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Home of Theresa Conner



HERMLEIGH GRADUATES — Toni Martinez gets a little assistance from fellow seniors Amber Harbin, left, and Janet Eckert as she put on her cap and gown Friday night at Hermleigh High School. Ten seniors and seven eighth graders graduated. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Census says...

There's fewer of us, and we're a lot older

New information from the 2000 census shows that, while both Snyder and Scurry County decreased in population, the average age of the area's citizenry has increased substantially.

The median age of the citizens of Snyder in 1990 was just under 32 years of age. The latest figures from last year's census shows that the community is graying. The average age in the 2000 census was 36.

Persons aged 62 or older account for almost 37 percent of Snyder's population today. In 1990, persons over 62 made up just 31 percent of the community.

With the increase in the age of Snyder citizens, comes a depletion of school-age children in the community. School-aged children dropped by 17 percent since the 1990 count.

At that point, children between the ages of five and 19 accounted for more than 26 percent of Snyder's population. Today, that number is less than 25 percent.

School-aged children in Scurry County numbered 4,596 in 1990 compared with 3,789 today, an almost 18 percent decline.

Snyder's population took an 11.5 percent drop between 1990 and 2000, moving from 12,195 people to 10,783.

The county has seen a similar decrease in numbers, falling from 18,634 people in 1990 to 16,361 in 2000.

Census figures also revealed the rise in the number of single-parent households in Snyder and Scurry County.

Within the city limits, the number of single-parent households has doubled since the 1990 count when there were 85. Today, that number has grown to 170.

The growth in numbers of homes with just one parent in Scurry County nearly mirrored that of the city of Snyder, rising to 215 in 2000 from 114 in 1990.

	1990
SNYDER	
Population	
Dropped 11.5%	12,195
School-Age	
Dropped 17%	3,202
Median Age	
Increased 11%	31.7
Unmarried parents	
Increased 100%	85
SCURRY COUNTY	
Population	
Dropped 12%	18,634
School-Age	
Dropped 17.5%	4,596
Median Age	
Increased 11.8%	32
Unmarried parents	
Increased 88%	114
SCHOOL-AGE % OF POPULATION	
SNYDER	26.2%
SCURRY	24.6%

BIG CHANGES — The U.S. Census reflects a drop in population for Snyder and Scurry County. Their figures also indicate the population is getting older, and the number of unmarried parents is increasing.

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Putting on heirs is adding kids and grandkids to the payroll."

We've got another item to add to the things we don't intend to do.

Already on the list was hang-gliding, jumping out of airplanes (with or without parachute), square dancing and hunting for rattlesnakes.

We've been to a baby shower when both men and women were invited, but hope that doesn't happen again anytime soon.

But there's something worse than a shower happening in — you might guess — California.

The trend is do-it-yourself birth art. And if you can't do it yourself, then you let those attending the "shower" help.

For the expectant mother, belly casting is the latest baby shower fad.

At such an occasion, we read, the mother-to-be takes off all her clothes and gets plastered. Friends attending the plastering shower tape strips of wet plaster cloth over her front. Ten minutes later, they pop off a dried plaster cast thin enough for all the telling details of the swollen torso to show through.

Called a great way to commemorate pregnancy, the guest of honor then has everyone sign the cast just like you did your arm cast when you fell off the monkey bars in the second grade.

Belly casters say the ritual dates to ancient African cultures, and they trace its American revival to California, of course. The practice is now spreading across the U.S.

You can find Internet sites that sell do-it-yourself kits for making belly casts which sometimes are called belly masks or belly bowls. The breasts are included, it is said, because without them the "art object" might be hard to identify.

Now the question comes to mind is what do you do with such an art object. Most go into the nursery and become a conversation starter.

Hmm? Guess when junior learns to talk he'll blurt out, "Mom, what the heck is that?"

Some women put their belly casts to more practical or unusual uses. One lined her cast with sheepskin to use as a cradle.

Others have shellacked belly casts to create centerpieces for the dinner table. One placed it in the backyard garden and it was useful as a scarecrow.

When one mom went back to work, she placed it on her desk and used it to hold mints and candy for visitors.

One gal insisted that it be displayed in the family room, right next to the dead deer that her husband shot a few winters ago.

It was motivation enough for the hubby to move the mounted deer to the storage building.

At Lake Allen Henry...

Developments may be delayed

Real estate development at Lake Allen Henry may be delayed following a threat of a lawsuit by three landowners over the use of water from the lake.

This includes a development close to Snyder on the south side of the lake's spillway on Grape Creek by former resident LaWayne Fagan

Billy Huddleston, John Boren and Jim Boren has sent a letter to the City of Lubbock saying the proposed developments violate the original terms of agreement with the landowners.

In a letter from their attorney, John C. Cox, the three say the original agreement with Lubbock stated that no water would be sold to developments around the lake.

Fagan said Friday that a lawsuit against Lubbock would definitely affect his development plans, but he is in hopes the matter could be settled outside the courtroom.

"We're all wanting to get this worked out," said Fagan.

"We're looking for an agreement that would be beneficial to all the landowners around the lake."

Fagan owns some 1,500 acres around the lake that includes 2 ½ miles of shoreline property.

Out of the original 64 lots in phase one of his project, he has only 20 left. Fagan said phase two would have 128 lots, and phase three would have as many as 240 lots.

The fourth phase would be an RV park separate from the residential lots.

Fagan said when he purchased the property, he also purchased access to 6½ million gallons of water.

"If a lawsuit prevents us from getting the water, the development would certainly take a different direction as the property would lose a lot of its value," said Fagan.

Fagan expressed concern about why the three landowners would try to throw up a roadblock about development around the lake.

"Certainly we plan to make money off the development, but every business in Snyder would benefit from it also," emphasized Fagan.

"Kent County and Garza County would both benefit from adding the developments to their tax rolls," said the developer.

Fagan's development is called Rio Brazos Estates, while a development by Clyde Kitten on the north side of the lake is called Northridge.

"Mr. Kitten plans to have 104 water front lots and a total of about 600 lots. He has plans for a marina, 18-hole golf course and an air strip," said Fagan.

"I just hope we can get everything worked out," said Fagan.

Roscoe man receives 10 years

SWEETWATER — The jury deliberated just over two hours Friday before sentencing a 42-year-old Roscoe man to 10 years in prison for the April 2000 slaying of Snyder resident George Larralde.

The four-man, eight-woman jury deliberated only 20 minutes on Thursday to find Torivio Zapata guilty of shooting Larralde twice with a 9mm semi-automatic pistol on April 2, 2000 in the K-Mart parking lot. Larralde had been in his vehicle with Zapata's wife before he was shot.

He was also assessed the maximum fine — $10,000. Under current law, he will have to serve at least half of the sentence before being eligible for parole.

Zapata could have received up to life in prison for the first-degree murder conviction.

Kenneth Maxwell of Sweetwater was the defense attorney. Nolan County assistant district attorney Ann Reed presented the state's case, and the trial was heard in 32nd District Court Judge Glen Harrison's courtroom.

Bugs may not be as bad as we thought

Hairy flies are next invaders

The latest development in this year's bug invasion is large, hairy flies.

David Kattes, former Western Texas College agriculture professor, said the Tachinid flies are about twice the size of a regular housefly.

"It's the latest of this biological intrigue that we are having," he said.

The identifying characteristic — other than their size — is a hairy posterior, he said.

Kattes said the flies are parasites that lay their eggs on the army worm caterpillars.

"These guys are parasites of the army worms that we had earlier," Kattes said. "When the eggs hatch, the maggot will burrow into the caterpillar and eat it."

The maggots eventually develop into the flies.

Ground beetles and moths have also been invading the area. The beetles feed on the caterpillars, which, if not eaten, develop into the moths.

Seat belt laws will be strictly enforced

Local law enforcement agencies are encouraging citizens to drive safely and act responsibly this Memorial Day weekend.

Sgt. Troy Wilson of the Department of Public Safety said, as always, troopers will enforce the no tolerance rule on safety belt violators.

Snyder Police Department is also encouraging folks to buckle up.

"We encourage everybody to use a seat belt — one, because it is the law, and two, because of safety factors," Sgt. David Holley said.

The sergeant said local officers enforce the seat belt law, regardless of the day.

"We do that whether it's a holiday or any other day."

Officials also remind citizens not to drink and drive.

"We would like to encourage people to use a designated driver and not drive if they've had anything to drink," Sgt. Holley said.

Data from the National Traffic Safety Administration shows that over the last 20 years, the number of people killed in car crashes can be decreased with increased seat belt usage.

Statistics show that fatal traffic accidents have increased nationwide by 25 percent in 1998 and 1999 during the Memorial Day holiday because of a decreased use of seat belts and child restraints.

ASK US

Q—What time does the VFW's flag-raising ceremony start Monday for Memorial Day?
A—At 9 a.m.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 86 degrees; low, 59; 7 a.m. Saturday, 62; no precipitation, total for 2001, 6.91 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, partly cloudy, 30% rain chance, low around 70, SE wind 10-20 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy, 20% rain chance, high 90-95, S-SW wind 5-15 mph.



Colton Lane
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:40 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:43 a.m.
Of 145 days in 2001, the sun has shone 133 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The world of tomorrow belongs to the person who has the vision today.
—Robert Schuller

MAY 27 2001

Team tracing 1924 expedition saves climbers

By The Associated Press

An American-led group of climbers searching Mount Everest for proof that George Mallory's ill-fated expedition reached the summit in 1924 gave up their quest for the top to aid two other groups in trouble on the world's highest peak.

A break in the weather this week during Everest's short climbing season drew a flurry of expeditions to the 29,035-foot summit in Nepal.

In separate treks Friday, Erik Weihenmeyer, 32, of Golden, Colo., became the first blind climber to conquer the peak, according to the Nepalese Ministry of Tourism, and Sherman Bull, a 64-year-old physician from New Canaan, Conn., became the oldest.

But researcher Eric Simonson's return to Mount Everest three years after his team discovered Mallory's body 900 feet from the summit stopped short of the top this week to help three Russian climbers and a Guatemalan in trouble on the mountain.

One of the Russian climbers, found struggling near the peak without oxygen, died Thursday in the arms of climber Andy Politz, Simonson reported on the Web site mountainguides.com.

Simonson's team had set out for the summit in search of evidence from Mallory's trek, particularly a missing camera carried by the British adventurer's partner, Andrew Irvine, which could contain film of the men at the peak. Without that evidence, credit for the first summit climb remains with New Zealander Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay, who arrived 19 years later.

The Simonson expedition abruptly changed late Wednesday as Politz, of Columbus, Ohio, headed up the North Ridge with five others: Dave Hahn of Taos, N.M.; Tap Richards of Seattle; Jason Tanguay of Tacoma, Wash.; and Sherpa guides Phu Nurfu and Phu Dorge.

They had settled in for the night, "psyched, strong and hoping to be on top by about 7 a.m.," Simonson reported, when they were awakened by a guide from the Himalayan Experience team, a mountain-guide business based in France.

Climber Jaime Vinals of Guatemala was about 500 feet below the summit suffering from cerebral edema, a swelling of the brain that can occur at high altitudes, and he and another guide were "in a dire situation and needed help," Simonson wrote.

Politz stayed at camp and the others set out to help. At 28,300 feet they found the three Russian climbers, huddled together and out of oxygen. "One of them could stand up, but the other two were so messed up they could barely move," Simonson said on the Web site.

The Americans radioed Politz to bring oxygen, and shared what they had with the Russians, who recovered enough to start down the mountain.

A few hours later, the American team reached Vinals, an experienced climber who has written a Central American best seller about his mountaineering experiences. Neither Vinals nor the guide with him could stand, both had frostbite and were partially blind from cerebral edema, Simonson reported.

"It was obvious that going to the summit, only an hour away, was out of the question for our team," he wrote.

Simonson's team started down the mountain carrying the men and met Politz carrying extra oxygen.

"Then, tragedy," Simonson said.

The group came across one of the Russian climbers who had collapsed. Politz tried to help, but the man died in his arms. The other two Russians were able to make it to camp.

Simonson, who lives in Ashford, Wash., said he was proud that his team "put their personal goals on the back burner and saved four out of five people with virtually no assistance."

Disappointed they had not reached the summit, he added: "I guess that's just the way it goes here. ... If you don't like the uncertainty, you shouldn't be here."

During their research expeditions, Simonson's team has found vintage oxygen bottles, goggles, a monogrammed handkerchief, a wristwatch, a broken altimeter and other relics of Mallory and Irvine's expedition. The items were turned over to the Royal Geographic Society this year. Mallory's body was left on the mountain.

Riggan named to President's Club

LOS ANGELES — Tim Riggan, investment representative with the Snyder office of Edward Jones, has been named to the President's Club of The American Funds Group, one of the nation's leading mutual fund families. Appointment to the President's Club is one of the organization's highest honors for stockbrokers and financial planners.

Riggan was honored for superior service to investors in the Snyder area and for continued financial expertise and dedication to principles of sound mutual fund and variable annuity investing. As a member of the President's Club, he will share his considerable financial and service expertise with executives of the American Funds Group.

Riggan has been with Edward Jones since 1980. He has been in the financial services field for 21 years.

Riggan graduated from Tarleton State University in Stephenville in 1974, with a bachelor of science degree. He and his wife Dianna have three children Russell, Stoni Brooke and Tyler.

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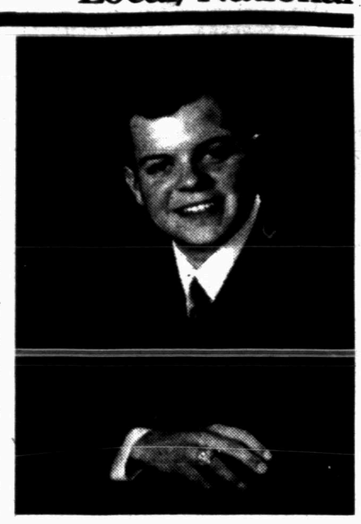
AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
3-18-29-33
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Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
2-14-18-30-36

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
5-6-2



Troy Allen

Allen graduates, law school next

Troy Steven Allen graduated May 11 from Texas A&M University.

A member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and Phi Eta Sigma honor fraternity, Troy received a bachelor's of science degree, Magna Cum Laude, with a double major in economics and political science.

He will attend law school at the University of Texas in September.

A 1997 graduate of Snyder High School, Troy is the son of Steve and Carla Allen of Snyder and the grandson of Billie Allen of Colorado City and the late Don Allen and N.R. and Jeannette Clements.

Academic honor is awarded Post

DALLAS – Chris Post of Snyder, a defensive starter for the Southern Methodist University Mustangs, has been named to the academic all-conference Western Athletic Conference team.

Post, a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School, was awarded his BBA degree in economics at spring commencement ceremonies at SMU.

He will return to SMU in the fall to continue work on a second business degree, in banking, as well as complete his final year of football for the Mustangs.

Post is the son of Mike and Kathy Post and the grandson of Jack and Frances Denman, all of Snyder.

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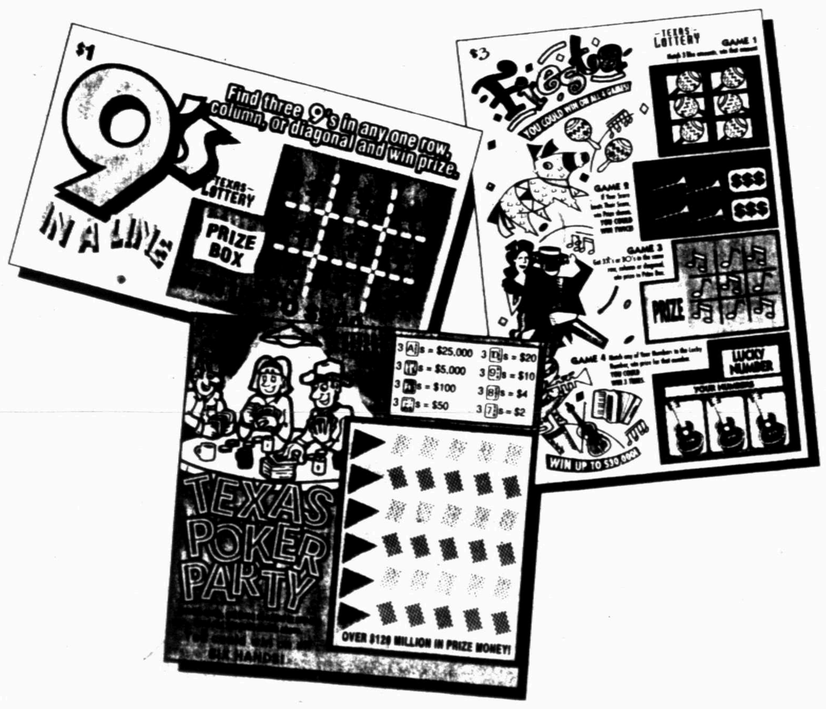
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2001 SUMMER SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULE

BUS SCHEDULE FOR SNYDER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

6:25 am	Depart	Transportation Department
6:30 am	Depart	Snyder High School at Tiger Drive
6:35 am	Depart	Stanfield Elementary
6:40 am	Depart	East Elementary
6:45 am	Depart	Northeast Elementary
6:50 am	Depart	Central Elementary
6:55 am	Depart	26th Street & Avenue V
7:00 am	Depart	West Elementary
7:05 am	ARRIVE	Snyder Junior High School

BUS SCHEDULE FOR SNYDER JUNIOR HIGH & ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

First Session	Second Session		
7:10 am	9:05 am	Depart	Transportation Department
7:15 am	9:10 am	Depart	Snyder High School at Tiger Drive
7:20 am	9:15 am	Depart	Stanfield Elementary
7:25 am	9:20 am	Depart	East Elementary
7:30 am	9:25 am	Depart	Northeast Elementary
7:35 am	9:30 am	Depart	Central Elementary
7:40 am	9:35 am	Depart	26th Street & Avenue V
7:50 am	9:40 am	ARRIVE	Snyder Junior High School

Students will dismiss and be delivered back to their home campus as follows:

Elem/JrHigh First Session	Elem/JrHigh Second Session	High School		
10:00 am	12:00pm	12:45pm	Arrive	Depart Snyder Junior High School
10:05 am	12:05pm	12:50pm	Arrive	West Elementary
10:10 am	12:10pm	12:55pm	Arrive	26th Street & Avenue V
10:15 am	12:15pm	1:00pm	Arrive	Central Elementary
10:20 am	12:20pm	1:05pm	Arrive	Northeast Elementary
10:25 am	12:25pm	1:10pm	Arrive	East Elementary
10:30 am	12:30pm	1:15pm	Arrive	Stanfield Elementary
10:35 am	12:35pm	1:20pm	Arrive	Snyder High School at Tiger Drive

	FIRST SESSION	HIGH SCHOOL SECOND SESSION
Snyder High School	June 4 - June 26 7:15 am to 12:45 pm	June 27 - July 19 7:15 am to 12:45pm
Snyder Jr. High/ Elementary K - 6	June 4 - July 12 8:00 am to 12:00 pm	
Bilingual, K-1st	June 4 - July 19 7:45 am to 12:45 pm - Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 7:45am to 1:45pm - Wednesday	

If you have any questions concerning the busing or pick up times, please call, Mike Carter at 573-2993 or 574-6011.

Judge: Man must remain in state facility

HOUSTON (AP) — A mental patient previously found insane after gouging his girlfriend's eyeballs has been ordered confined for at least another year at a state hospital in Kerrville.

State District Judge Debbie Mantooth Stricklin issued the order on Friday after a week-long hearing.

Nathan Campbell's competency hearing was his third attempt in three years to gain release from mental facilities since being found innocent by reason of insanity in the 1997 attack in which he gouged Kristen West's eyeballs because he thought they were demons.

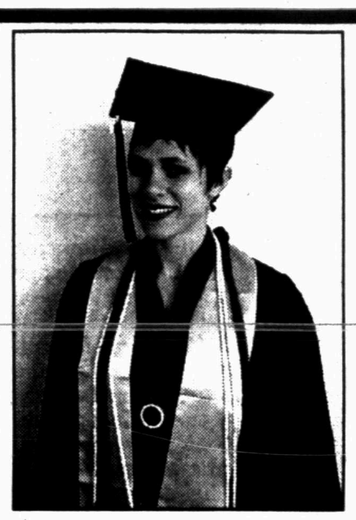
This year, Campbell opted to let a jury decide his fate. In the previous two years, Stricklin recommitted him.

After four days of testimony, the panel unanimously agreed that Campbell is no threat to himself or others, but that his condition would deteriorate if he stopped treatment. It was up to Stricklin to decide where Campbell should go, and the judge ordered him to remain at Kerrville. Previously, he was at Rusk State Hospital and Vernon State Hospital.

Testimony during the hearing revealed that while in the hospital, Campbell had once been medically subdued after knocking a stereo to the floor, was resistant to increasing the dosage of his medication, did not attend all classes and sometimes was verbally aggressive with hospital staff.

He also testified he had sexual relationships with two women patients at Rusk State Hospital, including a woman who killed her 4-month-old son and threw his body into a bayou. Evonne Rodriguez had another child while at Rusk, but no evidence was presented during Campbell's hearing that he was the father.

West and Campbell had been dating for two years when he asked her to marry him on July 16, 1996. When she refused, he choked West, then 21, into unconsciousness.



Melanie Gibson

Gibson earns TWU degree

Melanie Denise Gibson, daughter of John and Denise Gibson of Snyder, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas Women's University in Denton May 12.

She received a bachelor of arts degree in English and a minor in dance from the college of arts and sciences.

A 1997 graduate of Snyder High School, Gibson was on the university honor roll and national dean's list and was inducted into the Gamma Beta Phi Academic Society, Golden Key International Honor Society, and Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society.

During the spring, she was employed by the Office of International Education as a director and contract writer for the first TWU Global Nomads Project, showcasing students, faculty and staff who lived overseas during their childhood. This project was partial fulfillment for the TWU Professional Writer's Consortium.

As an active member of the department of performing arts, Gibson performed in Denton, Dallas, Austin, Mt. Pleasant, and San Antonio and the International Folks Dance Company.

She was a member of the TWU Musical Theatre Ensemble and originated the role of Shocking Pink for the award winning student-written musical, *Colours*. She also performed in several modern dance concerts and choreographed a humorous piece for the 2001 spring main stage concert.

Future plans include a visit to the Center for Bilingual Studies in Cuernavaca, Mexico for an intensive study of language and culture.

Jet-setting tycoon is deadbeat dad, says Texas woman

BOSTON (AP) — A jet-setting dot-com millionaire who skipped out of $700,000 in back child support by moving to Monaco can't touch his million shares in a Burlington high-tech firm, a judge has ruled.

Middlesex probate Judge Edward Rockett, in a hearing Friday at Cambridge, attached Robert P. Jeffcock's 1.1 million shares in Burlington-based Authoriszor Inc. as part of a suit brought by the Texas mother of his handicapped daughter. Texas authorities say Jeffcock, 60, is one of Texas' worst deadbeat dads and has paid only a fraction of what he owes for his daughter, Lauren, now 17.

Lauren has lupus, a chronic autoimmune disease, and lives with her unemployed mother, Susan Sands Cleary, outside of Dallas. Cleary, 42, says she met Jeffcock in Dallas in 1983 and that their relationship ended in the spring of 1983. But, she says, she was already pregnant and gave birth to Lauren the following December. A Texas court, citing blood test results, ruled Jeffcock was the father.

Cleary says she's tried for years to get Jeffcock to pay child support but is constantly met with "empty promises."

Cleary says Jeffcock has paid about $90,000 over the years for their daughter, but records show he owes $716,864 in unpaid child support. Cleary said she and her husband have paid more than $200,000 in medical bills for Lauren.

Jeffcock, a British national who owns houses in England and Monaco, is the former $10,000-a-month CEO of Authoriszor, a Massachusetts dot-com start-up. The NASDAQ-traded stock peaked at $37 per share last March, but on Friday was worth just 56 cents per share. That would have made his 1.1 million shares now worth about $616,000.

