buildings that rose from the ashes.

The Fairmont had withstood the quake but fire swept through the foyer, then a massive hall. The flames devoured crates of furnishings that had been delivered but not yet installed. The interior was so badly gutted that work dating to 1902 had to begin again.

Perrin's family was living in a small house while waiting for her father to begin his duties as hotel manager. It would have meant a home in one of the Fairmont's luxurious rooms, but another manager was picked by the time the hotel was rebuilt.

The Fairmont, built to resemble a Venetian palace, has 600 rooms, 252 of them in a 24-story tower added in 1961. Over the years, it has been a home away from home for some of the world's most powerful people, including Presidents Bush, Carter and Clinton, Prince Charles of England; entertainers Jack Benny, Milton Berle.

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Doctor's warnings make good sense

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My mother is recovering from a stroke. She has been told to stop smoking and follow a low-fat diet. But she's impossible. She insists that her doctor told her to stop smoking because that's what all doctors tell their patients. Her idea of a low-fat diet is to eat bacon only three times a week. I'm a 35-year-old health-care worker, but what do I know? I'm only a kid, as far as my mother is concerned. If you will reinforce the doctors' prohibitions, maybe my mother will listen to you!

DEAR READER: Then, again, if she's like MY mother, she won't. You're always a child to your parents.

Seriously, your mother's doctors are absolutely correct, as you know.

Aside from the much-publicized effects of tobacco smoke (including heart disease, lung cancer and emphysema), many folks forget that the nicotine (and other compounds) in cigarette smoke affect the vascular system by causing constriction of arteries and, probably, a tendency for blood clots to form in these arteries.

For obvious reasons, these last two effects can substantially increase the risk of stroke — a situation your mother undoubtedly wishes to avoid, despite her stubbornness. Therefore, discontinuation of smoking is of paramount importance for anyone who has suffered a stroke.

Similarly, cholesterol deposits on arterial linings predispose to stroke and heart attack. The reasons for this are complex, but certainly involve the tendency of blood clots to form on rough, irregular arterial walls. Thus, smoking and high blood cholesterol probably exert an unwanted, combined effect that could be catastrophic for someone who has already had a stroke.

There, I've said it. Will your mother heed my advice?

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DEAR DR. GOTT: My family and I drink distilled water. Recently, I took my 2-year-old for a routine check-up. The pediatrician was surprised at our drinking pattern and said that it was dangerous for young children because distilled water lacks minerals. I'm so upset thinking that I may have harmed my child.

DEAR READER: You've done no harm to you and your child. While it's true that distilled water is devoid of minerals (electrolytes) that are necessary for good health, you and your family receive adequate amounts from the food you eat.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: My doctors told me that I have coronary artery spasm that causes occasional chest discomfort, and they prescribed nitroglycerine pills. This is all well and good, but I find that the pills cause me to flush and have a headache. Am I reacting badly?

DEAR READER: Spasm of the coronary arteries is one of the causes of angina, heart muscle cramp from inadequate oxygen supply. Nitroglycerine relieves the spasm, re-establishes blood flow to the cardiac muscle, and eliminates chest discomfort.

However, many people experience harmless side effects, such as flushing and headache, from the medicine. This is normal. You are not reacting badly. The symptoms show that the nitro is in the system, where it is doing its job.

Nonetheless, your physicians may wish to lower the dose (or prescribe it in another form, such as a patch or spray) if your symptoms are truly troublesome or last for more than a few minutes.

Nitroglycerine is an old, standard and useful therapy for heart disorders. However, the substance is somewhat unstable: It will quickly lose its potency if exposed to air or light.

Therefore, when my patients who use nitro tell me that their flushing and headaches are no longer a minor problem, I suspect that their pills have lost potency and should be replaced with a fresh batch.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: During a recent CT scan for abdominal pain, my doctor discovered a 2-inch cyst in my right kidney. He stated that it is "nothing" and ignored it. But I'm wondering what other people do in a situation like this.

DEAR READER: During medical testing, doctors often discover incidental and harmless abnormalities. Kidney cysts are such a finding.

Before the advent of CT scanning, these cysts were generally not seen on routine X-ray tests. Now, however, physicians sometimes obtain more information from CT scans than they need.

In my experience, renal cysts are common, pose no threat to health and can be ignored. When patients are given this information, they usually gladly get on with their lives and pay no attention to the cysts, which cause no symptoms anyway.

DEAR DR. GOTT: A friend of mine used a 5-inch strip of construction-grade fiberglass to insulate the speakers in his pick-up truck. With the wind blowing through an open window onto this material, is there any risk for the driver or a passenger?

DEAR READER: Tiny filaments in fiberglass insulation can break off and enter human tissue. This commonly occurs to unprotected construction workers who often develop "fiberglass dermatitis," an intensely itchy rash on exposed skin surfaces.

I am not aware of any similar reactions resulting from inhalation of particulate fiberglass, but — in theory — such a phenomenon is certainly possible. While your friend (and his passengers) are probably not in harm's way, it probably would be prudent (and more attractive) to cover the "raw" fiberglass with fabric to prevent release of fiberglass particles.

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