Alex Karys, vice president of Authoriszor, said Jeffcock resigned in January from the Internet security firm. Jeffcock now runs a new Internet start-up in the Isle of Man, an independent island nation off the coast of England.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Sincerity serves as a constructive purpose, yet you must do so in a manner that you can say what needs to be said without bending anybody's nose out of shape. You're clever enough to do so. Gemini, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) — An antagonist who knows how to succeed with crafty tactics is no match for you today. You'll be quick to see through the guile and circumvent his or her scheme before it can be implemented.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — One of your greatest assets is your ability to arouse the spirit of cooperation in others. Today, you'll be able to encourage enthusiastic supporters to pitch in on what can't be done alone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Strength lies in being a giver, not a taker. Thus, in any arrangement today where you are motivated by unselfishness, you're destined to be an achiever.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Even with unfamiliar groups, you'll be able to adapt yourself with relative ease today. Onlookers will envy your natural ability for mingling with the masses.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Initially, today you may find yourself slightly intimidated by challenges or uncertainties. However, once you catch your breath, you'll overcome any adversarial conditions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — It might be all too easy today to respond to pettiness with pettiness. However, even though you may be tempted to do so, you'll rise above it and behave admirably.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Because you have the ability today to size up situations realistically, you won't have to respond from weakness. You won't give the other person an edge that he or she doesn't deserve.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — There's a pleasant surprise in store for you today when you discover that all the nice things being said about you are coming from someone who you thought had little use for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — If your efforts are honest and industrious, don't be fearful of what others may think about your end results. It's performance, not appearance, that really matters today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — A wily antagonist might try to embarrass you in front of friends today. Much to your credit, you'll redirect this little ploy back to him or her, but in such a manner that no one will be hurt.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You'll easily transform questionable developments into positive and beneficial happenings today before they ever get a chance to rear their ugly heads.

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It'll be your new assertiveness that will accelerate your potential for success in the year ahead. Coming in second will have no place in your life, only being first is what will count.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It might be because you're a person who is always open to suggestions that your companions can influence your attitude today. It behooves you to hang out with constructive doers. Major changes are ahead for Scorpio in the coming year.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) — If you have something to sell or market, today is an excellent day to call on all those reluctant prospects. You stand a better chance of gaining their order than usual.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — When you take charge today, things begin to happen fast. Your leadership qualities will be prevalent in both areas of business and social situations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Once your compassionate instincts are aroused today, substantial accomplishments are possibly. You'll be especially aroused to do useful things for those you love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — One of your better assets today will be knowing how to bring out the finer qualities of those with whom you're involved and make them feel appreciated. It'll prove to be a big asset for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Today is a good time to put your efforts into matters that can help you career-wise or add to your resources. This is your strong suit and will help you considerably.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Stop worrying today about whether or not your ideas can work in the ways you envision them. Try them out and, if they fail, revamp and try again. Action begets action.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Through a considerate ally, something that has been subjected to frustrating delays could break open for you today. This could be of real significance for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Seek to spend your time today with those who are as energetic as yourself. You won't be in the mood to be linked up with people who tend to drag their feet.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Perhaps what is your greatest asset today is your determination to succeed. Once this impulse is aroused, there is practically nothing that can stop you from achieving your desire.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Activities that require bold action will go much smoother for you today than they may tomorrow. Time isn't your ally, get on the project now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Although you might need a bit of a push to give you a jump start today, once you get going, you'll do great. What would really do the trick for you is to work with an eager-beaver.

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Financial Focus

Are You a New Investor? Consider These Tips

Investing may seem confusing — but it doesn't have to be. If you're new to the investment world, or if you haven't started investing, you'll get off on the right foot by following a few common-sense guidelines. Here are some to consider:

Build up your liquid savings before you start investing. You should have anywhere from six months to a year's worth of living expenses saved, in liquid form, before you start investing. If you don't, you may have to deplete some of your investments to pay for emergency home repairs, a new appliance, a new car or any other unplanned, major expense. Still, you don't have to relegate your savings to a passbook account that pays almost negligible interest. Instead, look for a money market account that offers a competitive rate and easy access to your funds. Be aware, though, that a money market fund is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or other government agency. Money market funds strive to preserve the value of your investment at $1 per share, but it is still possible to lose money.

Pay yourself first. If you wait to invest until after you've paid the mortgage, utilities, grocery bills and countless other expenses, then you'll probably never invest. Paychecks have a way of disappearing faster than we could have imagined. That's why it's essential that you "pay yourself first." As soon as you get paid, put whatever you can afford — $50, $100, etc. — into an investment. You can even set up a bank authorization, allowing your bank to directly deposit the money. That way, you won't really "miss" it. And when you get a raise, you can increase the amount of your contribution — again without affecting your lifestyle. Consider investing any bonuses you get, as well. By regularly putting this "found" money to work, you'll speed up your progress toward your financial goals.

Diversify your investment dollars. When you're first starting out, you may not have enough money to buy a wide variety of investments, so you might want to choose just one or two. Over time, if you have more resources available, you can diversify further by purchasing mutual funds, stock bonds, government securities and other vehicles. Generally speaking, the more diversification you can achieve, the better off you are.

Raiding investments to pay for major purchases, investing in an irregular or haphazard manner, concentrating investment dollars in just a few vehicles — all these actions can hobble the success of even experienced investors. So, get into some good habits from the moment you enter the world of investing. You'll undoubtedly face some surprise along the way, but a good beginning will still serve you well.

John Glenn will receive leadership award

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — John Glenn, former astronaut and U.S. senator, will receive the University of Dayton's 2001 Leadership With Virtue Award.

Glenn will receive the award during a special dinner on campus in September.

"He's a bona fide hero," said Jack Proud, CEO of Monarch Marking and past president of the University of Dayton National Alumni Association, which presents the award.

"He's devoted much of his life to public service. He's a modern-day model for other leaders to emulate."

Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth in 1962. In 1998, at age 77, he become the oldest space traveler in history during a flight aboard the space shuttle Discovery. The Democrat retired that year from the U.S. Senate.

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Wednesday

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Thursday

Ground beef and spaghetti, whole kernel corn, spinach, tomato wedges, brownie

Friday

Fried fish, parslied potatoes, green bean casserole, carrot/raisin salad, Jello w/whipped topping

Senior Center News

Seniors are encouraged to participate in noon meals as often as possible. Due to vacations and summer activities, attendance drops off and that has a direct effect on funding received through the federal nutrition program.

Summertime is also the most difficult time of the year to schedule enough volunteers for the home-delivered meals program. Anyone 13 or older is encouraged to volunteer. This service requires 10 volunteers daily Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Call Margie at 573-4035.

Children and grandchildren are reminded that coupons for Senior Center meals will make a great Father's Day gift for dads and grandfathers.

The community is reminded that the Memorial Fund is a good way to remember loved ones and support the Senior Center.

The summer swimnastics schedule will be publicized as soon as possible. Newcomers are invited to join the class. Call 573-4035 for more information.

Monday

The Scurry County Senior Citizens Center will be closed for Memorial Day.

Tuesday

Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. The Local Yokels will entertain at 11 a.m. in the dining room and the Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon.

Wednesday

The Kitchen Band will entertain at 11 a.m. Don't miss their performance at the center before their summer break. Daily exercise is at 11 a.m. Line dancers and cloggers will practice at 1 and 2 p.m., respectively.

Thursday

There are many activities available at the center other than those especially scheduled activities and events. Monday through Friday, seniors may participate in dominoes, bridge, eighty-eight, pool, walking on a treadmill or in the gym, riding a stationary bike, working jigsaw puzzles, quilting and volunteering. Jigsaw puzzles and books are available for borrowing.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and bridge begin at 9:30 a.m. Eighty-eight play begins at 11 a.m. and the sing-a-long is at 11:30 a.m.

Singles are growing in numbers but not in political power

NEW YORK (AP) — Roughly 82 million strong, unmarried adults form one of the biggest demographic blocs in the nation. But converting those numbers into political clout is a daunting task.

When leaders of the American Association for Single People swung through congressional offices recently — complaining tax policies are stacked against them — one legislative aide challenged every point they made. Others were attentive, but some snickered and rolled their eyes.

"Family, family, family," was the message that the association's executive director, Thomas Coleman, kept hearing, from Democrats and Republicans alike. At one point, he asked a Republican adviser why President Bush talks so often about families and so rarely about unmarried Americans.

"What's so wrong with the word 'single?'" Coleman wondered. "He's the president of all the people — why can't he once in a while say the word? It would make people feel wanted and needed."

Census data released this month shows that alternative household arrangements are increasing across the United States more rapidly than households headed by married couples. There are larger percentages of people living alone — nearly 26 percent of all households — and of unmarried couples living together.

Lawmakers in Washington and state legislatures rarely target their speeches or bills at singles.

Instead, said University of Southern California sociologist Judith Stacey, unmarried adults often are disadvantaged by tax, insurance and employment policies. The government's emphasis is on making it easier to raise a family, not to live alone.

"We have larger numbers of single people than ever in history, and yet we're actively promoting discrimination against them," Stacey said. "It's as though being single is a social disgrace."

For groups promoting the traditional family structure, however, it makes sense to place singles lower on the political totem pole.

"The institution of marriage has a whole spectrum of benefits for children, which spill over into benefits to society," said Matt Daniels, executive director of the Alliance for Marriage. "It's perfectly acceptable for a society to choose, as a matter of public policy, to provide special treatment for parents who are married and raising children."

Singles-rights advocates, by and large, don't complain about programs benefiting children. They do complain about what they perceive as inequities, such as employment benefits reserved for married workers or housing policies accommodating married couples but not unmarried partners.

Debbie Deem, 49, of Santa Barbara, Calif., still seethes over being denied a job as a probation worker in Arizona in 1988 because she acknowledged living in an unmarried relationship.

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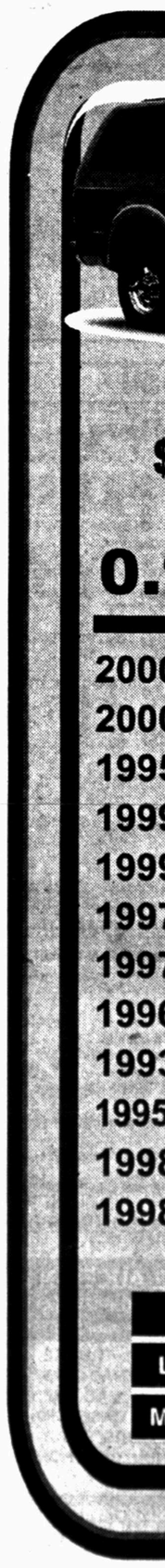
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PRINCIPAL'S AWARD — These West students recently received the Principal's Award for being on the A Honor Roll throughout the 2000-2001 school year. Back row from left, Kinsey Guynes, Felicia Guzman, Jada Bilano, Jada Stansell, Chelsey Drummond, Starla Earla, Ashley Luecke; front row, Terrann Ragland, Sydney Wright, Michael Mann, Ramsey Herrera, Krista Dorsett, Amanda Rivera, John Whitworth, Jeremy Rodriguez. Joe Fitzgerald is in front. Hollie Berryhill is not pictured. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Sheriff disputes some findings of the Columbine Commission

DENVER (AP) — Much of the Columbine Review Commission's criticism of law enforcement's response to the nation's worst school shooting is unfounded, Jefferson County Sheriff John Stone said Friday.

In his first public statement since the report was released last week, Stone said officers from several agencies did the best they could when they responded to Columbine High School and rescued teachers and children during the April 20, 1999, shooting attack by student gunmen Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold.

The report "makes obvious criticism of individuals who made split-second decisions during what the commission acknowledged as an event 'unlike any other natural or human-generated tragedy they had ever experienced,'" Stone said.

"One thing is certain, the sheriff's officers came when called and although there was, unfortunately, loss of life, many children and faculty are alive today who, without the efforts of those officers, would almost certainly have died at the hands of Klebold and Harris," he said.

Sheriff's Sgt. Mike Julian said Stone would not comment beyond his written statement.

Commission Chairman William Erickson defended the commission's work.

"We had testimony from every source that was available to us," he said. "We didn't just accept the statement of any one person, we tried to verify everything we could as many ways as possible."

The commission was created by Gov. Bill Owens in the months following the massacre to examine police response and learn what it could about preventing future tragedies.

In the report released last week, the commission concluded that authorities failed to recognize and act on numerous advance signs that the two student gunmen were planning the deadly attack. In all, 12 students and a teacher were killed before the gunmen committed suicide.

Stone did not respond to the report's criticism that his department failed to act on advance warnings, such as violent threats posted on Harris' Web site that had been reported to deputies.

Stone said his agency's investigation included more than 5,000 interviews conducted during a 10-month period.

"Individual interviews, although an important part of the investigation as a whole, were weighed along with other interviews and physical evidence whenever possible and were not allowed to stand alone as absolute truth," he said.

U.S. Navy displays high-tech warfare with civilian uses

NEW YORK (AP) — One high-tech gadget can be used to drive a Cadillac at night — or to blow up a bridge. Another quickly seals a wound, on the battlefield or at a car wreck scene.

With Fleet Week celebrations under way in New York Harbor, the Navy is showing off its military technology, how it works in war time and how it can double for civilian use. Much of it is aboard the training vessel Starfish, a floating showcase for the military's people and technology.

Under the Starfish's decks, a video screen flashes images of the USS Zumwalt, which the Navy hopes to deploy in 2011.

"This is not the Starship Enterprise! This is your Navy!" booms a voice from the screen showing the new destroyer's command center.

The reenactment of a missile launch under enemy attack is managed from eight computer stations, with a woman as the chief engineer. Officers face each other at their computer stations, sharing the same information and video-conferencing as they stage simulated war at sea.

"The system is in three parts: hardware, software and people," says John Lackie, director of software development for this new Integrated Command Environment. "We're trying to build a ship around people, not the other way around."

The Starfish is also loaded with military technology with peacetime uses, like an infrared heat-seeking sensor that could guide bombs or help a Cadillac DeVille driver "see" objects on the road at night, such as a deer.

At the tip of a Mark 84 bomb, a pre-stored image of the target enables the Direct Attack Munition Affordable Seeker, or DAMASK, to "seek" that image and zero in for an attack.

"A hard, dumb bomb just falls, but this sensor can guide it to a target," says Lt. Cmdr. David Street, of the Office of Naval Research in Arlington, Va. "This picks up the energy, the heat signature, of a target like a jeep, a truck, a helicopter."

Also on display is a bandage laced with an algae-based substance that can stop bleeding and seal a wound before the victim is evacuated from the battlefield.

"You can bleed to death in minutes, and this will allow us to save more lives during that first 'golden hour,'" Street says. "This would be great in emergencies like car wrecks."

Another device promises to regenerate hearing. A microcatheter injects medication spurring growth of hair cells in mammals' ears, technology created to combat hearing loss suffered by those working on aircraft carrier flight decks.

There is also a 360-degree camera lens first developed by a Columbia University researcher that can be used for real-estate advertising, travel shots and crime scenes — or as a submarine periscope that scans the entire horizon at once.

The Office of Naval Research, with $1.5 billion in annual funding and branches in London, Tokyo and Singapore, develops military technology with private companies and universities.

The infrared sensor was derived from an option to the Cadillac that was itself an offshoot of technology the military used during night missions in the Gulf War.

The future of the military is also on display during Fleet Week in the form of 6,000 sailors, Marines and soldiers and 15 naval vessels, including the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy and the state-of-the-art guided missile destroyer USS Mahan. The ships are scheduled to leave Wednesday morning.

The military also celebrates an annual Fleet Week in San Francisco in October.

Galileo flies past Jupiter's Callisto

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — NASA's Galileo swooped within 86 miles of the pockmarked surface of Callisto early Friday in the closest flyby of a Jovian moon.

The aging spacecraft's balky camera appeared to be working through the 7:24 a.m. EDT encounter, mission controllers said.

The intense radiation environment close to Jupiter caused the probe's camera to begin acting up Wednesday. Mission team members believe the problem caused the loss of pictures Galileo snapped earlier of the moon Io.

The camera appeared to operate properly during the flyby, said Eilene Theilig, Galileo project manager at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

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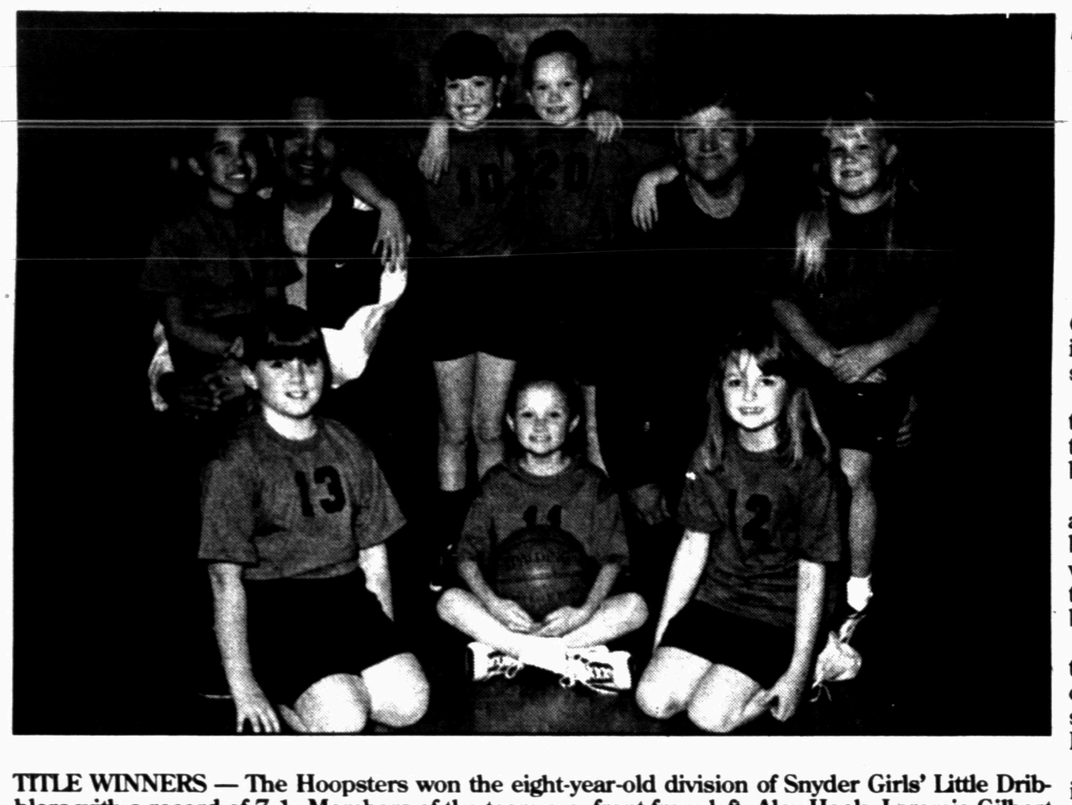
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TITLE WINNERS — The Hoopsters won the eight-year-old division of Snyder Girls' Little Dribblers with a record of 7-1. Members of the team are, front from left, Alex Hook, Laramie Gilbert and Carrie Harlin. On the back row are Karissa Medina, Coach Sid Medina, Amber Baker, Kellie Pilcher, Coach Ricky Nickerson and Baily Nickerson. (Contributed Photo)

Jones exercises new option on Cowboys' merchandise

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys will be the only NFL team next season to be the private wholesaler, retailer and distributor of its own apparel, owner Jerry Jones says.

Jones, who has earlier contended he can do a better job of marketing the Cowboys than NFL Properties, said this week that Dallas will be the only team to exercise a new option allowing private wholesaling, retailing and distribution.

National Football League owners voted this week to approve a 10-year, $250 million deal that makes Reebok the league's exclusive apparel licensee beginning in 2002, with a clause that allows each to spin off on their own.

"I can market and sell the Dallas Cowboys better than anyone else," Jones said. "The franchise can promote the apparel, and the apparel can promote the franchise."

Jones' franchise, under the deal, will keep any merchandise revenue over what it usually generates for the league. But if he doesn't hit that threshold, the Cowboys must still pay out the same share.

In the last five years, Jones' share of sales has been 16 percent. Under the new deal, he must guarantee the league 16 percent, whether he goes on to sell that much or less. Anything he sells above 16 percent he pockets.

The Cowboys have led the NFL in merchandise sales in four of the last five years. But league rules have required it to equally share revenue.

Jones has complained about NFL Properties since the mid-1990s when the Cowboys were winning Super Bowls and setting records for merchandise sales. He even threatened to withdraw when the trust between NFL Properties and NFL teams expires after the 2003 season, allowing him to regain control of his franchise's trademarks and logo.

He complained that no matter how much merchandise Dallas sold, the Steelers and Cincinnati Bengals would receive the same check from NFL Properties without exerting a fraction of the Cowboys' marketing effort.

"This backs up what I've said all along," Jones said. "I want a deal that shares (revenue) with everybody. I want to be cheering for the Giants, and I want them to be cheering for me. But I also want the significant part of what we're making going to the people who are out there hustling."

Single, double, triple...

Conine hot for Orioles as Rangers fall again

BALTIMORE (AP) — Jeff Conine put the Baltimore Orioles in position to win by swinging his sizzling bat.

Then, with a chance to hit for the cycle, he proved his dedication to the team by keeping the bat on his shoulder.

Batting in the seventh inning after already hitting a single, double and triple, Conine dutifully watched four straight balls and took a walk, content to get on base in a close game.

Conine went 3-for-3 and scored three runs as the Baltimore Orioles won their season-high fourth straight, beating the Texas Rangers 7-6 Friday night.

Conine doubled in the second inning, hit an RBI single in the third and tripled in the fifth. Batting in the seventh with the opportunity to become the first Oriole to hit for the cycle since Cal Ripken in 1984, Conine was thinking about one thing.

"You've got a chance to do something that hasn't happened often in baseball," he said. "The last pitch was close, but I didn't want to make a stupid out."

With the count 3-0, manager Mike Hargrove gave Conine the hit-away sign. But Conine didn't swing, because by that time the Orioles had let a 6-0 lead shrink to 7-5.

"I didn't want to be the dirty dog to deny him the chance to get it, but to his credit, it was out of the strike zone and he didn't go after it and try to force something to happen," Hargrove said. "He put the team's good over his own. That's what makes Jeff Conine who he is."

These days, Conine is one of the hottest hitters in the game. During a 10-game hitting streak he's 19-for-40 (.475).

"My mechanics are real sound. I'm seeing the ball all the way to the bat," he said.

Jose Mercedes finally won his first game, allowing four runs — three earned — and eight hits in six innings. Mercedes (1-6) had a team-high 14 wins last year, but was winless in nine starts this season.

Mike Trombley got four outs for his third save.

He retired the side in order in the ninth, but his biggest pitch came in the eighth, when he preserved a 7-6 lead by retiring Rafael Palmeiro on a fly ball with the bases loaded and two outs.

"I'm glad he hit the first pitch. He's up there and I'm up there and I don't know what I'm thinking, just get ahead of him," Trombley said. "He's a tough hitter. All those guys are tough hitters."

Brady Anderson homered for the Orioles, who have won eight of 10 to move within a game of .500 (23-24) for the first time since May 1.

Ken Caminiti and Gabe Kapler homered for the Rangers, extending Texas' club-record streak of games with at least one homer to 18, seven games short of the big league mark. The Rangers lead the majors with 76 home runs.

Rangers manager Jerry Narron missed the game to attend his daughter's high school graduation. He was replaced by bench coach Bucky Dent.

"Conine, he's hurt us in the past and he did it again," Dent said. "But we battled back real good."

Texas trailed 7-2 before Kapler led off the sixth with his seventh homer, and another run scored on a throwing error by shortstop Mike Bordick.

A throwing error by Orioles catcher Brook Fordyce enabled Texas to close to 7-5 in the seventh.

Texas' Pat Mahomes (3-3), making his second start of the season, allowed seven runs, eight hits and three walks in four-plus innings. His ERA swelled from 3.29 to 4.46.

"Except for the big inning, I thought I pitched OK," he said. "I wasn't able to keep us in the game and that's why we lost."

Notes: Orioles RHP Pat Hentgen (elbow tendinitis) was placed on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 17. RHP Josh Towers, recalled from Triple-A Rochester, will start Sunday against Texas. ... Rangers INF Randy Velarde (pulled hamstring) was placed on the 15-day DL. Texas recalled INF Michael Young from Triple-A Oklahoma, who flied out as a pinch hitter in the eighth.

Local golfers tally aces

A pair of local golfers recorded hole-in-ones this week.

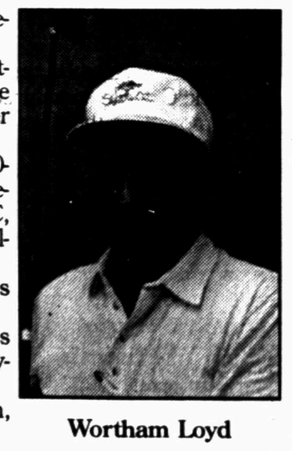
Eighty-year-old Wortham Loyd posted an ace at San Saba Golf Club, while Ricky Williams tallied one at Snyder Country Club.

Loyd used a 5-iron to ace the 150-yard third hole. It was his fourth hole-in-one. Other aces came at Abilene CC, Bay City CC and Western Texas College.

Witnesses in San Saba were Lewis Loyd and Leslie Lee.

Williams also used a 5-iron for his feat on the 170-yard third hole at Snyder CC.

Witnesses were Alton Patterson, Max Hildebrand and Gary Smith.



Wortham Loyd

Sampras gets good draw for French Open that gets underway next week

PARIS (AP) — Pete Sampras caught a break Friday when he drew a qualifier for his opening match at next week's French Open, the only Grand Slam tournament he has not won.

Sampras has a record 13 Grand Slam titles, but he has won only four matches over the past four years at Roland Garros.

The draw gives him a chance for a good start against an opponent to be determined. Sampras, seeded fifth, would next meet Galo Blanco or Rainer Schuettler, both winless at Roland Garros the past two years.

Third-seeded Andre Agassi faces a tougher start. He'll open against Thomas Johansson of Sweden and could face two-time French Open quarterfinalist Albert Costa of Spain in the second round. An Agassi-Sampras quarterfinal showdown is possible.

Reigning champion Gustavo Kuerten has another difficult opener. The top-seeded Brazilian plays talented Argentine teenager Guillermo Coria in the first round, and could meet No.7-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the quarterfinals.

Second-seeded Venus Williams, bidding for her first French title, faces the toughest draw among the top women. Her opening opponent will be Austrian Barbara Schett, ranked 24th, and Williams' quarterfinal opponent could be fifth-seeded Frenchwoman Amelie Mauresmo, who has won four tournaments this year.

Other potential quarterfinal matchups include No. 1-seeded Martina Hingis against No. 8 Conchita Martinez, the runner-up last year; No. 3 Lindsay Davenport against No 7 Elena Dementieva; and No. 4 Jennifer Capriati against No. 6 Serena Williams. Each is bidding for her first Roland Garros title.

The Williams sisters wouldn't meet until the final.

Other possible men's quarterfinal matchups include No. 2 Marat Safin against No. 8 Patrick Rafter.

Major League Baseball

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	29	17	.630	—
Atlanta	23	24	.489	6½
Florida	21	25	.457	8
New York	21	27	.438	9
Montreal	19	29	.396	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	27	19	.587	—
Chicago	27	20	.574	½
Milwaukee	25	22	.532	2½
Houston	24	22	.522	3
Cincinnati	19	28	.404	8½
Pittsburgh	15	31	.326	12

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	26	22	.542	—
Los Angeles	26	22	.542	—
San Diego	26	22	.542	—
San Francisco	25	23	.521	1
Colorado	24	24	.500	2

Friday's Games

Chicago Cubs 1, Milwaukee 0
Atlanta 1, Pittsburgh 0
St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 4
Philadelphia 10, Montreal 8
N.Y. Mets 4, Florida 3, 10 innings
Arizona 7, San Diego 1
Los Angeles 4, Houston 1
Colorado 6, San Francisco 1

Saturday's Games

Pittsburgh (Wengert 0-1) at Atlanta (Burkett 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 7-1) at San Diego (Eaton 6-2), 10:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 4-3) at Los Angeles (Prokopec 5-1), 10:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Pittsburgh (Arroyo 2-4) at Atlanta (Glavine 5-2), 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Kile 6-3) at Cincinnati (Reith 0-1), 1:15 p.m.
Montreal (Armas Jr. 4-5) at Philadelphia (Chen
Colorado (Neagle 4-1) at San Francisco (Ortiz 6-3), 4:05 p.m.
Houston (Elarton 4-4) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 3-3), 4:10 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	26	20	.565	—
New York	26	21	.553	½
Toronto	24	23	.511	2½
Baltimore	23	24	.489	3½
Tampa Bay	13	34	.277	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	31	14	.689	—
Minnesota	30	15	.667	1
Detroit	21	24	.467	10
Kansas City	18	29	.383	14
Chicago	16	29	.356	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	34	12	.739	—
Oakland	23	23	.500	11
Anaheim	21	25	.457	13
Texas	17	30	.362	17½

Friday's Games

Boston 4, Toronto 0
Anaheim 6, Tampa Bay 4
Chicago White Sox 8, Detroit 4
Baltimore 7, Texas 6
Cleveland 6, N.Y. Yankees 4
Oakland 4, Minnesota 2
Seattle 9, Kansas City 6

Saturday's Games

Anaheim (Washburn 2-4) at Tampa Bay (Wilson 2-5), 4:15 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 1-3) at Detroit (Mlicki 3-4), 5:05 p.m.
Seattle (Sele 6-0) at Kansas City (Meadows 1-5), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Lilly 1-0) at Cleveland (Colon 4-4), 1:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Valdes 2-3) at Tampa Bay (Rekar 0-6), 1:15 p.m.
Texas (Rogers 3-3) at Baltimore (Hentgen 2-3), 1:35 p.m.
Toronto (Parris 3-3) at Boston (Wakefield 1-0), 2:05 p.m.
Seattle (Abbott 2-2) at Kansas City (Durbin 3-2), 2:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Biddle 1-4) at Detroit (Weaver 4-5), 8:05 p.m.

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SPORTS

Driver safety big topic when racing at 220 mph

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — In the days leading up to the Indianapolis 500, an award was given to the inventors of a revolutionary neck brace that is supposed to prevent another Dale Earnhardt-like tragedy.

Even so, when the green flag waves Sunday for the world's most famous race, about half the drivers in the 33-car field plan to shun the Head and Neck Support (HANS) device.

"I want to wait a little longer with it," said Buddy Lazier, the 1996 Indy winner and runner-up a year ago. "I'm comfortable where I'm at safety-wise. I know these cars are extremely safe."

Like NASCAR, the Indy Racing League has decided against making the HANS a mandatory part of its safety equipment, saying there's not yet enough crash data to determine its effectiveness.

Still, the 5-year-old open-wheel series has made abundant safety improvements on its cars, which will be racing at more than 220 mph — about 40 mph faster than the stock cars.

There's extra padding in the seat and a 3-inch-wide collar that adds stability around the head and neck. The steering column is collapsable. The sidepod has been shifted forward and increased in height, allowing it to absorb more crash force. A wheel tether system, strengthened again this year, is designed to keep the tires from flying off the car in a wreck, possibly causing harm to both driver and fans. The gear box was redesigned to provide additional flexibility in the rear of the car.

There's more to come: the IRL already has experimented with cushioned walls, foreshadowing a day when every track replaces concrete with a softer surface.

"The best thing we've got going for us," said Brian Barnhart, who runs the IRL's racing operation, "is we're very proactive and we're very reactive. You like to think in advance of what may happen, but you can't think of everything. You've got to be able to react to a problem. I think it's a good mix."

A.J. Foyt, a four-time winner at Indy, pooh-poohs all the talk about safety since Earnhardt's death — especially the HANS.

"I would never let anybody tell me what to wear," Foyt said. "I don't think anything would have saved Dale Earnhardt. It was just his time to go."

The last driver killed in the Indy 500 was Swede Savage in 1973, when the race was governed by the U.S. Auto Club. Three other drivers — Gordon Smiley, Jovy Marcelo and Scott Brayton — have died in practice or while qualifying in the last 28 years.

In all, 66 people, including fans, have been fatally injured at the speedway.

While death has always been a part of racing, safety has come under increased scrutiny in the past year, which has seen four NASCAR drivers die in crashes — all from similar head injuries. The most stunning blow to the sport came in February, when seven-time Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt was killed in a crash at the Daytona 500.

Rookies are ready for Indy 500

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Race day should be a breeze for Bruno Junquiera and Nicolas Minassian, two of six rookies in Sunday's Indianapolis 500, after the range of emotions they've already experienced at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

"I will do my best to get to the front," Minassian said. "I want to race, and to me racing is winning."

To win, you've got to be in the race. A few weeks ago, that didn't appear to be an option for either Minassian or Junquiera, rookies in the CART series with Target Chip Ganassi Racing.

Ganassi, eager to repeat as Indy champion after winning a year ago with rookie Juan Montoya, dumped his 20-something regulars and brought in Tony Stewart and Jimmy Vasser, opting for drivers with vastly more experience on ovals.

"Of course, I wanted to do the race," said Minassian, a native of France who now lives in Indianapolis. "But he's the boss. He knows better than me what's best for the team."

When Stewart and Vasser qualified easily on the first day of time trials, Ganassi changed his mind.

Both drivers proved to be quick studies. Junquiera qualified at 224.208 mph, making him the fastest rookie in the 33-car field, while Minassian was right behind at 223.006.

"This is the third oval race of my life," said Junquiera, a 24-year-old native of Brazil. "It's a big challenge for me, but I'm prepared. I will start the race as the fastest rookie. It doesn't get much better than that."

Stewart will start from the inside of the third row, while Vasser takes green from the outside of the fourth row. Both are viewed as top contenders.

As for Junquiera and Minassian, the expectations aren't nearly as high. They like it that way, knowing this Indy experience should aid their development for years to come — no matter what the outcome.

"Most people are looking at Tony or Jimmy to get the win for Ganassi," Minassian said. "But you never know in a 500-mile race."

The other first-year drivers in the 33-car field are Helio Castroneves and Felipe Giaffone of Brazil and Americans John Herb and Cory Witherill, the first full-blooded native American in the race.

MODEL DRIVER: Elaine Irwin-Mellencamp, the first woman to drive the pace car for the start of the Indianapolis 500, has been working hard, preparing for Sunday's race.

"I've gotten up to 110, 115 miles an hour, and that really feels pretty good," the wife of rock singer John Mellencamp said Friday.

That's just what it will take to lead the 33-car field to the starting line Sunday in her Oldsmobile Bravada SUV pace car.

After that, she'll get out of the car and watch the rest of the race from one of the luxury suites high above the front straightaway.

Don Bailey, a longtime speedway employee and the pace car driver for the rest of the race, will then take over.

Irwin-Mellencamp, who attended dirt track races with her father while growing up in Pennsylvania and is now an Indiana resident, was selected as the pace car driver after actress Kim Basinger had to back out because of illness.

Asked if she is nervous about her on-track duties, Irwin-Mellencamp smiled and said: "I just plan on getting out of the way."

Race line-up

Row 1

1. (8) Scott Sharp, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 226.037 mph.
2. (2) Greg Ray, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 225.194.
3. (41) Robby Gordon, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 224.994.

Row 2

4. (28) Mark Dismore, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 224.964.
5. (66) Gil de Ferran, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 224.406.
6. (5) Arie Luyendyk, G Force-Oldsmobile, 224.257.

Row 3

7. (33) Tony Stewart, G Force-Oldsmobile, 224.248.
8. (35) Jeff Ward, G Force-Oldsmobile, 224.222.
9. (24) Robbie Buhl, G Force-Infiniti, 224.213.

Row 4

10. (91) Buddy Lazier, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 224.190.
11. (68) r-Helio Castroneves, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 224.142.
12. (44) Jimmy Vasser, G Force-Oldsmobile, 223.455.

Row 5

13. (4) Sam Hornish Jr., Dallara-Oldsmobile, 223.333.
14. (10) Robby McGehee, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 222.607.
15. (15) Sarah Fisher, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 222.548.

Row 6

16. (52) Scott Goodyear, Dallara-Infiniti, 222.529.
17. (77) Jaques Lazier, G Force-Oldsmobile, 222.145.
18. (6) r-Jon Herb, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 222.015.

Row 7

19. (3) Al Unser Jr., G Force-Oldsmobile, 221.615.
20. (50) r-Bruno Junqueira, G Force-Oldsmobile, 224.208.
21. (39) Michael Andretti, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 223.441. **Row 8**
22. (49) r-Nicolas Minassian, G Force-Oldsmobile, 223.006.
23. (9) Jeret Schroeder, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 222.786.
24. (12) Buzz Calkins, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 222.467. **Row 9**
25. (51) Eddie Cheever, Dallara-Infiniti, 222.152.
26. (99) Davey Hamilton, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 221.696.
27. (84) Donnie Beechler, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 224.449. **Row 10**
28. (14) Eliseo Salazar, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 223.740.
29. (36) Stephan Gregoire, G Force-Oldsmobile, 222.888.
30. (88) Airton Dare, G Force-Oldsmobile, 222.236. **Row 11**
31. (16) r-Cory Witherill, G Force-Oldsmobile, 221.621.
32. (98) Billy Boat, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 221.528.
33. (21) xr-Felipe Giaffone, G Force-Oldsmobile, 221.879.

Field Average—223.303 mph

Pistons name new head coach

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Former Indiana Pacers assistant Rick Carlisle was hired Friday as coach of the Detroit Pistons, the team's sixth coach in 10 years.

He replaces George Irvine, who was fired after the Pistons finished the season 32-50. The team had the ninth-worst record in the NBA.

"I think this is a great opportunity for me," said Carlisle, who signed a multiyear contract. "We have an excellent young nucleus in Jerry Stackhouse and Ben Wallace and I think the future of this organization is very promising."

The 41-year-old Carlisle was a radio analyst for the Seattle SuperSonics this season after spending the previous three years under Larry Bird in Indiana.

"I am very pleased that I have been able to hire a coach the caliber of Rick Carlisle to lead the Pistons into the future," Pistons president Joe Dumars said at a news conference at the Palace. "His time in the NBA as an assistant coach has been well-documented and we believe that he will be the person to turn the fortunes of this franchise around."

Before joining Bird's staff, Carlisle was an assistant in Portland for three seasons and in New Jersey for five seasons.

"This guy right here, Rick Carlisle, stood out," Dumars said. "He kind of fulfilled everything I thought the next coach of the Detroit Pistons should be. He's young, smart ... very passionate about basketball."

The Virginia graduate, a co-captain on the Cavaliers' 1984 Final Four team, was the only rookie to make the Boston Celtics' roster in 1984.

Carlisle played in Boston for three years, helping the Celtics win the 1986 NBA title. He played with the New York Knicks for one season.

Spurs are reeling on the ropes

LOS ANGELES (AP) — San Antonio's spirit is shattered, its confidence shot full of holes by a Los Angeles team that's making a joke out of what was supposed to be a playoff series for the ages.

With a 111-72 rout of the Spurs on Friday, the Lakers look more unbeatable than ever. They are up 3-0 in the Western Conference finals against a San Antonio team that had the best record in the NBA.

No team has come back from being down 3-0 to win a series, and the others who tried were not playing a Los Angeles team that is improving each time it takes the court.

"My guys played very, very beautiful, once again," Shaquille O'Neal said.

It was the Spurs' worst playoff loss since the Lakers beat them 135-88 in 1986.

"Usually, when you get beat that badly with such talent, it's either a character or a belief problem," San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. "If you know these guys, it's not a character problem. I have to wonder way down deep in their guts, if there belief is waning."

Los Angeles won its 18th in a row, 10th this postseason, and can complete its sweep of the Spurs with a homecourt victory on Sunday.

"We're in a flow," Kobe Bryant said. "It's togetherness, playing as a team. We support one another on the court no matter what's going on."

O'Neal had 35 points and 17 rebounds, while Bryant had 36 points, nine rebounds and eight assists.

The only remaining drama is whether anyone can beat Los Angeles even once. No team has made it through the playoffs without a loss.

Los Angeles' 10-0 start is the best in the playoffs since the 1989 Lakers went 11-0, only to be swept by Detroit in the finals.

Sports Briefs

Volleyball camp

Snyder volleyball camp is scheduled for July 16-19 from 9 a.m. until noon each day. Incoming fifth through ninth grade girls are eligible, and cost is $40. Deadline to register is July 13.

For more information, call Coach Patty Grimmett at 573-9416 or 575-1785. If no answer, leave a message.

Men's softball

Snyder Men's Softball League is holding registration through Friday. For more information, call 573-8842, 573-6862 or 573-4332.

Strength, conditioning camp

Snyder Tiger strength and conditioning camps are scheduled for this summer at the SHS field house. Sessions are slated for June 4-29 and July 2-31.

Incoming 10th-12th graders meet at 7:30 a.m., followed by incoming 7th-9th graders at 10:30. Cost is $25 per session, or $40 for both. For more information, call the SHS field house at 574-6039.

Texas Tech falls to Arizona, 12-3

FULLERTON, Calif. (AP) — Chris Duffy and Casey Myers each hit home runs in the seventh inning to lead Arizona State past Texas Tech 12-3 in the NCAA baseball regionals at Cal State Fullerton's Goodwin Field on Friday.

The Sun Devils (37-18-1) will play either Cal State Fullerton or Temple on Saturday. Cal State Fullerton is the top seed among the 64 teams competing for spots in the College World Series.

Arizona State, which sent 12 batters to the plate in the bottom of the seventh, scored nine runs on eight hits in the inning. Duffy's solo home run off losing pitcher Chad Ertel (3-3) began the rally, and Myers' three-run drive completed it.

Right-hander Andy Torres (13-4) pitched four innings or relief to earn the victory.

Myers and teammate Jonah Martin drove in three runs apiece, with Myers going 4-for-5 and Martin getting three hits.

Gera Alvarez and Bryon Smith each hit solo home runs for the Red Raiders (40-19-1).

Astros lose fifth straight game

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Houston Astros have been struggling with a one-dimensional offense that was again exposed by Chan Ho Park.

Park and two relievers combined to end the Astros' home run streak at 15 consecutive games Friday night, as the Los Angeles Dodgers handed Houston its fifth straight loss with a 4-1 victory.

"We're kind of a feast-or-famine team," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "We don't do a lot of things to scratch out runs."

The only run Houston got came as a result of Park's first balk since 1999. It put Brad Ausmus in scoring position after his leadoff single in the eighth, and Craig Biggio drove him in with a two-out single.

"The offense has generally been in a little bit of a lull. And to face a guy like Chan Ho Park with a predominantly right-handed lineup is not an easy task," Ausmus said. "He came right at us and does what he does well. He controls the entire game, really."

In his longest outing of the season, Park (5-4) allowed only five hits over 7 2-3 innings and struck out 10 — despite pitching with a blister on his middle finger.

Jeff Shaw got three outs for his NL-leading 15th save in 16 attempts.

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The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the estate of Jesse David Hensley, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 24th day of May, 2001, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to Florence Kay Hensley, 3205 Ave. U, Snyder, TX 79549, within the time prescribed by law.

Executed this 24th day of May, 2001.

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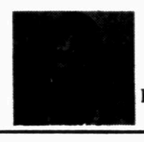
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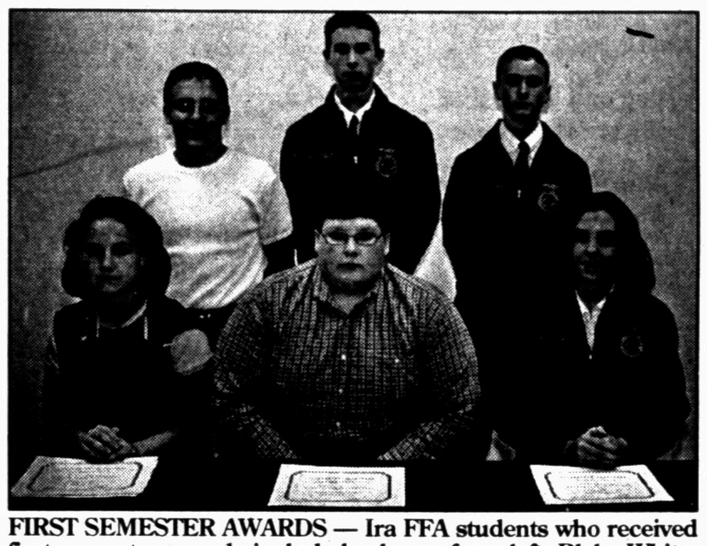
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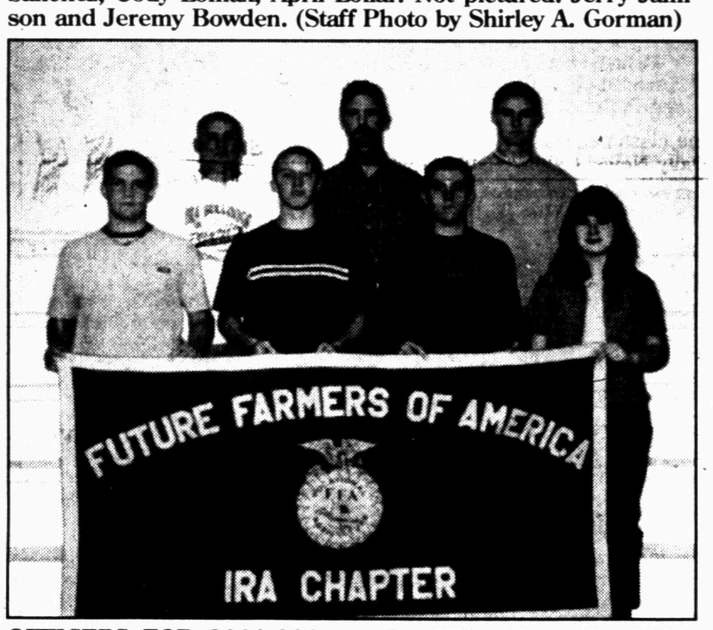
STAR AWARDS — Ira FFA students who received Star Awards include from left, Lacie Thompson, Candace Sanchez, Nathan Smith, and Cade Tucker. Blake White received the DeKalb Award. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



TOP HAND AWARDS — Top Hand awards were presented to from left, Candace Sanchez, Cody Kellner, Bryce Wilkins, Casey Chaney, Tyler Frey. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



FIRST SEMESTER AWARDS — Ira FFA students who received first semester awards include back row from left, Blake White, Josh Wilson, Geoff Pinkerton; seated from left, Amber Sanchez, Cody Lomax, April Lollar. Not pictured: Jerry Jamison and Jeremy Bowden. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



OFFICERS FOR 2000-2001 — Ira FFA officers for 2000-2001 are back row, from left, Jerry Jamison, Jay Waller, adviser; Bryce Wilkins; front row, Tyler Frey, Nathan Smith, Cade Tucker, Candace Sanchez. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



DISTRICT OFICERS — Lone Wolf district officers recognized at the banquet were Candace Sanchez, treasurer, and Tyler Frey, reporter. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Ira FFA chapter presents awards

Awards for 2000-2001 were recently presented at the IRA FFA banquet.

Special service awards were given to Gilbert Sanchez, Stacie Westmoreland and Billy Grimmett.

Honorary Chapter Farmer awards were presented to Supt. Jim Rumage and principal Mike Duke.

Outstanding student awards each semester were also presented. First semester recipients include Jerry Jamison, metal fabrication; Amber Sanchez, eighth grade explorer; Cody Lomax, eighth grade explorer; Blake White, works study; April Lollar, ag 101; Josh Wilson, wildlife; Geoff Pinkerton, ag mechanics; Jeremy Bowden, ag business.

Second semester recipients include Case Hardy, ag business; Cody Kellner, equine science; Casey Chaney, works study; Todd Wall, animal science; Nathan Wilkins, ag 102; Michael Allen, plant and animal production.

Top Hand awards were presented to Candace Sanchez, leadership; Cody Kellner, judging; Bryce Wilkins, shop; Casey Chaney, shop; Tyler Frey, stock show.

Star Awards were presented to Lacie Thompson, Greenhand; Candace Sanchez, Chapter Farmer; Nathan Smith, Farmer Degree; Cade Tucker, Farmer Degree; Blake White, DeKalb Award; Lone Wolf district officers recognized were Candace Sanchez, treasurer; and Tyler Frey, reporter.

Officers for 2000-2001 were also recognized. They include president, Nathan Smith; vice president, Cade Tucker; secretary, Bryce Wilkins; treasurer, Tyler Frey; reporter, Candace Sanchez; sentinel Jerry Jamison. Jay Waller is the advisor.

The annual banquet was held at the Ira School cafeteria. The meal was provided by FFA members. Colter Brown gave the invocation. FFA officers conducted the opening ceremony.

A flag ceremony, honoring the American and Texas flags, along with the FFA banner, were conducted by FFA members.

Junior FFA members were also recognized for their work throughout the school year. Leadership and judging team members were recognized for their achievements as well.



SPECIAL AWARDS — Several special awards were presented during the banquet. From left are, Gilbert Sanchez, Stacie Westmoreland, Supt. Jim Rumage. Not pictured are: Billy Grimmett and Mike Duke, Ira principal. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



SECOND SEMESTER AWARDS — Ira FFA students who received second semester awards include from left, Case Hardy, Cody Kellner, Casey Chaney, Todd Wall. Not pictured: Nathan Wilkins and Michael Allen. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Gravano enters guilty plea

NEW YORK (AP) — Salvatore "Sammy the Bull" Gravano, the mob turncoat who put John Gotti away, admitted Friday that he had returned to a life of crime by running a multimillion-dollar Ecstasy ring in Arizona with his son.

Gravano, 55, and his son, Gerard, 24, both pleaded guilty to federal drug charges and face up to 151/2 years in prison at sentencing Sept. 11.

In the courthouse where he once testified against the likes of "Dapper Don" Gotti, the elder Gravano admitted he "lent money to people" who dealt Ecstasy.

Prosecutors said Gravano took over his son's failing drug-dealing operation in 1998 to teach him how to turn a profit. The case was prosecuted in New York because Gravano was accused of buying thousands of Ecstasy pills in Brooklyn and selling them in Arizona.

Most of the evidence against him came from drug associates who followed in Gravano's footsteps and became government witnesses.

His attorney, Lynne Stewart, branded the case a "vendetta" pursued by prosecutors who felt betrayed by her client. She said Gravano only provided funding, and she scoffed at allegations he had tried to form an "Arizona Mafia."

Governor admits his inauguration was too expensive

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Gov. Bob Holden said Friday "I made a mistake" in staging Missouri's first million-dollar inauguration — festivities that are still deep in debt.

Holden confirmed for the first time that his inaugural exceeded $1 million, a Missouri record several times over. Missouri spent more than any other state on its gubernatorial inauguration this election season.

The first-term Democrat released a 12-page summary of the financial details several days after The Associated Press asked for the information.

ABC News cuts 125 jobs

NEW YORK (AP) — ABC News is cutting 10 percent of its work force, or about 125 jobs, as part of a broad effort mandated by Walt Disney Co., its corporate parent.

ABC News has offered buyouts to its North American employees as part of the program that Disney announced in March, which will result in some 4,000 jobs being eliminated throughout all of Disney's operations.

Over the past two weeks, about 85 ABC News employees were informed that they were approved to receive the buyout offers. Another 20 or 30 people will be laid off in the coming weeks, according to people familiar with the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Between those cuts, attrition and eliminating open positions, a total of 125 jobs will be cut from ABC News' work force of 1,200, these people said.

ABC News spokesman Jeff Schneider declined to comment on the cuts.

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House passes compromise tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House easily passed a compromise tax cut Saturday that will provide broad tax relief over the next decade, starting this year when taxpayers will receive some 95 million refund checks. Single taxpayers will get up to $300 and married couples $600.

The 240-154 vote sent the bill to the Senate, which was also meeting in a rare Saturday session. Twenty-eight Democrats joined every voting Republican in supporting the package.

Senators were expected to give the 10-year, $1.35 trillion measure final approval, meeting President Bush's goal of winning passage by Memorial Day.

"This morning, we're returning some of the taxpayers' money," said House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Thomas, R-Calif., one of the bill's chief authors.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said the reduction in tax revenues also could profoundly affect how Congress spends the public's money. "The party is over, the party has moved, the party is no longer in Washington," he said. "The addicts are going to have to take the cure, we're no longer going to get stoned on other people's money."

The legislation, a blend of Bush's proposals and those from Congress, cuts income taxes across the board, abolishes the estate tax, eases the marriage penalty, and doubles the $500 child tax credit. It also includes breaks for education and retirement savings.

In a statement Friday, Bush said the agreement means "American taxpayers will have more money in their pockets to save and invest and the economy will receive a well-deserved shot in the arm. Tax relief is the centerpiece of our American agenda and I look forward to signing it into law."

During floor debate Saturday, many House Democrats criticized the bill as an unwise drain on projected budget surpluses needed for other priorities, such as education and Social Security. They also contended that too great a share of the tax cuts would go to wealthier Americans.

"You have a little bit of sugar hiding a pot full of fiscal irresponsibility," said Rep. Sander Levin, D-Mich.

The deal was reached by four lawmakers who met all day Friday in a second-floor Capitol room.

Thomas and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley of Iowa represented the Republicans. The Democratic members were Sens. Max Baucus of Montana and John Breaux of Louisiana.

"Democrats fully participated in this process," Baucus said. "I do believe this is a very good result."

Under the plan, the Treasury Department would begin mailing out lump-sum checks starting this summer to reflect the first year of a new 10 percent income tax rate on the initial $6,000 of an individual's income, $12,000 for married couples.

Individuals would get up to a $300 refund this year. Single parents would get up to $500 and married couples up to $600.

Five guilty pleas are entered here

Five people entered guilty pleas this week in 132nd District Court.

Brandon Leatherwood, 18, of 134 Milburn entered a plea of guilty and had his third degree felony charge of deadly conduct reduced to a Class A misdemeanor.

Leatherwood was sentenced to 180 days in the Scurry County Jail work program and ordered to pay court costs.

John Richard Pena, 31, of 1924 Carl Road #206 in Irving plead guilty to a felony driving while intoxicated charge.

He was given five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, probated five years and fined $1,000.

He must also serve 240 hours in the Scurry County Jail and participate in a court-ordered substance abuse program.

Eighteen-year-old Jimmy Flores Selvera was given two years deferred adjudication probation and assessed a $750 fine for an October 2000 offense of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Selvera, whose address is listed as Royal Trailer Park #479, was also ordered to pay $4,262 in restitution to Wilson Motors as well as court costs.

Jimmy Perales Romero, 42, of 2907 Avenue J received a five-year probated sentence after pleading guilty to a February 3 felony offense of driving while intoxicated. The subject will also have to serve 240 hours in the Scurry County Jail, pay a $1,000 fine and participate in a substance abuse program.

Baldemar Antonio Gonzales, 27, of 310 20th plead guilty to third-degree felony assault and family violence and for failing to appear for trial on the charge.

On both counts, he was sentenced to eight-years in TDCJ, probated for eight years. He will also have to pay a $500 fine on each count and participate in a substance abuse program.

Police urging citizens to lock their vehicles

In wake of a rash of car burglaries over the past few months, Snyder Police Department is urging citizens to take preventive measures and to lock their vehicle doors.

Sgt. Terry Luecke noted that criminal activity tends to pick up in the summer months, especially at night. He also said that the car burglars are targeting purses, wallets, cell phones and compact discs.

"Remove valuables from your vehicle," he advised. "If you do leave them in the vehicle, keep them out of sight and keep your doors locked."

Sgt. Luecke said only a few of the cases he has worked has involved forced entry to vehicles.

"In the majority of them, the vehicle has been left unlocked."

Three more reports of vehicle burglaries were made late last week.

Jason Brown reported the theft of CDs, a CD player and cell phone from a 2000 Dodge Intrepid while it was parked at 2203 43rd Street. The vehicle was left unlocked.

Jesse Salinas notified police that a cell phone had been stolen from a 1994 Ford pickup while it was parked, unlocked, in the 3700 block of Dalton.

Rebecca McCravey reported the theft of her cell phone from her vehicle while it was parked in the 3700 block of Dalton.

Woman will now serve 3-year term

A 26-year-old woman will now serve three years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice after having her probation revoked Friday.

Jana Christon Lane was also ordered to pay court costs and $577 in restitution to the Scurry County Community Supervision and Corrections Department.

She was originally sentenced to five years probation for a June 1992 offense of burglary of a habitation.

According to court documents, Lane failed to abstain from alcohol and marijuana, failed to report to her probation officer for drug screening, failed to pay fees and to report a change of employment.

Variety of reports taken on Friday

• ***Gas drive-off***

A clerk with Town & Country on North College reported a gas drive-off in the amount of $25 at 6:24 p.m. Friday.

• ***Pickup taken***

Val Morin contacted police at 6:49 p.m. Friday to report that his 1992 Suburban had been taken without his permission. The man called back later and reported that the vehicle had been located as an employee had taken it for repairs.

• ***Purse stolen***

Stormy Clark notified officers at 7:30 p.m. Friday that her purse had been stolen while she was at the Scurry County Coliseum.

• ***Arrest***

A 39-year-old woman was taken into custody at 9:15 p.m. Friday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

• ***Cat scratch***

An offense report for cat scratch was filed at 10:48 a.m. Friday at the West Texas Animal Shelter.

Obituaries

Rosa Bigham

1926-2001

Rosa Lee Bigham, a longtime Snyder resident, died Thursday, May 24, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Bigham, 74, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church Chapel. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.



Rosa Bigham

Born Nov. 29, 1926 in Nowata, Okla., she married Gerrel Bigham on Dec. 24, 1945 in Pampa. They lived the first nine months of their marriage in San Diego until Mr. Bigham was discharged from the Marine Corps.

They returned to his hometown of Lefors before making Snyder their home during the oil boom in September, 1949.

Mr. Bigham moved a house to 4500 College Ave. which has served as the family home since January, 1954.

Mrs. Bigham was the bookkeeper for the house-moving firm of Bigham and Sons, Inc. A member of the First Baptist Church, Mrs. Bigham was a past Matron of the Order of Eastern Star, Chapter 450.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Golda Mae Stewart.

Survivors include her husband, Gerrel Bigham of Snyder; three daughters, Gloria Cato and her husband, Gary, of Snyder, Marcella Thomas of Lubbock and Teresa Bigham of Harlingen; a son, Danny Bigham of Lubbock; two sisters, Gorda Baten of Whitesboro and Pat Crocker of Pampa; three brothers, O.J. Miller of McLean, Paul Miller of Odessa and David Miller of Borger; one granddaughter, Kimberly Lane, and her husband, David; and two great-grandchildren, Colton and Cenna Lane.

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Gertrude Hallford

1914-2001

BIG SPRING — Gertrude May Hallford of Big Spring, mother of Nelson Hallford of Dunn, died Thursday, May 24, at her son's home following a long illness.

Service for Mrs. Hallford, 86, is set for 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Randy Reeves and Raford Dunagan officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

Born Dec. 12, 1914 in Pleasanton, she married Hoyt Hallford Nov. 11, 1932 in Lovington, N.M. She had lived in Big Spring since 1929 and was a member of Midway Baptist Church. She had worked at Golden Plains Nursing Home, Webb Air Force Base, Howard College, SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and Nurses Unlimited. She retired four years ago.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sidney Jarrett and Annie May Steele Johnson; one brother, Richard Johnson; three sons, Raymond, Robert and Frankie Hallford; her husband, Hoyt Hallford in 1970; and six grandchildren.

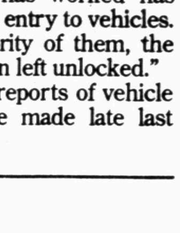
Survivors include five daughters, Mary Lancaster and Jean Armstrong, both of Big Spring, Ruth Miller, Carolyn Hopper, both of Roswell, N.M., and Florence Hoffman of Vanderbilt, Tex.; one stepdaughter, Irene Hallford of Cumberland, N.C.; two other sons, Billy Hallford of Big Spring and Hoyt Hallford Jr. of Noble, Okla.; three brothers, Harland Johnson of Irving, Tom Johnson and Sidney Johnson, both of Big Spring; 37 grandchildren; 71 great-grandchildren; and 41 great-great-grandchildren.

Mary Leona Moffett

1907-2001

Mary Leona Moffett, 93, of Snyder died Saturday, May 26, in Snyder Healthcare Center after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service is set for 10 a.m. Monday at 37th Street Church of Christ. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens. Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Mary Moffett

Mrs. Moffett was born on Nov. 23, 1907 in Thurber and married Fred Cleo Moffett on Aug. 20, 1936 in Strawn. He died on Jan. 31, 1969. She was a member of 37th Street Church of Christ.

Surviving is one son, Charles Moody Moffett of Midland, and several nieces and nephews.

Family visitation is 7-8:30 Sunday at the funeral home.

Friends are contributing to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

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Farewell reception

Students and friends will hold a farewell reception for Judy Haines from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Ritz Theatre. Everyone is welcome.

Pot luck dinner

Snyder Church of Nazarene will hold a pot luck dinner after the morning worship service on Sunday. The dinner is in honor of the memory of Ethel Herrington.

Youth rally

Ira First Baptist Church will host a youth rally starting at 6 p.m. Sunday. The rally will feature music by Macy Hill and Mark Winn as the featured speaker.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "God Has Spoken Through His Writings," followed by "Continue Steadfastly in Prayer."

Jury call cancelled

The jury call for Tuesday morning has been cancelled.

Genealogical society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the children's room in the Scurry County Library. Dave Hanes will speak on Native American legends and war. Visitors are welcome and dues are $12.50 per person or $15 per couple per year.

Late registration

Late registration for Western Texas College's Kids' College will continue through June 6. However the classes to make will be decided by Friday. Classes will be held June 11-21. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 223.

1951 class reunion

Snyder High School's class of 1951 will celebrate its 50th class reunion June 1-2. Members are extending an invitation to all other SHS class members, friends and families to join them at the home of Billy and Janette Huddleston just off the old Lubbock Highway at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 2. For more information call Joanne McCormick at 573-2433 or Patsy Sitton at 573-4359.

Camp Spring homecoming

Camp Spring's homecoming will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 3. Bring a covered-dish for the potluck meal. Ice, cups, plates and flatware will be furnished. Call Carla Guinn Bavousett at 573-8948 for more information.

Colonial Hill VBS

Colonial Hill Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School from 8:30-11:45 a.m. on June 4-8 for grades K-6.

Vacation Bible School

The 37th St. Church of Christ has set its "Jesus to the Rescue" Vacation Bible School for June 4-6, from 9 a.m. to noon. It is for ages two years through the sixth grade. For more information, call Kinney Mabry at 573-0154.

Presbyterian VBS

Children ages 3-12 are invited to Vacation Bible School June 4-8 at the First Presbyterian Church, 2706 Ave. R. Hours are 9 a.m. until noon and theme is "The Ark." For information, call 573-6915.

CPR provider course

Western Texas College has set a CPR Provider Course for Monday, June 4, and Wednesday, June 6, at the Vocational Nursing Building, 7C, from 6-10 p.m. Cost is $45. Register early as space is limited. For more information call, 573-8511, ext. 390.

WTC swimming pool

The WTC swimming pool will open Monday, June 4, for public use. Lap swimming: M-TH 6:30-8 a.m. Open swimming: M-TH 2-5 p.m. Cost is $3 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Mike Harrison at 573-8511, ext. 279.

Winston Field fly-in breakfast

The first Winston Field fly-in breakfast will be held from 8-10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 16. The public is invited to the event and can eat breakfast with the pilots for $3. There will be numerous airplanes on display, including antique aircraft.

Biker Sunday

The second annual Biker Sunday will be Sunday, June 24, at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. Services start at 10:45 a.m. and there will be bike rodeo games, door prizes, free food and a live band.

Discovery school

Discovery School at First United Methodist Church is open for the summer, taking ages up through 8 years. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, call 573-4770.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information, call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakely Fargason at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Five injured in explosion

GAYLORD, Mich. (AP) — An explosion Friday ripped through a mill that produces particle board, injuring nine people, at least five critically, police said.

The midmorning blast occurred on the third floor of a Georgia-Pacific Corp. plant in an area where glue is mixed with wood chips, manager Joe Sims said.

Safety inspectors were investigating the cause of the blast. Sims said the plant wouldn't resume operations until the investigation was complete.

Sims said some of the building's walls were blown out, but that the building was designed so that the walls would come off easily to avoid pressure buildup inside.

The 45 employees working at the time were evacuated.

Five of the victims, who were airlifted to various hospitals, were in critical condition Friday night. Others were treated for shock and released.

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SISD students take part in 2 historic tours

During the last week of school, tours of the Cornelius-Dodson House and Dermott School were conducted for Snyder students by members of Historic Scurry County Inc. The tours were in observance of National History Week, May 20-26, but were held a week early due to school closing on May 18.

The Dodson House tour consisted of the history of the house, information about the people who built it and lived there, the relocation of the house to the coliseum grounds, the restoration and decoration with period furniture.

Some clothing of the period was also shown. In the kitchen, the students saw a demonstration of how eggs, butter and milk were kept cool before refrigeration. After the tour, students cut out cookies from dough and baked them, later enjoying the warm goodies from the oven.

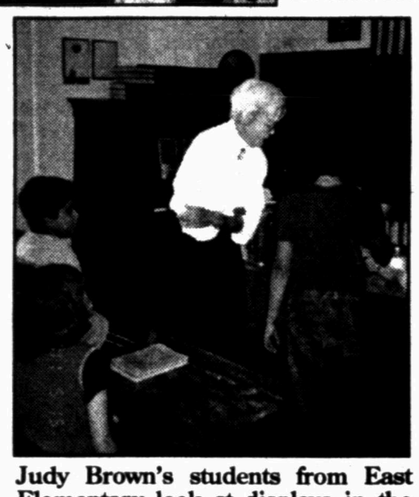
The two-roomed Dermott School tour included the history of the school. Students observed the furnished room and asked questions about its contents including period desks, an authentic stage curtain, wood/coal burning heater, books, flags, maps, and pictures of people who attended the school.

Since there was no cafeteria at Dermott School, a typical lunch children might have brought from home in the 1920-30s was on display during the tours.

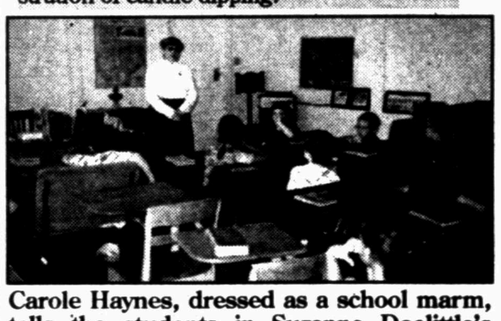
Games of "drop the hankerchief" and "peas on a knife relay" were played outdoors to show recess activities in former times. The students were also treated to a demonstration of candle dipping.



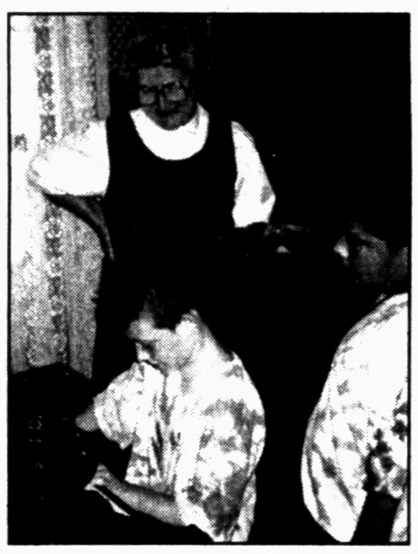
Sandra McDonald, docent for Historic Scurry County, leads Carolyn Torres' class from Stanfield Elementary and answers questions about the parlor furnishings in the Dodson House.



Judy Brown's students from East Elementary look at displays in the Dermott School while June McGlaun, docent, explains the article.



Carole Haynes, dressed as a school marm, tells the students in Suzanne Doolittle's class from Stanfield Elementary about a typical day at the Dermott School.



Students in Carolyn Torres' class try their hand at pumping and playing the 150-year-old organ at Dodson House while Jean Everett, docent, looks on.

Historic tours photos, story contributed

Guatemalan women visits benefactors in Snyder, U.S.

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

For years, the Methodist Church, through its Volunteers in Missions Program, has sent medical teams and other volunteers to help care for the impoverished people of Guatemala. Recently the Guatemalan woman who coordinates those visits visited in Snyder briefly.

Juana Riqulac De Chicoj arrived in the U.S. on April 27 and left May 8. While in Snyder, she spoke at Trinity United Methodist Church, a local sponsor of the VIM program. Before speaking at Trinity, Juana spoke at Methodist churches in Levelland and Plainview. From Snyder she traveled to Dallas.

Juana's husband is a Methodist minister and she is a nurse who works with health officials in Guatemala. She has spent the past 20 years educating her people about health prevention and natural medicine.

When the VIM contingents arrive in Guatemala, Juana directs them to the villages where they will work. Volunteers include doctors, dentists, other medical personnel, and people like Sammie Jarrell of Snyder, who has made several trips to Guatemala. She takes care of many of the trip's logistics, which frees the medical personnel for examining patients and prescribing medicine. Jarrell had also arranged for the medicine the volunteers bring with them to be counted and packaged before the group departed.

Now, however, the customs officials have decided that all medicine should remain in their original containers, the volunteers will have to arrange for "an intense and rapid pill counting" after they arrive in Guatemala.

When asked what the VIM program means to her country, Juana gave it glowing reviews. The medical care also includes transporting people to hospitals and arranging for orphans to get the surgery they need. Other volunteers help to build homes and they bring spirituality to her people.

While in Snyder, Juana had a medical checkup at Dr. Gary Nussey's office at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. The sponsors of her trip to the U.S. arranged for the examination.

Nussey said that in Guatemala, few people can afford medical care. Many live on as little as $1 a day. Even if they are able to save a little money, he said they often have to chose between an office visit or medication.

Nussey made his first trip to Chichicastenango, Guatemala last summer. The next mission is slated July 5-15. Both Jarrell and Nussey are planning to take part in it.

Jarrell said she loves the country and the people and looks forward to returning to Guatemala each year.

While in Snyder, Juana stayed with Jarrell, and because she speaks no English, Patty Duran, Texas Tech University student, served as the translator.

Duran said Spanish was her first language. She did not begin to learn to speak English until she was four years old. She has been translating most of her life. Beginning in junior high and later in high school she was often called upon to translate for the students from Mexico. She has also translated informally at grocery stores.

Duran attends Tech full time. She is majoring in Spanish with a minor in pre-business management.

She is a member of the Iglesia Metodista Emmanuel Church in Snyder.



VISITS BENEFACTORS — Juana Riqulac De Chicoj, seated, recently visited in Snyder. Standing from left are Patty Duran, Sammie Jarrell, Dr. Gary Nussey. (SDN Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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TCTA SCHOLARSHIPS — Snyder Classroom Teachers Association president Charlotte Clifton presented scholarships to two graduating senior, Leslye Starnes, center, and Kayla Phillips. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

SCTA selects scholarship recipients

Snyder Classroom Teachers Association has selected two students as 2001 recipients of SCTA scholarship awards.

Charlotte Clifton, SCTA president, announced Snyder High School graduates Leslye Starnes and Kayla Phillips were recipients of a $600 scholarship from the professional teachers association.

"The Snyder CTA presents scholarships to help the students in their educational pursuits and to reinforce our commitment to helping build a strong, educated community," Clifton said.

Snyder CTA is an affiliate of Texas Classroom Teachers Association, a statewide professional organization based in Austin. TCTA is a nonprofit, nonunion professional association representing more than 43,000 classroom teachers and related professionals in Texas.



ANNOUNCE MARRIAGE — Justin and Lindsey Cox and Braden Hall announce the marriage of their parents, Kyle Cox and Toni Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Cox were married on Feb. 15 in a private ceremony. (Photo by Harley Bynum)



FUTURE BRIDE HONORED — A bridal shower was given in honor of Amber Rich, bride-elect of Cody Stewart, on May 12 in the garden room of First Baptist Church. Pictured from left are Janell Rich, her mother; the honoree; and Paula Hatfield, mother of the prospective groom. (Contributed Photo)

Covenant Health Systems to hold babysitting seminar

LUBBOCK — A good baby sitter is hard to come by, and the responsibilities of taking care of someone else's child are sometimes hard to handle.

Covenant Health System and the Girl Scouts of the Caprock Council will host a one-day babysitting course to help take some of the guesswork out of baby-sitting. The course is planned for Tuesday, June 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Arnett Room on the sixth floor of Covenant Medical Center-Lakeside, 4000 24th St.

Geared for children in the sixth grade or older, the class will touch on topics including CPR and basic first aid, child development, fire safety, household emergencies, basic safety and different marketing techniques such as a proper amount to charge.

"The seminar is important because we want to make sure that every baby sitter is prepared for any situation he or she might encounter," said Leslie Ince, Women's Services coordinator for Covenant Health System.

Cost for the course is $5, which includes lunch and materials. Reservations are required by Friday, June 1. For more information or to register, call 806-745-2855.

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During World War I, parrots were stationed on the Eiffel Tower in Paris to warn of approaching aircraft.

Best Sellers

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "Chosen Prey" by John Sandford (Putnam)
2. "On the Street Where You Live" by Mary Higgins Clark (Simon & Schuster)
3. "Back When We Were Grownups" by Anne Tyler (Knopf)
4. "A Common Life: The Wedding Story" by Jan Karon (Viking)
5. "Dreamcatcher" by Stephen King (Scribner)
6. "The Last Time They Met" by Anita Shreve (Little, Brown)
7. "A Painted House" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
8. "Death in Holy Orders" by P.D. James (Knopf)
9. "The Summerhouse" by Jude Deveraux (Pocket Books
10. "The Bonesetter's Daughter" by Amy Tan (Putnam)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "The Prayer of Jabez" by Bruce H. Wilkinson (Multnomah)
2. "Who Moved My Cheese?: An Amazing Way to Deal with Change in Your Work and in Your Life" by Spencer Johnson (Putnam)
3. "Body for Life: 12 Weeks to Mental and Physical Strength" by Bill Phillips and Michael D'Orso (Harper Collins)
4. "Stolen Lives" by Malika Oufkir and Michele Fitoussi (Talk/Miramax)
5. "Life Makeovers" by Cheryl Richardson (Broadway)
6. "Napalm & Silly Putty" by George Carlin (Hyperion)
7. "Foley Is Good: And the Real World Is Faker Than Wrestling" by Mick Foley (Harper Collins)
8. "An Album of Memories: Personal Histories From the Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw (Random House)
9. "Seabiscuit" by Laura Hillenbrand (Random House)
10. "Secrets of the Vine: Breaking through to Abundance" by Bruce H. Wilkinson (Multnomah) (N-F)

Library News

Wednesday at 10 a.m. the summer reading program will feature Sgt. David Holley of the Snyder Police Department presenting bicycle safety tips.

Scurry County Library will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day. Storytime will continue June 4 as usual.

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS

"Astro Bunnies," by Christine Loomis.

"Someday We'll Have Very Good Manners," by Harriet Ziefert.

"Beware of the Storybook Wolves," by Lauren Child.

"Arthur and the Poetry Contest," by Marc Brown.

"Finders Keepers for Franklin," by Paulette Bourgeois.

"The Lunchroom of Doom," by Daniel Pinkwater.

"Chicken for a Day," by Frances Minters.

"Stella, Queen of the Snow," by Marie-Louise Gay.

"Inside a Zoo in the City," by Alyssa Satin Capucilli.

NEW JUNIOR BOOKS

"When Mules Flew on Magnolia Street," by Angela Johnson.

"Math Rashes and Other Classroom Tales," by Douglas Evans.

"That's Ghosts For You; 13 Scary Stories," by Marianne Carus.

"Circus Lunicus," by Marilyn Singer.

"The Mystery of Mr. Nice: From the Tattered Casebook of Chet Gecko, Private Eye," by Bruce Hale.

"The Dollhouse Magic," by Yona McDonough.

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10 a.m. to 5 p.m.—Sat.

Man back in court

GREENVILLE, S.C. (AP) — A man who sells his urine over the Internet is back in court as debate begins on whether the company he runs is legal.

Kenneth Curtis, owner of Privacy Protection Services, said he started selling urine sample kits on his Web site after he grew tired of drug testing at work.

The urine, which is supplied by Curtis, is contained in a small pouch with tubing. The pouch can be taped to the body and buyers who operate it properly can use it without being noticed by someone monitoring a urine test, according to Curtis' Web site.

The kit, which costs $69 plus shipping, also includes heat packets so the user can warm the sample to body temperature.

State Law Enforcement Division agents arrested Curtis in April on charges he was selling the urine kits to cheat on drug tests. He faces a combined maximum sentence of eight years in jail and a $15,000 fine if convicted.



FOUNDATION FELLOW AWARD — Leo E. Seiter, (right) past District Governor 2-T2 and district chairman for Texas Lions Foundation, presented two local members the Texas Lions Foundation Fellow award. Recipients were Olin Bunch, left, and not pictured, Horace Bostick. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

ABWA honors Amy Hardy as Boss/Business Associate of Year

Scurry Charter Chapter of American Business Women Association named Amy Hardy as Boss/Business Associate of the Year. The event was held at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

Hardy was nominated by employer, Leona Wiggins, postmistress at Ira Post Office where Hardy is a part-time employee. Hardy and her husband, Buddy, have two children, Emily, a student at San Angelo State College, and Case, a student at Ira High School.

Hardy has been employed at the post office for 19 years and worked as a PMR (relief postmaster). Wiggins said, "She willingly works where she is needed and is always pleasant with customers."

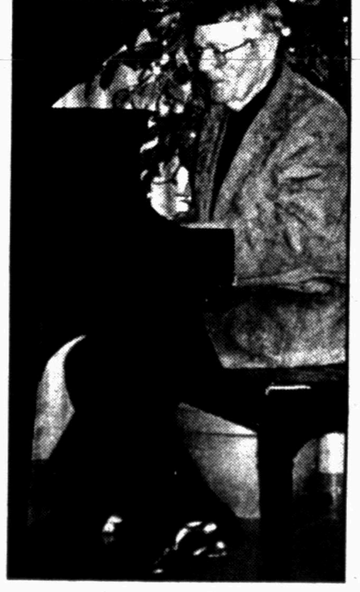
Ted McMillan, pianist, played dinner music.

Vera Pruitt, president, introduced guests Arel Faver, McMillan and Hardy.

Jo Ann Prince gave the invocation and the benediction was by Anita Felan. Hostesses were Felan, Prince and Pruitt.



Amy Hardy



Ted McMillan

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Cats, camels and giraffes move their front and hind legs on the same side when they walk. Most other walking animals move the opposite hind leg when they move one of their front legs.

Bridal Registry

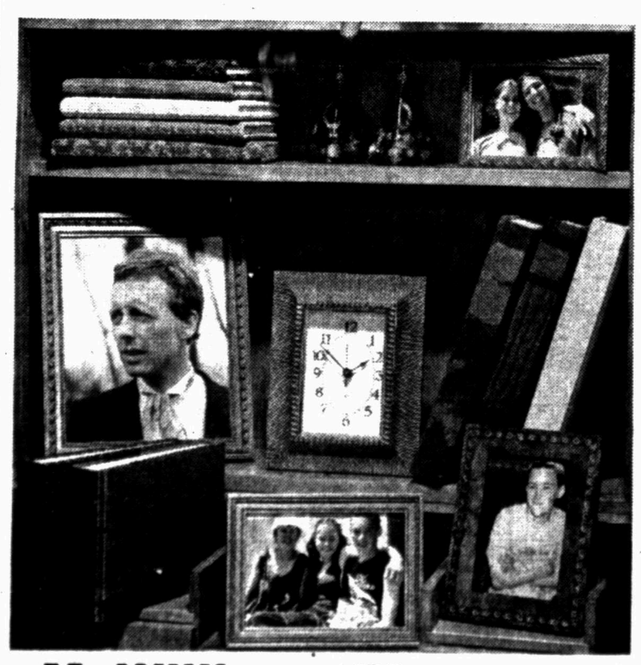
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LaTrisha Lee and Carl Spain
Sarah Lilly and Chris Post
Melissa Hicks and Brodie Harris
Jamee Goolsby and Michael Moreno
Amber Rich and Cody Stewart
Christina Gonzales and Tracy Chavez
Jennifer Jones and John Smith
Alicia Kubena and Shane Guldbransen
Frances Bavousett and Lucus Burris
Kelli Lacik and Jim Griffin
Kristi Sorrells and Brad Clyburn
Rebecca Clark and Matthew Cave
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JUNE WEDDING SET — Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Duncan of Hobbs, formerly of Snyder, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Melanie Deanne, to Blue Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradley of McCamey. The wedding will be held on June 9 in McCamey. Melanie is a graduate of the University of Texas-Arlington with a degree in kinesiology. She is employed by Colorado Springs school system as a substitute teacher. A graduate of Texas A&M with a degree in aerospace engineering, Blue is employed by Lockheed Martin in Colorado Springs, Colo. (Contributed Photo)



TO MARRY IN ODOM CHAPEL — Lori Lea Tate and Lawrence James Comunale of Fort Worth will marry at 2 p.m. on June 30 in Odom Chapel of First United Methodist Church in Snyder. Lori is the daughter of Donald and Dorothy Tate of Hermleigh. Larry is the son of Lawrence and Charlett Comunale of Anniston, Ala. (Contributed Photo)



SEPTEMBER WEDDING SET — Ray and Betty Sorrells of Ira announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristi Elizabeth, to Bradley Scott Clyburn, both of Lubbock. Brad is the son of Sydney and Dorothy Clyburn of Cedar Hill. Kristi is the granddaughter of Opal and Bill Cooper of Snyder, and the late Marvin Sorrells and Bill and Muriel Mapes. A Sept. 8 wedding is planned at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Bridge



By Phillip Alder

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Good books never die, they are reprinted

By Phillip Alder

Three good books have been republished. They are "Spotlight on Card Play" (Devyn, 2000), by Robert Darvas and Paul Lukacs; "Bridge with the Blue Team" (Gollancz, 2000), by Pietro Forquet; and "Sharpen Your Bridge Technique" (Gollancz, 2000), by Hugh Kelsey.

The first is a photographic reprint of the 1960 Nicholas Kaye edition. It contains a selection of tricky single-dummy problems. However, you might be frustrated because you never see any East-West hands.

Forquet's book includes many wonderful deals from the blue — Blue? — period for Italian bridge from 1956 to 1982.

Kelsey's work, subtitled "How to Think Like an Expert," is packed with advanced material lucidly explained.

Here is one of the easiest Kelsey deals. How would you try to make two hearts? West leads the heart three: five, nine, queen.

The deal occurred during the 1978 Sunday Times Pairs in London. You need West to have the club ace. Yet immediately playing a club probably won't work. When in with a club, the defenders will continue with two more rounds of trumps. Then you will lose two spades, one heart and three clubs.

The declarer, Stig Werdelin from Denmark, cashed the ace-king of diamonds before playing a club to the king. When it won, declarer ruffed a diamond in hand. Next, he continued with another club. If the defenders played two rounds of trumps to dummy's king, Werdelin would discard black-suit losers on dummy's diamond winners. If they abandoned trumps, Werdelin would get a club ruff in the dummy.

Today, East would compete with two spades. If West could bring himself to pass, that contract would succeed.

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Honeymoon is over

BOUND BROOK, N.J. (AP) — The honeymoon is over for Kerry Piercy and Mayor Frank Ryan.

The mayor, who married Piercy to Alberto Ramirez in a civil ceremony in March, has filed a criminal complaint against Piercy after her $50 check for his services bounced.

Piercy, 32, a waitress, said her funds were low because her husband had not deposited her paycheck.

"For $50, he's made my life a living hell," she said.

Ryan, who met Piercy when she performed community service work at borough hall to repent for motor vehicle violations, said he thought the bounced check was a "con job."

Bridge Scores

Friday, May 18

Jane Hinton directed games at the Snyder Country Club.

A group
1. Dora Blakey, Nina Nesbit.
2. Suzy Reed, Anita Talbott.
3. Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever.

B group
1. Dora Blakey, Nina Nesbit
2. Peggy Hardin, LaVerne Hood.
3. Vera McSpadden, Maribeth Vestal.

Sunday, May 20

Jane Hinton directed Swiss Team.

1. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson, Pat Floyd, Nina Nesbit.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Nonnie Ward, Barbara Yorgesen, Nona Morrison.

Tuesday, May 22

Monte West directed.

1. Linda West, Monte West.
2. Nina Nesbit, Shirley Stewart.
3. Jane Hinton, Dot Casey.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

Overeaters Anonymous, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 574-1254, 573-8322 or 573-3733; 6:30 p.m.

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-4048,; 8 p.m.

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

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5 to 6 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

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

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

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

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

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

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Public Records

Marriage License

Rudy Melendez and Maria Luisa Calderon, both of Snyder.

Greg Lynn Berglund of Round Rock and Amanda Marie Huff of Snyder.

Mikel Jack Nail and Tatiana Suarez Jones, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of David Dean Babcock and Robin Elizabeth Babcock, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Alma Laurence Gladson to Janette Huddleston, Lot 5 in Block 6 of the Park Place Addition.

Janette Huddleston to Horace Q. and Bernice Crow, Lot 5 in Block 6 of the Park Place Addition.

Mary Louise Lynch to M.P. Herring, Lot 1 and the west six feet of Lot 2 in Block 2, Section 2, Martin Addition.

Pat Moffett to Mark Mueller, 5.997 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 5, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Marvin Crumbie, executor of the estate of Beatrice Ritchie, to Angel and Deborah Gomez, 2.91 acres in Section 180, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Lester and Virginia Riegel to Tina Cearley, individually and as custodian for Mariah Cearley, the east 75 feet of Lot 4 in Block 67 of the Grayum and Nelson's 2nd Addition.

Candace Baggett, Wanda Frasier and Ruth Ellen Alexander to West Texas State Bank, Lots 5-8 in Block 27 of the Bootheland West Addition.

Douglas Hugh and Donise Coonrod to Don A. and Andrea L. Crane, 1.0-acre tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 133, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Grace M. Beauchamp, individually and as attorney-in-fact for Abel A. Beauchamp, to Stephen P. Bates, a 3.0-acre tract in the north one-half of Section 45, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Mel Martinez to Swartz and Brough Inc., Lots 11 and 12 of the Murray's Subdivision of Blocks 39 and 42, Grayum and Nelson Addition.

Myron Fenton to Gilbert and Rosa Hernandez, Lot 11 in Block 1 of the Cullum Addition.

Celia Mae Feinsod Morales to Helen C. Feinsod, Lot 9 in Block 2 of the Kittrell Heights Addition.

Helen C. Feinsod to Louroy Stewart, the south 70 feet of Lot 13 and the north 15 feet of Lot 14, both in Block 2 of the Davis Subdivision of Block 71Grayum and Nelson 2nd Addition.

Veterans Land Bank of Texas to Harold A. Lacik, 18.85 acres in the Grimes Ranch Lands of the Kirkland and Fields survey.

James D. and Michelle J. Gannon Smith to Robert Chad and Leanne Harris Rogers, tract one being Lot 2 and the south 40 feet of Lot 1, all in Block 2 of the J.C. Jackson Addition; tract two being a 2.0-acre tract out of Tract 47 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 13, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey; tract three being a 0.37-acre tract out of Tract 47 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 13, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Ricardo and Irma Madera to Benjamin and Lucia Hermosillo, a 200x150-foot tract out of Block 65, Scarborough Addition.

Odell Fuller to W.J. Fuller, a tract in the west one-half of Section 133, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Dwayne S. Curtis, independent executor of the estate of John D. Curtis Jr., Natalie Jeanette Clark, Harvey Curtis, Willie Marie Moore and Wanda Jean Porter to Mary Ellen Clay, tract one being the east 50 feet of the west 200 feet of Section 147 of Block 11 of the Curtis Subdivision of Section 156 in Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being the east 155 feet of the south 147 feet of Block 11 of the Curtis Subdivision of Section 156 in Block 3, H&GN survey.

Court lifts injunction against book

ATLANTA (AP) — A federal appeals court Friday lifted a lower court's injunction against publication of "The Wind Done Gone," a parody of the Civil War classic "Gone With the Wind."

A three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals heard less than an hour of arguments on an appeal by publisher Houghton Mifflin before issuing its ruling from the bench.

In a brief order, the judges said the injunction was an "extraordinary and drastic remedy" that "amounts to an unlawful prior restraint in violation of the First Amendment." They promised a more comprehensive opinion later in the day.

Author Alice Randall and her publisher said they would get the book out within the next few weeks.

The Nashville, Tenn., writer said she wrote the book so that black and white Americans could have a "belly laugh" together about the painful period of slavery and the Civil War.

"I'm so glad that the court will allow that message to get heard," Randall said.

Martin Garbus, one of the lawyers for the estate of "Gone With the Wind" author Margaret Mitchell, said he would seek another hearing before the 11th Circuit.

"I think the racial issues ... had obscured the copyright issues," he said.

Paul Anderson, a trustee of Mitchell's estate, attended the hearing and said he was surprised at the quick ruling. He declined further comment.

U.S. District Judge Charles Pannell issued the injunction against "The Wind Done Gone" last month, ruling that it violated the copyright of Mitchell's original and was "precisely the kind of work that copyright laws prohibit."

Randall's novel is an account of life at a plantation named "Tata" narrated by the daughter of a black slave woman and the white plantation owner, the half-sister of a character that mirrors Scarlett O'Hara.

Mitchell lawyers argued during Friday's hearing that Randall's characters, scenes, setting and plot were taken directly from "Gone With the Wind" and that quotes were lifted directly from the original.

"It appeals to the market when the readers are hungry to read about these characters. The people who are infatuated with Rhett and Scarlett will gobble any story about them," said Richard Kurnit.

"This injunction has to be held up," he told the judges. "It is shocking to me that they would want this court to usurp the decision."

Joseph Beck, arguing for Randall and Houghton Mifflin, said Randall did not copy Mitchell's writing but merely gave a new perspective on Mitchell's story.

"'The Wind Done Gone' has told me for the first time how African-Americans read 'Gone With the Wind,'" he said.

He also argued that authors would be inhibited to write parodies if the injunction were not lifted.

The literary community and several news organizations supported the book's publication, calling it a matter of free speech.

"I'm glad to hear that the injunction was lifted," said historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr., one of many artists and intellectuals who supported the book's publication. "I thought it ('The Wind Done Gone') was a legitimate effort to try and give a different perspective on the story."

Randall noted that the ruling came on May 25, the birthdate of her fictional character. "And today is the day she will be free."

Wendy Strothman, executive vice president of Houghton Mifflin, said the publisher plans an initial run of 25,000 copies.

Sharpton to serve 90 days for trespassing

NEW YORK (AP) — The Rev. Al Sharpton, handcuffed and escorted by police, arrived from Puerto Rico on Friday and immediately headed for a detention facility to serve a 90-day sentence for trespassing on Navy land on Vieques island.

Also on Sharpton's flight from San Juan were New York City Councilman Adolfo Carrion, New York state legislator Jose Rivera and Bronx County Democratic Party chairman Roberto Ramirez.

The four, all sentenced in a May 1 protest against bombing exercises on Vieques, were taken from their plane directly into a van on the tarmac. They were headed to an undisclosed federal detention center in New York, said Sharpton attorney Sanford Rubenstein.

Juan Felicino, a Sharpton acquaintance who was on the flight, said the civil rights activist "didn't look too upset."

Sharpton was convicted of a misdemeanor but sentenced as a repeat offender because he had prior arrests for civil disobedience in New York.

His lawyers plan to appeal.

The Navy has used its range on Vieques, home to 9,400 people, for six decades and says it is vital for national security. Critics say it poses a health threat, which the Navy denies.

Opposition to the exercises grew after a civilian guard was killed on the range in 1999 by two off-target bombs. The Navy has since stopped using live ammunition.

Q & A

Club Drugs: Ketamine

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (SACADA), are devoting this column to current information and answering your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.

CLUB DRUGS: FOCUS ON KETAMINE

In the rave and club scene, and yes, even in our own little communities, a substance is often sold under the name of "Special K". This substance, more often than not, is Ketamine mixed with several other drugs, among which may be heroin, coke or ecstasy (covered in a previous article). Any combination of drugs with ketamine is extremely dangerous and has minimum psychedelic value.

Ketamine is chemically known as 2-(2-chlorophenyl) 2-(methylamino)-cyclohexanonec. Ketamine (commercially sold as Ketalar) is a powerful anesthetic used mainly by vets on farm animals, although it does have some human medical applications. The University of Michigan first developed it in 1965 in their search for safe anesthetic products. It was mass-produced by the pharmaceutical company Parker-Davis and was extensively used in the Vietnam War. It has gained popularity in some areas, like New York, although its' use is still comparatively rare. The supply usually comes from opportunistic thefts of vet clinics and vet vehicles. Ketamine usually comes in a liquid in its pharmaceutical form although it is also found as a white powder pill. It can either be swallowed or snorted as a powder and either swallowed or injected in its liquid form.

Ketamine is considered to be "dissociative", which means the mind feels "separated" from the body. It causes hallucinations and as an anesthetic stops the user from feeling pain, which can cause a user to unintentionally hurt him/herself. Ketamine does not depress respiratory functions. It is reported that this drug increases, not lowers, the heart rate and increases the effects of sympathetic nervous activity, which leads to: increased cardiac output, bronchial dilation, papillary dilation, and other effects. Like most anesthetics, eating or drinking before taking ketamine may induce vomiting. Temporary paralysis has been reported. Tolerance to ketamine can be quickly built after continued use. It is not known whether its use can lead to psychological or physical dependence.

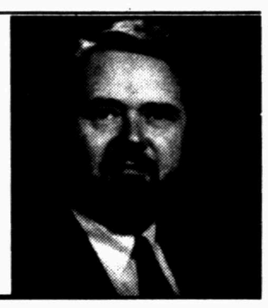
Ketamine is a prescription only medicine and so the Misuse of Drugs Act does not cover it. This means the possession of ketamine is not a criminal offense. It was placed in Schedule III of the Controlled Substance Act in August 1999.

If you would like more information on ketamine, please look at the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse website where up to date information on alcohol and other drugs and chemicals is always available.

Send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. 24 hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on self-help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Getting the Cart ahead of the Horse

"There's an empty building in our community and we want to put a business in it. What kind of business would you recommend?"

"I've leased a space, made improvements, and bought my fixtures, but now I'm out of money. Where can I get a business loan?"

As a start-up consultant, I've heard at least a hundred stories like the two above. They are perfect examples of "getting the cart ahead of the horse." It isn't so much that what these would-be entrepreneurs did was wrong, as it was doing things out of sequence.

It happens so frequently that I feel the need to address it again here. Though the exact start-up sequence will vary with the type of business, skills of the owner and legal issues, there are some general guidelines to follow.

Start-up steps

* **Start with an idea.** Every successful start-up begins with a sound business concept that identifies a specific customer type or group. The idea must fill a need, satisfy a want, or solve a problem. And, in doing so, must generate a profit.

* **Answer the questions.** Once you have an idea for a business, you'll find the questions keep coming. Here are just a few you should ask to start with. Does anyone need or want what I'm selling? (Is there demand for my idea?) Who would need or want it, and can they afford to pay me? (Who are my target customers?) How can I segment or define my target customers? (Can I use age, gender, income, geographic location, education or buying habits?) How can I reach my target customers with messages about my business? (How do I promote my business?) Can we still make money if a competitive business lowers its' price? What trends affect my business in the long-term?

These are not all of the questions you should ask. However, they will serve to get you started. Now you are ready to put what you know into a written plan.

* **Develop a business plan.** The next step is to create a working plan for your business.

Your plan should serve several functions. First, it should help you generate even more questions. Second, it should help you find logical answers to those questions. Third, it should help you evaluate the feasibility of your idea. Fourth, it will serve as a starting point for raising money, if you don't have all you need.

* **Find the best location.** Yes, there is a time to look for an office or building suitable from which to do business. It pays to do your homework here. Contact previous tenants to see if they had any problems with the space or the landlord. Observe traffic patterns. Negotiate before you sign the lease or purchase contract.

* **Know what equipment you need.** Think about copiers, faxes, computers and telephone systems. Don't try to think more than five years out. A lot of changes can happen in five years with a start-up business.

* **Put together a promotion plan.** Know how to generate up-front publicity, and have some budget for pre-opening promotion. Be prepared for a surge of curious customers from opening day on. Keep your promotion steady and aimed at your target customers.

* **Have a back-up plan.** Expect the unexpected. Set aside some funds in a "rainy day" reserve account. Have some part-time help lined up if the demand exceeds your ability to serve. Know more than one supplier.

* **Seek qualified help.** Small Business Development Centers provide free confidential start-up help. To find one near you call 1-800-827-5722 or visit the U.S. Small Business Administration Web site at www.sba.gov.

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Business," PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Southwest Airlines to begin serving residents of Norfolk

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Southwest Airlines will begin daily service from two gates at Norfolk International Airport in October, the low-fare carrier said Thursday.

The company will release its fare and flight schedules from Norfolk this summer.

Southwest Airlines also intends to offer flights from Richmond International Airport in the future, said Herb Kelleher, chairman, president and chief executive officer. But the Dallas-based company first needs to complete terminal expansion projects in several cities that would be desirable destinations for Richmond travelers, Kelleher said.

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(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 the 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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CNN lays off some 20 Internet employees

ATLANTA (AP) — Cable News Network laid off about 20 Internet employees, citing redundancies between television and Web operations.

The company had already dismissed nearly 400 workers in January following the merger of its parent company Time Warner with America Online.

"CNN has been looking at ways to further integrate our television and Web properties," CNN spokesman Matthew Furman said Wednesday.

Survivor benefits may not cover nuclear workers' kids

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some children of nuclear weapons plants workers who died from exposure to radiation and other harmful substances during the Cold War may not be eligible for survivor benefits.

Some members of Congress said Thursday that they never meant to exclude some children when they came up with a plan to compensate the victims' families.

"Oftentimes the devil is in the details and this is an important detail," said Rep. Ted Strickland, D-Ohio. "I do think that the intent was these other folks (grown children) be included."

The Labor Department's rules governing the program, published Friday, spell out eligibility for sick workers and for the survivors of exposed workers who already have died.

"This is the first step of many toward implementing a very complicated compensation program," said Labor Secretary Elaine Chao.

Chao said her department will have a toll-free number, 1-866-888-3322, beginning May 31 for sick workers and survivors to call with questions and to request application forms. The department also will go to communities near weapons plants to answer questions about the program.

The program will distribute $150,000, plus lifetime medical care to each worker exposed to health-robbing levels of radiation, silica or beryllium while working at weapons plants or factories.

Early drafts of the regulations found their way to Capitol Hill and raised some eyebrows; Rep. Ed Whitfield, R-Ky., circulated a letter among lawmakers laying out changes to jointly suggest.

Most of the survivor benefits are expected to go to widows and widowers. Children of the dead workers won't qualify unless they were under 18 or still dependents when their parent died.

Ken Silver, a public health advocate in New Mexico, said that was not made clear before. "It's a real kick in the teeth to families that have suffered," he said.

"This is a travesty," said Shaun McKinney of Pickerington, Ohio, who was 30 when his father died of lung cancer. "The day they diagnosed my dad with cancer, he said, 'I got this from work. I had a hydrogen fluoride burn in my lungs in the exact place where the doctor says I got this cancer.'"

McKinney said he had been counting on the $150,000 both as recompense for a life cut short and as a college fund. "I was going to tell my kids, 'This is from your granddad.'"

Sam Ray of Lucasville, Ohio, said cancer, beryllium disease and silicosis — the diseases for which the government will compensate exposed workers — can be slow killers, and a child under 18 when the parent got sick will no longer be a dependent by the time the person dies.

"The bad thing about it is the latency period," said Ray, who lost his larynx to cancer.

Stuart Roy, a department spokesman, said that part of the regulation followed the instructions of Congress. "Qualified survivors were spelled out in the law," he said.

Congress created the program last year to compensate workers who contracted cancer and other diseases while building the nation's nuclear deterrent.

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Summer Registration

*Registration will be held in the WTC gymnasium, beginning at the south entrance

Tuesday, May 29
7:30a.m. - Noon
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6p.m. - 7:30p.m.
The last day to register is Thursday, May 31

REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

1. Driver's License	
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3. TASP/ACT/SAT Scores	
4. Early Admissions form	
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6. College Transcript	

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2001 Summer Sessions

9-WEEK SESSION / MAY 29-JULY 26
1ST 6-WEEK SESSION / MAY 29-JULY 5
2ND 6-WEEK SESSION / JULY 9-AUGUST 16

9-WEEK SESSION - ACADEMIC

ANTH	2351	0225	CULTURAL ANTH	TH	6:00-10:10	3	2C-102	MINTON, T	
BIOL	1306	0020	PRINC OF BIOL I	M-TH	6:00-8:50	3	2A-101	LILLY, T	
BIOL	1106	0021	PRINC OF BIOL I LAB	M-TH	6:00-8:50	1	2A-101	LILLY, T	$15
BIOL 1306 & 1106 WILL MEET FOR 6 WEEKS.									
DEN	011	0300	ENGL SKILLS LAB	T	6:00-10:10	1	7B-101	MINTON, B	$12
DEN	030	0301	DEV ENGLISH	T	6:00-10:10	3	7B-101	MINTON, B	
DMT	030	0135	DEV MATH (INT)	T	6:00-10:10	3	2B-106	BEARD, J	
PERMISSION OF INSTRUCTOR REQUIRED ON DMT 030 INTERNET CLASS.									
DRE	032	0302	READ SKILLS II	T	6:00-10:10	3	7B-101	MINTON, B	$12
DRE	033	0303	READ SKILLS III	T	6:00-10:10	3	7B-101	MINTON, B	$12
ENGL	1301	0304	COMPOSITION I	M	6:00-10:10	3	2B-110	WINTER, M	$8
ENGL	1302	0305	COMPOSITION II	TH	6:00-10:10	3	2B-110	ROSE, M	$8
ENGL	2326	0306	AMERICAN LIT (ITV)	T	6:00-10:10	3	LRC-102	ROSE, M	
GOVT	2305	0226	US/ST/LOC GOV (ITV)	M	6:00-10:10	3	7D-106	SMITH, K	
GOVT	2306	0227	US/ST/LOC GOV (ITV)	T	6:00-10:10	3	7D-106	SMITH, K	
HIST	1301	0228	US HIST TO 1865	W	6:00-10:10	3	2C-105	HAMBY, D	
HIST	1302	0229	US HIST 1865-	TH	6:00-10:10	3	2C-105	HAMBY, D	
MATH	1314	0136	COLLEGE ALG (ITV)	M	6:00-10:10	3	LRC-102	DUCHENEAUX, S	$8
MATH	1324	0137	MATH/BUS/EC I (ITV)	W	6:00-10:10	3	LRC-102	DUCHENEAUX, S	
PHED	1102	0400	DIET/WT CONTROL	W	6:00-7:50	1	GYM-109	CHASTEEN, D	$10
PHED	1102	0401	ADVANCED GOLF	TBA	TBA	1	G-CRS	HARRISON, M	$24
MANDATORY MEETING FOR ADVANCED GOLF ON TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2001 AT 5:30 P.M. IN GYM 109.									
SPCH	1315	0070	FUND OF SPEECH (ITV)	W	6:00-10:10	3	7D-106	WALKER, D	
SPCH	1321	0071	BUS/PROF SPEAK (ITV)	W	6:00-10:10	3	7D-106	WALKER, D	

9-WEEK SESSION - VOCATIONAL

COMPUTERIZED BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY									
BUSI	1309	0615	BUSI MACHINES	TH	6:00-10:10	3	7A-107	WESSON, T	$20
POFI	1301	0616	COMPUTER APP	W	6:00-10:10	3	7A-104	WESSON, T	$24
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION									
CDEC	1358	0580	CREATIVE ARTS	T	6:00-10:10	3	7A-111	WILBURN, J	
CDEC	2367	0581	PRACTICUM II	TBA	TBA	3	TBA	WILBURN, J	$15
PERMISSION OF INSTRUCTOR REQUIRED IN CDEC 2367 CLASS.									
NETWORKING									
EECT	1340	0669	TELE TRANS MEDIA	W	6:00-10:10	3	7A-102	STAFF	$24 $95
LOTT	1301	0670	INTRO TO FIBER OP	T	6:00-10:10	3	7A-102	BROWN, D	$24 $95

1ST 6-WEEK SESSION - ACADEMIC

BUSI	1301	0139	INTRO TO BUSINESS	M-TH	11:30-1:10	3	7A-118	SNIDER, S	
COSC	1300	0140	INTRO COMPUTING (INT)	TBA	TBA	3	INTERNET	RACHER, T	$20
			LAB	TBA	TBA				
COSC	1301	0141	INTRO/COMP SCI (INT)	TBA	TBA	3	INTERNET	RACHER, T	$20
			LAB	TBA	TBA				
PERMISSION OF INSTRUCTOR REQUIRED ON COSC 1300 and 1301 INTERNET CLASSES.									
DEN	032	0308	ENGL SKILLS II	M-TH	9:45-11:30	3	LRC-207	CORKRAN, G	$12
DEN	033	0309	ENGL SKILLS III	M-TH	9:45-11:30	3	LRC-207	CORKRAN, G	$12
DMT	011	0142	MATH SKILLS LAB	TBA	TBA	1	2B-109	DUCHENEAUX, S	$12
DMT	030	0143	DEV MATH (INT)	M-TH	8:00-9:40	3	2B-106	BEARD, J	
PERMISSION OF INSTRUCTOR REQUIRED ON DMT 030 INTERNET CLASS.									
DMT	031	0144	FUND/MATH	M-TH	9:45-11:30	3	2B-109	BEARD, J	$12
DRE	011	0310	READ SKILLS LAB	M-TH	TBA	1	LRC-207	CORKRAN, G	$12
DRE	032	0311	READ SKILLS II	M-TH	9:45-11:30	3	LRC-207	CORKRAN, G	$12
DRE	033	0316	READ SKILLS III	M-TH	9:45-11:30	3	LRC-207	CORKRAN, G	$12
ENGL	1301	0312	COMP I (ITV)	M-TH	11:30-1:10	3	LRC-102	RATLIFF, W	$8
ENGL	2322	0313	ENGLISH LIT (ITV)	M-TH	1:15-2:55	3	LRC-102	RATLIFF, W	
GOVT	2305	0230	US/ST/LOC GOV (ITV)	M-TH	11:30-1:10	3	7D-106	SMITH, K	
GOVT	2306	0231	US/ST/LOC GOV (ITV)	M-TH	1:15-2:55	3	7D-106	SMITH, K	
HIST	1301	0232	US HIST TO 1865	M-TH	9:45-11:25	3	2C-105	HAYNES, B	
HIST	1302	0233	US HIST 1865-	M-TH	11:30-1:10	3	2C-105	HAYNES, B	
MATH	1324	0145	MATH/BUS/ECO I	M-TH	9:45-11:30	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	
MATH	1442	0146	ELEM STATISTICS	M-TH	8:00-9:40	4	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	$8
			LAB	TBA	TBA				
MATH	2314	0147	CALCULUS II	M-TH	12:30-2:10	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	
MATH	2315	0148	CALCULUS III	M-TH	2:15-3:50	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	
PSYC	2301	0249	GEN PSYC (ITV)	M-TH	9:45-11:25	3	7D-106	OSBORN, C	

1ST 6-WEEK SESSION - VOCATIONAL

COMPUTERIZED BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY									
BUSI	1301	0617	INTRO TO BUSI	M-TH	11:30-1:10	3	7A-118	SNIDER, S	
OFAD	1311	0618	KEYBOARD/TYP I	M-TH	9:45-11:25	3	7A-104	SNIDER, S	$20
NETWORKING									
EECT	1340	0671	TELE TRANS MEDIA	M-TH	9:45-11:25	3	7A-102	HANES, D	$24 $95
LOTT	1301	0672	INTRO TO FIBER OP	M-TH	1:15-2:55	3	7A-102	STAFF	$24 $95

2ND 6-WEEK SESSION - ACADEMIC

DMT	011	0149	MATH SKILLS LAB	TBA	TBA	1	2B-109	DUCHENEAUX, S	$12
DMT	030	0150	DEV MATH (INTERNET)	TBA	TBA	3	INTERNET	BEARD, J	
PERMISSION OF INSTRUCTOR IS REQUIRED ON THIS DMT 030 INTERNET CLASS.									
ENGL	1302	0314	COMPOSITION II	M-TH	8:00-9:40	3	2B-110	SENTELL, M	$8
ENGL	2322	0315	ENGLISH LIT	M-TH	11:30-1:10	3	2B-110	SENTELL, M	
MATH	1314	0151	COLLEGE ALGEBRA	M-TH	12:30-2:10	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	$8
			LAB	TBA	TBA				
MATH	1316	0152	TRIGONOMETRY	M-TH	8:00-9:40	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	
MATH	1325	0153	MATH/BUS/ECON II	M-TH	9:45-11:30	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	
MATH	2318	0154	LINEAR ALGEBRA	M-TH	2:15-3:30	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX, S	
PSYC	2315	0250	PSYC/ADJUSTMENT	M-TH	9:45-11:25	3	2C-103	SMITH, K	

GENERAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration begins Tuesday, May 29 at 7:30a.m. The last day to register is Thursday, May 31.
*The student must be present for registration.
*Bring driver's license, social security card, TASP score ACT/SAT scores (if available), completed Early Admissions form (where applicable), high school transcript or GED certificate or college transcript (transfer students).
*Placement testing is required for student enrolling.
*Bring ACT or SAT scores. If ACT or SAT scores are unavailable, an Asset test will be given. (Fee = $29)
*All students will be required to provide documentation of TASP status. (TASP score reports, transcripts, or both.)

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The Early Admissions Program allows qualified high school students who have completed at least their sophomore year to enroll for college credit while still in high school. Permission of the student's parent/guardian and high school principal is required. Students must have passed all sections of the TAAS. Early Admissions permission forms are available from the high school principal or counselor and the WTC Student Services Office. Early Admissions forms must be completed and presented at registration.

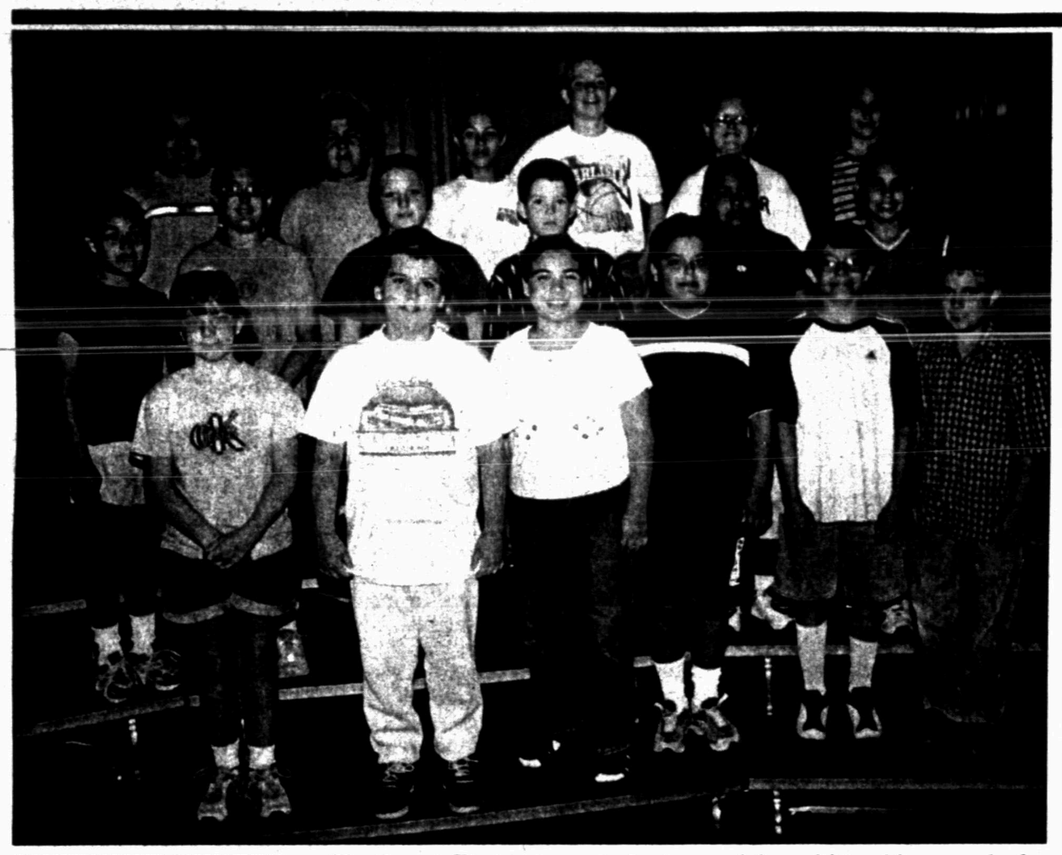
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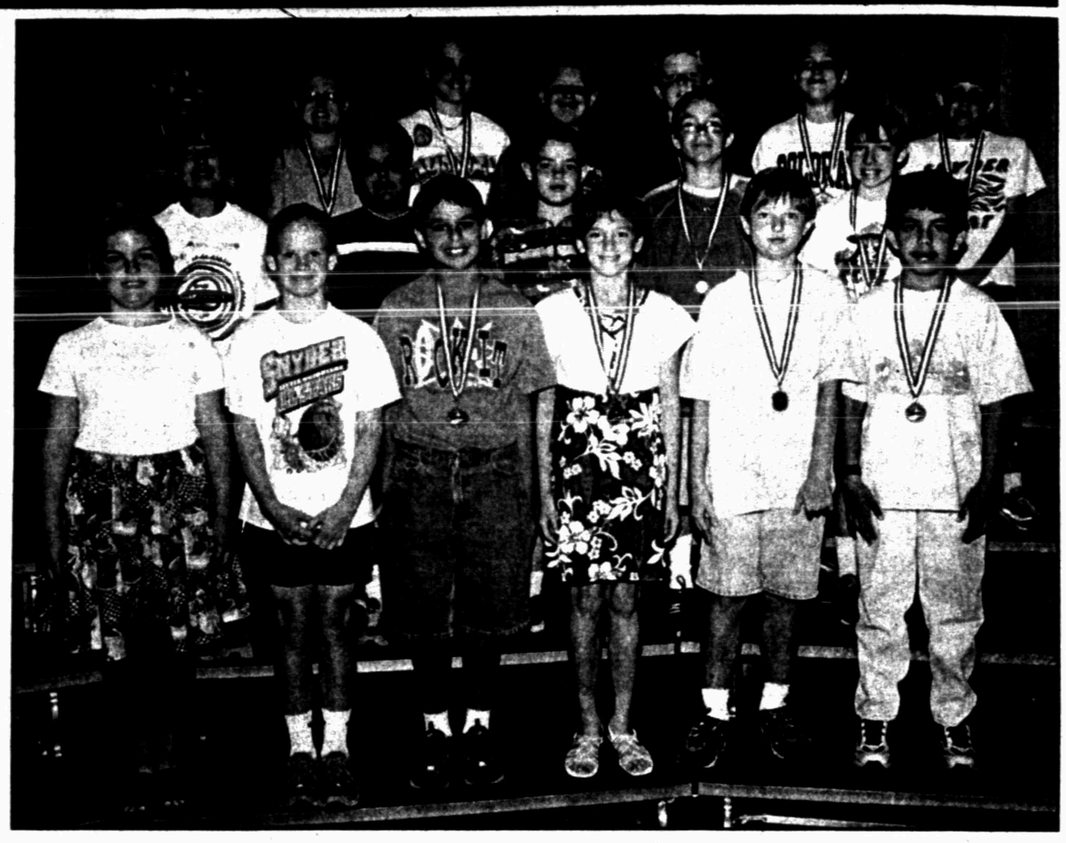
2001 Summer Session Calendar

Tuesday, May 29	Registration for 6 & 9 week summer sessions	Monday, July 9	Placement testing
Tuesday, May 29	6 & 9 week summer session classes begin	Monday, July 9	Registration for second summer session/classes begin
Tuesday, May 29	Placement testing	Wednesday, July 11	Last day to register, add or change for second session
Thursday, May 31	Last day to register, add or change for 6 & 9 wk session	Thursday, July 19	Last day to withdraw from institution for 9 week session
Thursday, June 28	Last day to withdraw from institution for 6 week session	Monday, July 23	Finals for 9 week summer session
Wednesday, July 4	Independence Day holiday, campus closed	Thursday, July 26	End of 9 week summer session
Thursday, July 5	Finals for 6 wk summer session	Thursday, August 9	Last day to withdraw from institution for second session
Thursday, July 5	End of 6 wk summer session	Thursday, August 16	Finals for second summer session
Monday, July 9	Registration for second summer session	Thursday, August 16	End of second summer session

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CITIZENSHIP AWARDS — Northeast Elementary students receiving citizenship awards for 2000-2001 include, back row, from left, Brittany Hernandez, Fabian Contreras, Roy Rivera, Cody Burney, Zane Green and Shayla Wilson. Second row, from left, are Heather Garza, Alayna Alexander, Kendra Tidwell, Craig Robertson, Ana Aguirre and Jodi Guerrero. Front row, from left, are Stacey Elam, James Martin, Raquel Ruiz, Ernesto Arellano, Ryan Gonzales and Stephen Davidson. (SDN Staff Photo)



TOP STUDENTS — The following Northeast Elementary students were named top students in their class for the 2000-2001 . They include, back row, from left, Angela Almanza, Kimberly Harlin, Audrey Jones, Jacob Scifres, Lance Day, Nathan Wittie and Megan Velasquez. Second row, from left, are Cassie Hernandez, Ernesto Arellano, J.W. Wesson, Brent Bollinger and Nicole Means. Front row, from left, are Kristen Miller, Cayelea Rhodes, Corey Jaramillo, Brittany West, Brad Ashworth and Greg Resendiz. (SDN Staff Photo)

School funding plan inadequate

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Arkansas is not giving its public schools enough money and the funds are not handed out fairly, with little change since the system was declared unconstitutional 18 years ago, a state judge ruled Friday.

Chancellor Collins Kilgore said the Legislature, not the courts, should fix the decades-long problem, which experts say could mean hundreds of millions of dollars in additional taxes.

The impact of the ruling was not immediately clear.

"From now on, the state is going to have to put its money where its rhetoric has previously been," said former state Rep. Jimmie Wilson of Lexa, one of the attorneys who brought the original lawsuit. "The state has talked education, but it has not spent any money on education."

Gov. Mike Huckabee said the state would appeal to the state Supreme Court and noted that the state is already forming a 25-member education commission.

"Should we fail to win on appeal, the commission's mission will become even more significant as it makes recommendations for the 2003 legislative session," the governor said.

The judge said Arkansas has failed to provide facilities that are substantially equal for its 450,000 public school students, as the state constitution requires. He said the state should stop dividing money equally among the 310 districts because the poorer ones need more help.

"Too many of our children are leaving school for a life of deprivation, burdening our culture with the corrosive effects of citizens who lack the education to contribute," he wrote.

He acknowledged the problem is complex and that the state is short of money, but said the problem couldn't legally be ignored.

The state's education system was declared unconstitutional in the early 1980s.

"Not much has changed since then except that 19 classes have graduated from our high schools; practically a generation," Kilgore said.

He listed more than a dozen education statistics that showed Arkansas students at or near the bottom nationally.

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Saturday, May 26, 2001

Today is the 146th day of 2001 and the 68th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1896, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was first published in The Wall Street Journal.

On this day in 1934, the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy line's Zephyr became the first locomotive in the United States to travel 1,000 miles without stopping. It traveled from Denver to Chicago in 13 hours, five minutes and 44 seconds.

On this day in 1977, George "The Human Fly" Willig scaled the outside of New York City's 110-story World Trade Center. He was arrested and fined a penny for each floor he had climbed.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Al Jolson (1886-1950), entertainer; John Wayne (1907-1979), actor; James Arness (1923-), actor, is 78; Brent Musburger (1939-), sportscaster, is 62; Stevie Nicks (1948-), singer-songwriter, is 53; Hank Williams Jr. (1949-), singer-songwriter, is 52; Sally Ride (1951-), astronaut, is 50.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1985, Danny Sullivan defeated Mario Andretti by 2.4 seconds to win the Indianapolis 500.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Desire to have things done quickly prevents their being done thoroughly." — Confucius

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (May 22) and first quarter (May 29).

Sunday, May 27, 2001

Today is the 147th day of 2001 and the 69th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1919, the U.S. Navy's NC-4 flying boat completed its trans-Atlantic voyage from Newfoundland, Canada, to Lisbon, Portugal.

On this day in 1911, at a trial on the Potomac River, Victor Emerson's Furlong became the first motorboat in the United States to exceed 40 miles per hour.

On this day in 1950, Frank Sinatra made his television debut on NBC.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Cornelius Vanderbilt (1794-1877), financier; James "Wild Bill" Hickok (1837-1876), U.S. marshal; Isadora Duncan (1878-1927), dancer; Hubert H. Humphrey (1911-1978), U.S. vice president; Vincent Price (1911-1993), actor; Sam Snead (1912-), golf great, is 89; Herman Wouk (1915-), writer, is 86; Henry Kissinger (1923-), U.S. secretary of state, is 78; John Barth (1930-), writer, is 71; Harlan Ellison (1934-), writer, is 67.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1937, New York Giants pitcher Carl Hubbell set a record by helping defeat Cincinnati 3-2. It was his 24th consecutive win.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Nothing will ever be attempted, if all possible objections must be first overcome." — Samuel Johnson

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (May 22) and first quarter (May 29).

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PERFECT ATTENDANCE — Students having perfect attendance for 2000-2001 at Northeast Elementary were recognized at the school's annual awards day. Back row, from left are Angela Almanza, Blane Knipe, Audrey Jones, Allen Jones and Nicole Means. Second row are Josh Hoover, Jacob McFatridge, Vanessa Pena and Mayra Estrada. Front row, from left are Preston Munson, Dylan Bunch and Kaden Billingsley. (SDN Staff Photo)

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Young girls look up to Spears as a role model

NEW YORK (AP) — Lots of little girls look up to Britney Spears, but the teen pop diva says she doesn't want to be considered a role model when it comes to sex and relationships.

"I just want to live my life," she tells Us Weekly magazine in its June 4 issue.

She also doesn't want to discuss the intimate details of her romance with Justin Timberlake of 'N Sync, which has been a topic of rampant speculation.

"Have we had sex? That's something that, you know, I'd like to keep personal. I want to try to keep a personal life," she says.

"I want to wait to have sex until I'm married. I do. I want to wait." Then she pauses and adds, "But it's hard."

Spears, 19, and Timberlake, 20, have been friends since the early '90s, when both were cast members of "The Mickey Mouse Club."

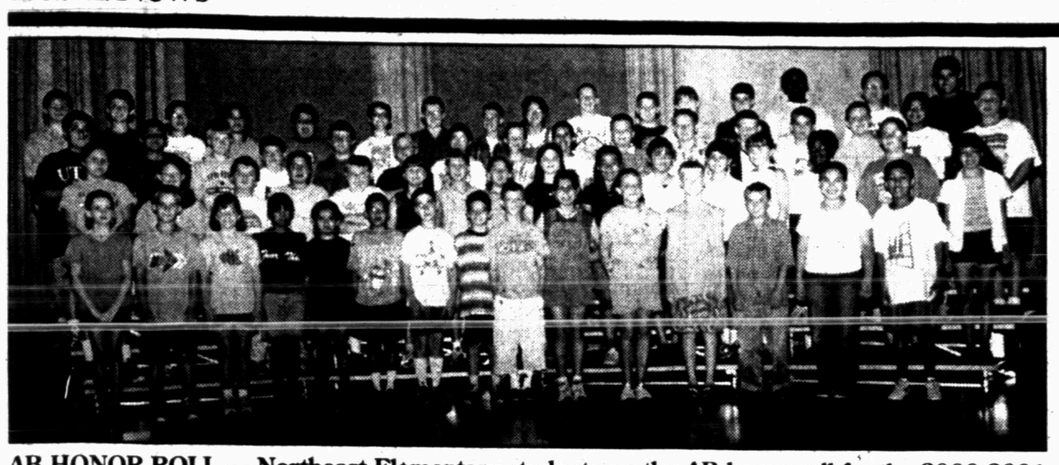
"We were, like, 12 or 13 and it was like, 'Hi, do you like me?'" Spears remembers. "It was just like puppy love."

Spears' mother, Lynne, allows her daughter to take vacations with Timberlake, as long as a bodyguard accompanies them.

"I approve of Justin and his whole family," Lynne Spears tells the magazine. "I've known him all his life — at least the important years. I love him."

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The census of 1880 recorded 1,206,299 residents of New York City, making it the first city in the United States to have a population of a million or more.



AB HONOR ROLL — Northeast Elementary students on the AB honor roll for the 2000-2001 school year were recognized at the school's recent awards day. Back row, from left, are Tyler McCormack, Joshua Morrell, Laura Gutierrez, Ashley Maldonado, William Ornelas, Morgan Moffett, Allen Jones, Wes Richardson, Samantha Daves, Cody Burney, Daniel Burk, Kelly Holdren, Joseph Hefner, Chassie McDonald, Zane Green and Joe Garza. Third row, from left, are Lanxton Cole, Paul Garcia, James Hendricks, Layton Westmoreland, Zackary Key, Chris Richards, Ashlei Lopez, Erin Hogan, Alex Urias, Levi Mayfield, Tanner Butler, Travis Hatfield, Luke Robertson, Heath Maynard, Christina Villa and Chad Franks. Second row, from left, are Tonya Breedlove, Kelby Seale, James Martin, Vallie Foreman, Preston Munson, Christina Willson, Dustin Murdock, Kayla Pittman, Kristina Chandler, Mayra Estrada, Angie Amarillas, Laura Landa, BranDee Harbin, Christian Tippens, Destiny Rylant, Ashley Casas. Front row, from left, are Aaren Walker, Kaden Billingsley, Stacey Elam, Vanessa Gomez, Adriana Herrera, Mark Aguilar, Dylan Bunch, Derek Compton, Adam Calvert, Jodi Guerrero, Jordan Derryberry, Loren Toombs, Stephen Davidson, Raquel Ruiz and Josh Ornelas. Not pictured are Kirstie Davis and Jessica Verduzco. (SDN Staff Photo)



STUDENTS RECOGNIZED — Northeast Elementary students on the A honor roll for 2000-2001 were recognized recently. The students were also presented with the Presidential Education Award. Back row, from left, are Jacob Scifres, Brooks Gafford, Cecelie Slaughter, Audrey Jones, Blane Knipe, Devin Davidson, Lance Day, Nathan Wittie, Brent Bollinger, Brad Ashworth and Kimberly Harlin. Middle row, from left, are Craig Robertson, Jessica Rivera, Angela Almanza, Marci Pinkerton, Robert Anthony Martinez, Cassie Hernandez, Megan Velasquez, Allison Sharrock, Roy Rivera, Corey Jaramillo and Greg Resendiz. Second row, from left, are J.W. Wesson, Crystal Rodriguez, Ernesto Arellano, Brittany Leatherwood, Jacob McFatridge, Brittany West, Ryan Claxton, Nicole Means and Alayna Alexander. Front row, from left, are Cayelea Rhodes, Heather Garza, Tatum Norwood, Kristen Miller, Colton Brewster, Jessica DeLeon, Alison Cox, Michelle Yruegas and Antonio Medina. (SDN Staff Photo)

Some steelworkers pleased with 'Steel,' Marathon split

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Almost 20 years after U.S. Steel decided to purchase Marathon Oil, some steelworkers still think it was a bad idea.

But in the coming months, those steelworkers may get the chance to see what life is like without Marathon Oil — which has contributed $2.5 billion to USX profits in the last five years, compared to U.S. Steel's $1 billion.

That difference notwithstanding, some employees are happy at parent company USX's decision to split Marathon, which is based in Houston, and Pittsburgh's U.S. Steel Corp.

"If I had anything to say about it, we'd never buy another oil company again," said Jerry Strelick, president of United Steelworkers Local 1557, which represents hourly workers at U.S. Steel's coke plant in Clairton.

Many believe that the split will mean a brighter future for U.S. Steel, despite vast problems in the industry caused, the steel companies say, by foreign imports.

"We can definitely make it on our own," said Strelick.

Investors have been good to USX following news last month that the company planned to split its two divisions, which were already traded separately. Shares of U.S. Steel increased 23 percent in that time; Marathon Stock has risen 4 percent.

But there are still a lot of questions about what will happen to U.S. Steel without Marathon. For instance, what about all the administrative jobs in Pittsburgh? Many will be split between the two companies. The rest could be lost.

And in the long term, U.S. Steel is likely to have a weaker credit rating than it does under the USX corporate umbrella. That, in turn, could force the steel company to cut costs sooner and close poorer-performing operations faster than it may have in the past.

"The cash flows for the steel side look a lot worse than the cash flow on a combined basis," said Lloyd O'Caroll, an analyst with BB&T Capital Markets in Richmond, Va.

Shareholders are expected to vote on the proposed split in the fourth quarter.

Meanwhile, there is speculation that, standing alone, U.S. Steel may have to acquire other steel makers or become an attractive target for takeover itself, perhaps by a foreign company.

EDS buys rest of Unigraphics

PLANO (AP) — Electronic Data Systems Corp. said Wednesday it will spend $1.12 billion to buy Structural Dynamics Research Corp. and combine it with Unigraphics Solutions, another company that also makes software for computer-aided design.

Computer-services company EDS said it would pay $950 million in cash, or $25 per share for SDRC — a premium of nearly 40 percent over the Milford, Ohio-based company's Tuesday closing price.

Plano-based EDS said it would also spend $170 million, or $27 per share, to buy the 14 percent it doesn't already own of Unigraphics, and take that company private.

EDS chief financial officer James E. Daley said the deals would cut "maybe a couple cents" from the company's fourth-quarter earnings per share and "something less than a nickel" from next year's earnings under current accounting rules. He said under pending new rules, they would be neutral to fourth-quarter earnings and improve next year's numbers.

EDS said it would take a "modest" charge to cover acquisition-related costs.

SDRC and Unigraphics provide software for use in computerized product planning, design, manufacturing and distribution. Aerospace and automotive companies are big clients.

EDS chairman and chief executive Richard Brown said the deals were still "exceptional" by vaulting EDS into a strong position in computer-aided design. He said as a combined company, Unigraphics and SDRC would post profit margins of about 17 percent, much higher than EDS' 10 percent margins.

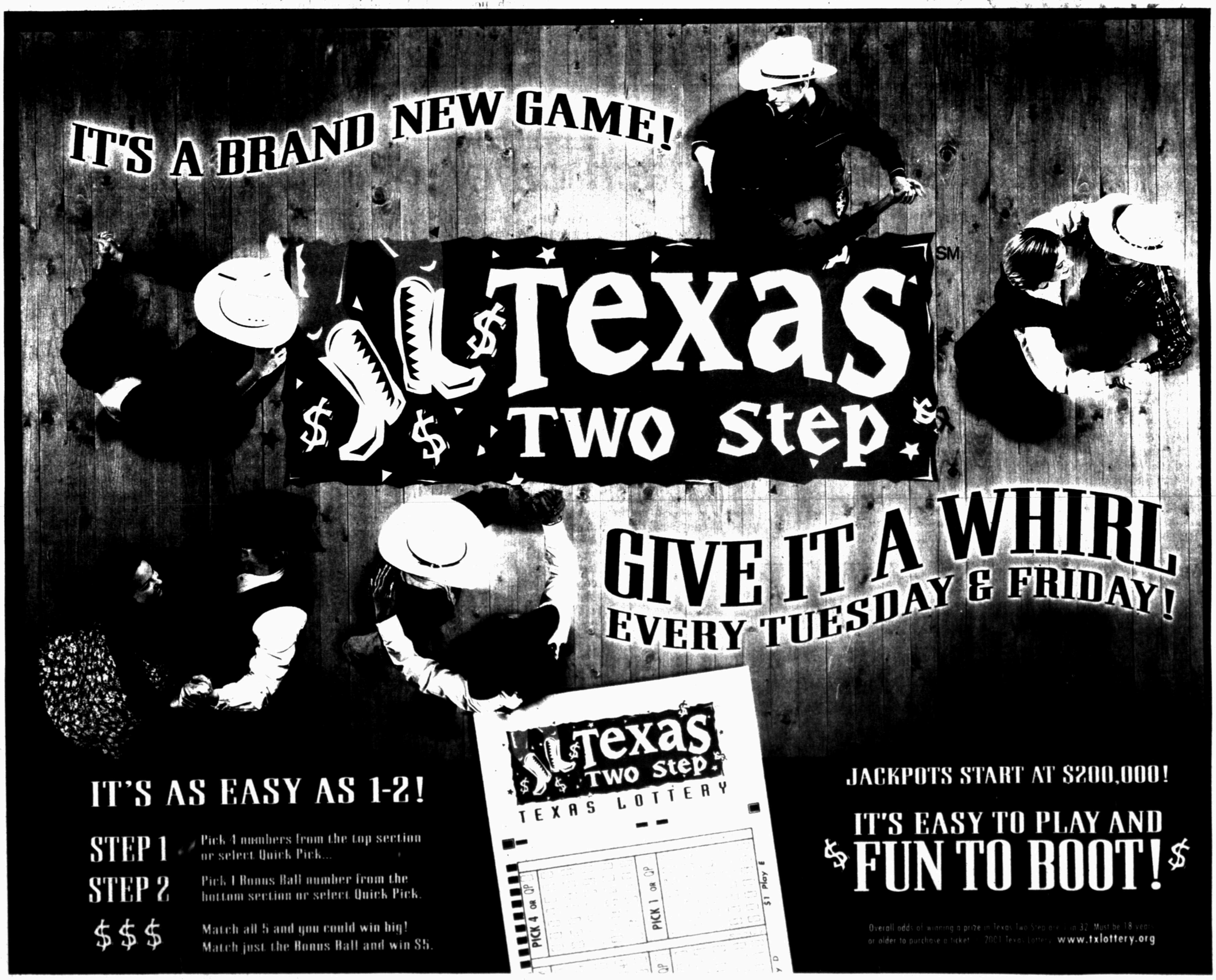
In recent months, EDS has agreed to buy German software consultant Systematics AG and to spent $670 million travel-reservation firm Sabre's outsourcing business.

Brown laughed when reporters asked him Tuesday whether other deals were imminent. "I wouldn't say you have to be standing by the phone, but we've got the capacity to move, and as we see the need to do it, we'll do it," he said.

"We've worked very hard to get our balance sheet and income statement where it is, and we're not going to throw that away, I can assure you," Brown added then.

EDS said it paid a premium of about 45 percent over SDRC's average price over the past 30 days.

Brown said the value of the acquisition was that SDRC will add 7,000 clients.



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Think Tank

By Karl Zinsmeister

Is the crime shifting again?

Only occasionally do we observe true sea changes in culture and politics. When it comes to the topic of crime and punishment, however, there was a genuinely tidal reversal in American society during the 1980s and 1990s.

Think back just 20 years: In New York City, all the highway walls and subway cars were plastered with gang graffiti, aggressive panhandlers were legion, streets and trains were dangerous, and many people actually had the radios removed from their cars so that thieves wouldn't break in to steal them. (Owners would wave little white surrender flags in the form of signs reading "No Radio" placed in the side windows of their vehicles for the convenience of the thieves then running the streets.)

In that same era, Los Angeles County was suffering nearly 900 murders per year. Miami was experiencing the highest crime levels ever recorded since the feds starting gathering statistics. And in Detroit, Philadelphia, Washington, Atlanta, Boston, and many other cities, out-of-control crime was driving middle-class people to the exurban fringes and destroying center-city economies.

At that point, the American public reacted. Enough is enough, said voters. Up went police budgets (a tripling), new prison walls (a quadrupling of capacity), and support for capital punishment and trying violent juveniles in regular courts (doubling). Down went the soft-on-crime attitudes and practices that had taken root during the national nervous breakdown we call the 1960s. In came stern, reform-minded new mayors such as Rudy Giuliani in New York City and Richard Riordan in Los Angeles.

But over the last year or so, we may have passed another threshold. Renewed activist hammering against capital punishment has recently edged public opinion in a softer direction on this and other crime questions. A couple of ugly scandals, plus endless drum-beating about police brutality, seem to have undermined citizen support for cops. It has also made cops less willing to take personal risks to make streets safer.

The effects of all these changes may already be showing up in statistics. After tumbling for most of a decade, crime actually edged up in the last year in places like Los Angeles (where the police have been eviscerated after a corruption scandal) and New York (where movie stars and rabblerousers spent much of 2000 picketing police stations under the instigation of Al Sharpton). Violent crime was up more than 7 percent in Los Angeles, with homicides jumping 28 percent. The kinder and gentler NYPD, meanwhile, has yielded double-digit increases in homicide rates over recent quarters (after five years when murders were reduced by more than two-thirds).

Now many of the tough, steely public administrators who engineered our recent crime rollback — like Mayors Giuliani and Riordan — are leaving office. And in both New York and Los Angeles, as well as in other places, it looks as though the replacements will be liberal throwbacks. Having new captains at the helm will affect crime-fighting. If the pressure from City Hall to eradicate lawlessness eases up (or very possibly even reverses, on "progressive" or "civil rights" grounds), control of our urban streets could revert to the bad guys surprisingly quickly.

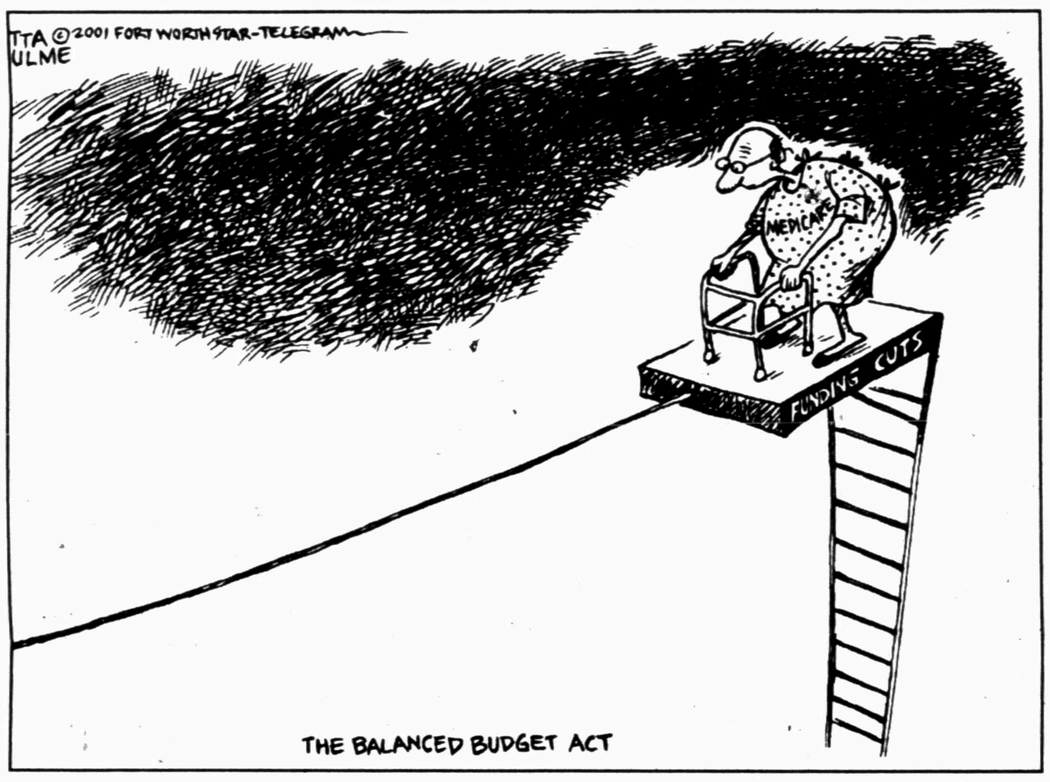
Could we again begin to see "No Radio" signs, in-your-face panhandling, and gunshots on street corners in American neighborhoods? Indeed we could.

Given our big new investments in prisons, police and the like, it will take real effort to throw away the law-and-order progress won over the last two decades. But the consensus against crime that got us on today's downward path may be eroding. Should we lose our hard-won sense of realism and let the fight against crime be undercut by ideologues and activists, we could slip back to the bad old days much faster than many people realize.

This week's guest columnist, Karl Zinsmeister, is the editor-in-chief of The American Enterprise, whose June issue is devoted to current crime trends (http://www.TAEmag.com).

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North of Forty

By Red Green

Being short with each other

Throughout history, short people have built a reputation for being extremely touchy. There's something about being the shortest person in the room that brings out the Chihuahua in people. Almost every diminutive person, from Napoleon to Toulouse Lautrec to my sixth grade teacher, has had a real problem being the last one to find out it's raining. I'm forced to conclude that being short can make you angry, and that worries me. Because, as we all get older, we will also all get shorter. And I'm talking about baby boomers, which means there are a whole lot of us. Are we looking at a future in which the majority of the population is a bunch of sawed-off crabby old guys running around biting people on the knee? Not me. I'm going to be ready for it. That's why I sit when everyone else is standing. I'm practicing being short so I'm ready when the day comes. If that sounds sensible to you, would you please explain it to my wife?

MEN'S WEAR?

I think I've spotted a flaw in the design of men's clothing. Men's clothes are tight in all the wrong places — around the waist, across the chest, in the seat. When I try on a pair of pants that are generous and roomy in the calf and knee area, and then can't do up the waistband, that sends a message that there's something unusual about my body shape. Well from what I've seen in the golf club locker room, my body shape is pretty darn normal. The designers are the oddballs here. They're making clothes for men my age who have narrow waists and small seats. These men are rare to the point of being freakish. I say it's time to design clothes that are tailored to the marketplace. Maybe a one-piece suit that hangs from the shoulders and is belted loosely just above each knee. Some easy flowing material that's not too revealing, with vertical stripes and a stretchy panel for buffet night.

DEJA VOX

One of the best ways to avoid aging is to stop yourself from doing things that old people do. Like repeating yourself. It is very annoying to others when you repeat something you've already told them. It is very annoying to others when you repeat something you've already told them. The trouble is you're not always aware that you're doing it. So here are a few signs to watch for that indicate these people have heard all of this before:

— They scan the room for an exit.

— They down their drink and go for another.

— They're mouthing the words along with you.

— They have a fake heart attack.

— They have a real heart attack.

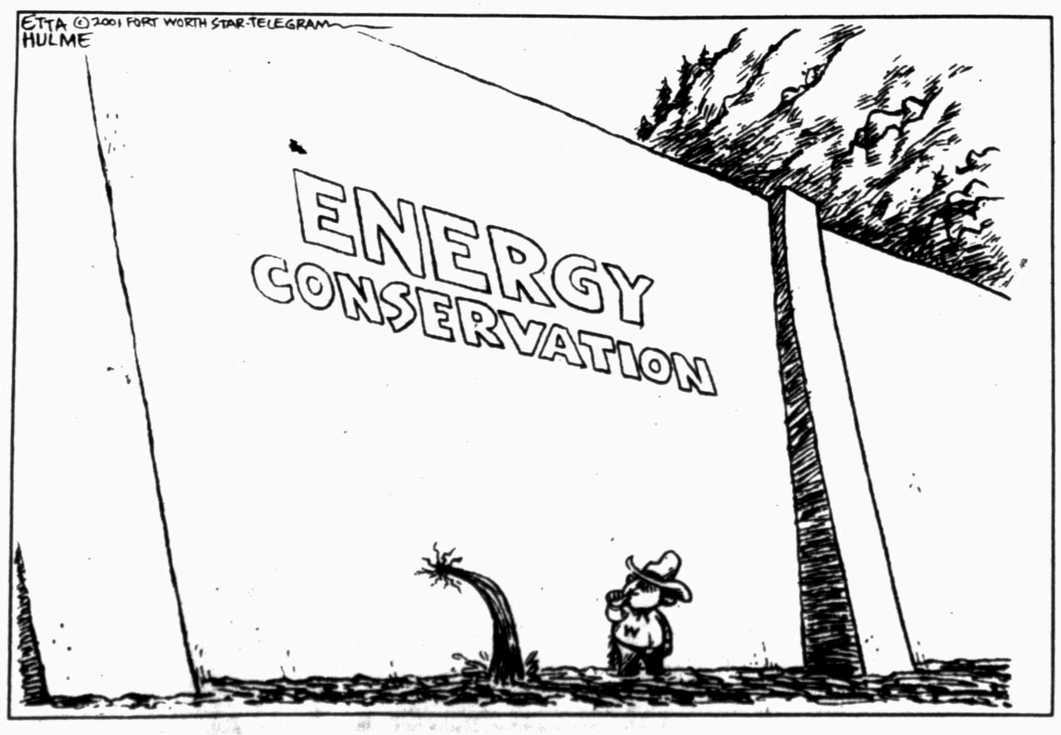
BIG BOX STORES

We've seen a lot of these big box stores spring up over the last few years. Everybody has their theories as to why this happened, but I think it's all based on credit cards. When we were a cash society, you'd come into the corner store with twenty bucks, spend it, leave, then come back later in the week when you had another twenty bucks. These days you come in with no cash at all. Instead, you have a credit card with a $5,000 limit. This makes you a much better prospect for the retailer. He's going to fill his big box with everything you ever wanted and then some, and by the time you're outta there, your credit card is going to have to lie down for a while. Which means you won't be able to shop anywhere else. And they call it competition.

Quote of the Day: "At my age I can still enjoy myself, but I find the fun doesn't take as long as the recovery." — **Red Green**

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Austin American-Statesman

Longhorn pipeline

Central Texans may not need as much schooling on at least one aspect of national energy policy as other parts of the state and nation. We have been living in the middle of conflicts arising from demand for energy and the mode of transporting it.

Ever since Longhorn Partners Pipeline announced plans to move gasoline from Houston refinero El Paso via a 51-year-old pipeline, Central Texans pointedly and loudly protested. The City of Austin ultimately was joined by other entities in a lawsuit to thwart Longhorn's plan.

The company said people in El Paso were being overcharged for gasoline moved through a pipeline originating in California. The resistance led to tension between El Paso city officials and their Austin counterparts.

El Paso wanted cheaper gas. Central Texans were worried about how it was going to get there, an almost instructive microcosm of national energy issues.

The pipeline was built to move crude, and the company talked up their plans to modernize the pipe and upgrade the monitoring of it. Among those joining the suit was the Lower Colorado River Authority. Officials of the river authority cited concerns about the threat the pipeline posed to area water supplies.

Last week, the company put enough mitigation measures in writing to appease the concerns of Joe Beal, general manager of the Lower Colorado River Authority, who announced that his agency was withdrawing from the litigation.

Included in the agreement between Longhorn and the LCRA, is replacement of six miles of pipeline near the Pedernales River and added check valves near the Colorado, Pedernales, Llano and San Saba rivers to limit the amount of gas that could spill in a leak. Longhorn also agreed to create ways to limit the amount of benzene that could go into the water supply if a leak occurred.

The Dallas Morning News

Exhausted doctors

Some consider it a rite of passage the medical resident working in a hospital around the clock for days on end. It may improve stamina, but it certainly can't be good for the health of residents or hospital patients. Now medical students, with the support of Public Citizen and others, are petitioning the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to place some limits on their work hours.

The toll is high on residents. Studies have shown that medical residents experience more auto accidents and depression and that pregnant residents have more obstetric complications. Overly long hours are counterproductive to learning and to working effectively.

Patients especially need to be concerned. The National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine reports that anywhere from 44,000 to 98,000 deaths occur at U.S. hospitals each year because of medical errors. That means medical error outranks traffic accidents or breast cancer or AIDS as a cause of death in the U.S. Although some contend the error estimate is too high, no doubt more mistakes are made when hospital workers are tired.

The Graduate Medical Education Accreditation Council, which provides accreditation to medical education programs, has only broad guidelines about duty hours not being "excessive." Clearly, more specific guidance is needed.

Waco Tribune-Herald

Texas cookie-jar blues

This year Texas lawmakers have spent as much time looking under sofa cushions and fingering pay-phone coin returns as they have examining key issues.

That's because they don't hve the coins to pay for what Texas needs without tax hikes or bonded debt. And they aren't ready to assume either option.

Consider highways. Texas has only a third of the revenue it needs for current construction demands. The best proposal was for a nickel-a-gallon gasoline tax increase. It not only would have raised crucial immediate highway funds, but also would have provided a major revenue boost to education. That's another area for which lawmakers are searching for coins under the bleachers and around the Tilt-A-Whirl.

Lawmakers appear ready to rob the Permanent School Fund to help pay for teacher health insurance. That insurance is a must. But taking from the school fund to pay for it is a net loss for schools.

On the issue of highways the Texas House voted Wednesday to create the Texas Mobility Fund, which would help finance highway bonds and get the state out of a pay-as-you-go rut. The problem: It is a fund without funds. Lawmakers must return next session and authorize dedicated dollars to pay off any bonds. So nothing concrete no asphalt, either for at least two years.

Nursing homes are another need. Lawmakers are on hands and knees surveying laundromat lint collectors right now to pay for it. A misguided bill would have socked some nursing home residents with a $5.25 per-day fee to raise dollars to match and harvest federal Medicaid funds.

Gov. Rick Perry's threatened veto is right, but done for the wrong reasons. To him the proposal is a tax hike, and he'll have none of those. The real reason to kill the bill is the uneven distribution of the solution. The alternative now advancing is the right way to do it, to pay from the general fund and spread the burden evenly. The problem is that no one knows where to find the money. The $175 million to help nursing homes will come from somewhere unspecified, likely from something just as pressing.

Wichita Falls Times Record News

Undertrained IRS staff

The tax man got a report card of sorts last week, and he flunked.

Auditors working for the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration visited IRS walk-in sites, where taxpayers go for help in preparing their returns, during two weeks in February just to see what kind of help the taxpayers were receiving. The IRS conducted its own internal survey, as well, this year.

And both agencies found Jane Q. Public was getting little or no help at all.

In reports issued last week, the subject of a story by Fowler W. Martin appearing in Monday's Wall Street Journal, the Inspector General and the IRS said that the surveys of many of the IRS' 500 walk-in sites showed:

— The centers were understaffed and the staff members were not trained adequately to provide the help sought;

— Only 50 percent of the tax-related questions asked by taxpayers were answered correctly;

— Sometimes taxpayers were made to wait hours for help; other times they were forced to return later;

— When taxpayers were notified that they owed taxes, penalties or interest or about errors on their returns, many of them were sent notices that were incorrect.

These are the kinds of problems that resulted in congressional hearings just a few years ago, hearings during which the IRS promised to change the way it goes business.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Wife's joking put-downs are no laughing matter to husband

DEAR ABBY: I have been married 21 years. I have a 17-year-old daughter and a 14-year-old son. For the past year, my family life has been a living hell.

My wife and daughter refer to me — and all men — as "stupid." At first, I took it as a joke, but it has escalated to the point where I can't open my mouth without hearing, "You men are so stupid!" If I ask what's for dinner, it's, "Don't be so stupid. Look for yourself." If I ask the time, it's, "Men are so stupid. You don't even know how to tell time!"

My wife and daughter enjoy their "jokes" and even do "high-fives" to congratulate themselves on their cleverness. I have asked them to stop, but they say I am "too sensitive." I started keeping a diary of their remarks. I was told I was stupid 35 times in four weeks!

I love my wife, but I can't stay in this marriage if they continue to insult me. It is poisoning my relationship with my children. Before this, my daughter was a good kid. She is now a little monster with my wife's blessing. When I try to discuss this with my son, he shrugs it off. I fear what this is doing to him.

I suggested that we get counseling. My wife said no and told my daughter, who then accused me of being the "oppressor."

Abby, what should I do? — **STUCK, BUT NOT STUPID**

DEAR STUCK: Your wife's behavior is angry and hostile. Her treatment of you is disrespectful and not funny. Worse, she's modeling that behavior for her daughter and undermining your relationship with your son.

Since your wife refuses to go with you to counseling, you must go alone. I guarantee that when you do, you'll gain enough insight to possibly face a difficult decision.

Please let me hear from you in six months. I care.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a great-grandmother with a unique hobby. A large number of four-leaf clovers grow in my yard. I pick them and give them to people who are sick, or mail them to friends just to let them know I care.

I picked 14 of them and mailed them in a card to my favorite author, Stephen King, when he was injured. Most people seem to enjoy them, and I hope he did.

My friend says that people will think I'm strange or superstitious, but I think most of us like to know someone cares and is thinking of us.

I have never had anyone refuse a bouquet of four-leaf clovers, but maybe they are just being kind. Do you think I should stop sending them? — **CURIOUS IN ELWOOD, IND.**

DEAR CURIOUS: Absolutely not. I'm sure that any person who receives a bouquet of four-leaf clovers would consider him- or herself lucky to know you.

P.S. Thank you for the ones you sent to me.

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DEAR ABBY: Please tell me how many times it is necessary to say "God bless you" after someone sneezes continuously. Must you "bless" someone every time he or she sneezes, or is it OK to stop at one?

I work in an office full of sneezers — allergy season is upon us — and I'd really like to know. — **GETTING PESKY OVER POLLEN**

DEAR GETTING PESKY: After the first sneeze, proclaim a blanket "God bless you." Once is enough.

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DEAR ABBY: I will be having my second child in a few weeks. My mother is coming from her home in Malaysia to help for the first month I am back from the hospital.

I am grateful for her help, but I am also worried. She strongly believes in spanking and slapping her children and grandchildren. I was raised that way. In Asia, spanking is a common form of discipline in schools and homes. I am against it.

Last night, I was talking to my mother on the phone. My 3-year-old daughter was tired and began crying. I told Mother I would call her back after my daughter was asleep. My mother told me to slap her. I was horrified.

I told her I do not spank or slap my child. My husband and I believe in "time-outs." My mother doesn't think they are effective. I told her that slapping a child could cause damage to the eardrum and deafness. I even told her that when she spanked me as a child, I hated her for weeks. It made me a more rebellious kid. Naturally, she disagreed. She said she had spanked my nephew with a cane a few days earlier.

Abby, what do you suggest I do to "knock" some sense into my mother's head? I don't want her to spank my 3-year-old when she cries. — **DESPERATE MOTHER IN TEXAS**

DEAR MOTHER: A good talking-to is a far more effective way to discipline children than hitting them. Corporal punishment not only destroys a child's self-esteem and trust, but it also enforces the idea that "might makes right."

Hitting a child when he or she misbehaves means that the adult has "reacted" instead of using the situation as an opportunity to teach more appropriate behavior. Children learn best in an atmosphere of cooperation, through teaching, discussion and observing adults who display responsible, loving, self-disciplined behavior.

When your mother arrives, you and your husband must make it clear that you will not tolerate hitting or slapping. Explain that you want your daughter to love her grandmother, not fear her and dread her arrival. If the child should misbehave, make it clear that you or your husband will handle the discipline — and then show her how you do it.

Contrary to popular belief, you CAN teach an old dog new tricks. Perhaps your mother will learn from your example. If she doesn't, she must not be left alone with her granddaughter.

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DEAR ABBY: Your recent letters about people during World War II who betrayed themselves by customs and mannerisms reminded me of a joke that made the rounds during that time: If military guards were on duty and a stranger approached, the guards would ask him to prove he was an American by singing the SECOND verse of "The Star-Spangled Banner." If the stranger knew the words, the guards knew he was a spy. — **KATHRYN WEEKLY, LAKELAND, FLA.**

DEAR KATHRYN: Funny! Even if someone knows the lyrics of the first verse, the melody is so difficult to sing that few true-blue Americans have mastered it.

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DEAR ABBY: As a baby boomer "coming of age," my hair has gone from brown to 60 percent gray. When filling out forms and documents that ask for color of hair (like driver's licenses), what should I write? — **PRE-SENIOR MAN IN ARIZONA**

DEAR PRE-SENIOR: Since you're more than 50 percent gray, I'd say it's time to grin and declare it.

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Corpus Christi could lose its status as clean air city

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Bragging rights as the largest and last industrial city in the nation to meet federal ozone standards could blow away with the next southerly breeze from Houston, pollution watchdogs say.

It's not just the wind from Houston that's posing a health threat here. City population has grown some 9 percent in the last decade and tourists with their cars, boats, and jet skis are taking a toll. There also are the flares and emissions from the city's petrochemical businesses and the pollution that comes with having the nation's fifth largest port.

"It wouldn't take a whole lot to pop us into non-attainment," said Gretchen Arnold, director of the Pollution Prevention Partnership, a nonprofit program administered through Texas A&M University's Corpus Christi campus.

Non-attainment is the Environmental Protection Agency's term for a place that is in violation of federal air standards.

In recent years, state officials have touted Corpus Christi's clean air status to the EPA, saying the city is a model city of private sector and community efforts to keep ozone down.

Ozone, the primary component of smog, forms when sunlight and high temperatures react with gases produced by industry and cars.

High ozone levels can cause respiratory problems among sensitive groups such as the elderly and children. Falling out of compliance with federal clean air standards also means lost federal highway dollars.

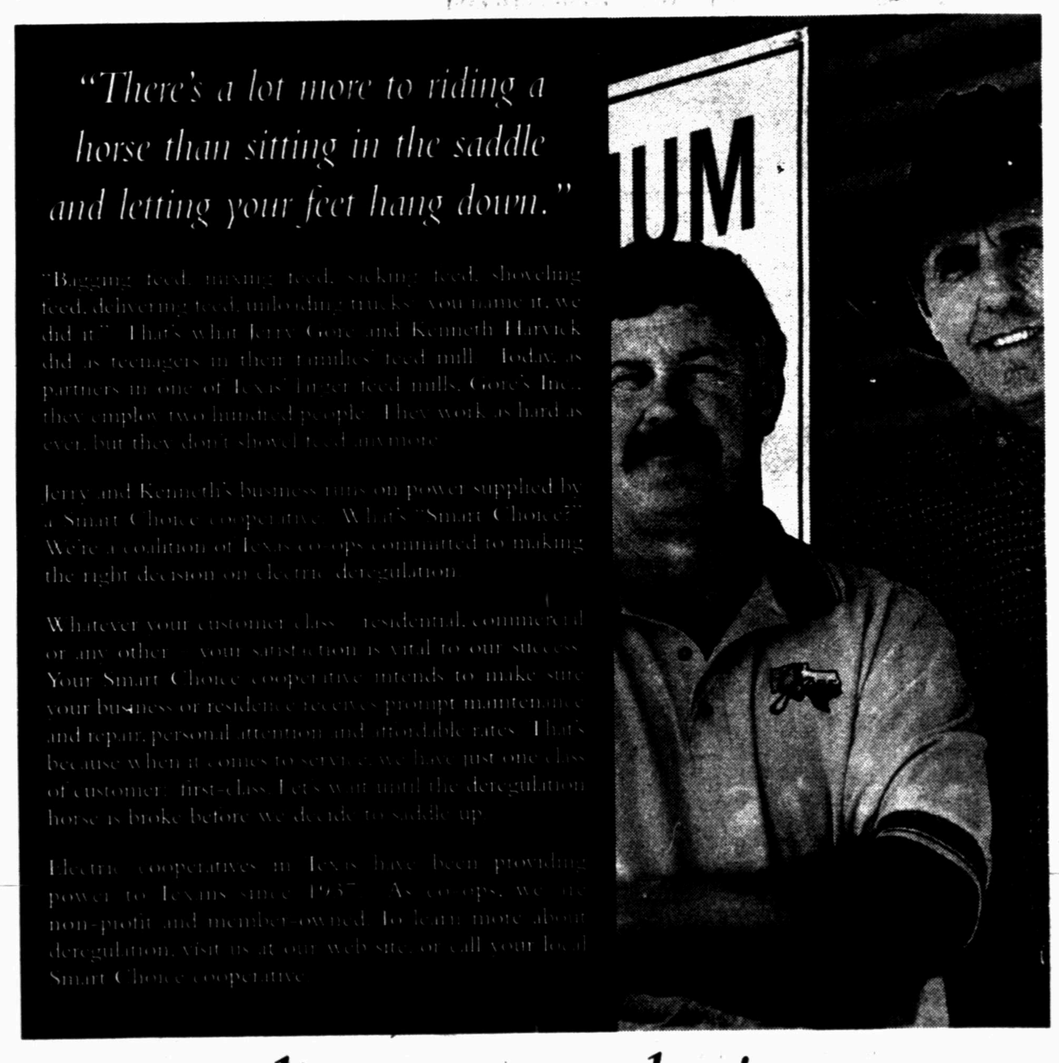
The EPA sets standards on maximum ozone levels — currently 85 parts per billion. The three-year average for 1998, 1999 and 2000 in Nueces County was 83 parts per billion.

It means the community will have to work harder, Arnold said Friday.

"Because the community takes so much pride in the fact that they are in attainment, the small businesses and community members are continually on a voluntary basis making the investment to do lots and lots of measures," she said. "They're actually putting money on the table to do business cleaner."

Houston replaced Los Angeles last year as the city reporting the most days in violation of federal smog standards, a notoriety that became campaign fodder during President George W. Bush's election campaign. And after returning the ozone title earlier this year to Los Angeles, Houston this month reclaimed it again.

"That means whatever can be done to air quality in Houston will also help Corpus Christi," said Bill Hennings, a former city manager who is chairman of the local air quality committee.



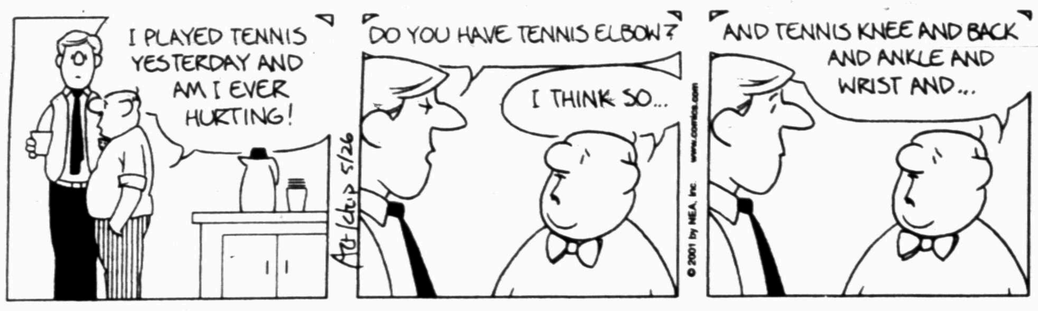


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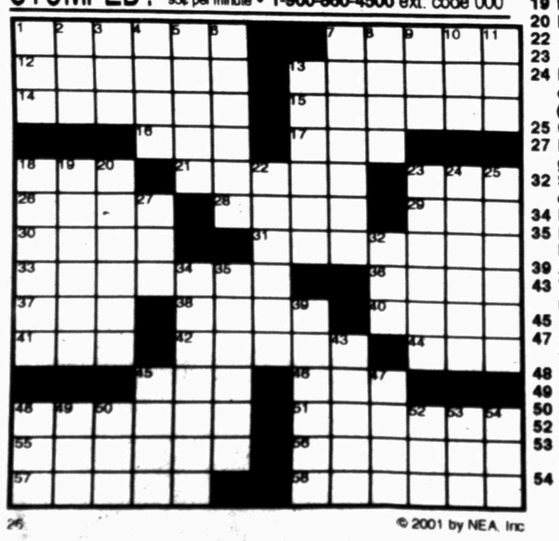
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By Peter Gott, M.D.



Couch-potato kids risk health consequences

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why, in today's health-conscious and diet-oriented society, are children fatter than ever? Is there something about these "couch potato" kids, who pass their time watching TV, playing computer games and existing on junk food?

DEAR READER: Yep, there is.

People — children included — who are sedentary, yet continue to consume calorie-rich foods, will usually gain weight. Therefore, as a general rule, inactive kids who eat junk food tend to be fat. Also, they are setting themselves up to be fat adults unless they change either their activity levels, their diets or (preferably) both. Exercise and a prudent diet are as important for youngsters as they are for grown-ups.

Public health authorities continue to warn us that as a population, we are becoming a nation of fatties, a trend that is bound to cause health repercussions in the future. This issue is not one of cosmetics — how overweight people look and feel about themselves — rather, it is a potentially serious health problem because overweight adults and children are at increased risk of diabetes, hypertension and cardiovascular disease. Consequently, many health professionals urge us all to address this issue by being role-models for our children and insisting that the youngsters learn moderation at an early age. Couch-potato children need to be firmly reminded to exercise and put on the brakes with respect to diet.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have been diagnosed with cytomegalovirus infection. What is this? What does it do to the body?

DEAR READER: Cytomegalovirus, or CMV, is an infectious agent that is classed with herpes viruses. It is ubiquitous. In newborn infants, it can cause stillbirth or serious hemorrhage, anemia, liver inflammation and brain damage.

On the other hand, in adults and adolescents, it is similar to mononucleosis: sore throat, fatigue, swollen glands, hepatitis, an enlarged spleen and rash. Massive CMV infection is sometimes fatal for patients with immune deficiencies, such as AIDS. In otherwise healthy people, however, the infection is often "silent," producing symptoms no more serious than those of the flu or common cold. Most persons recover uneventfully, although long-lasting, low-grade infections appear to contribute to chronic fatigue in some individuals. Antibiotics are of absolutely no value in treating CMV infections; supportive care and symptomatic therapy (fluids and rest) are usually sufficient.

Because CMV is so common, many healthy people have positive blood tests for the virus, indicating past infection, even though they are not ill. Therefore, in a patient with chronic symptoms, doctors often have difficulty determining whether the ailment is due to CMV or some other infectious agent.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Does garlic thin the blood?

DEAR READER: As I have written before, anticoagulation does not thin the blood. Rather, various agents — such as heparin, Coumadin, aspirin and others — decrease the stickiness of the blood, making blood clots less likely. I assume that this is the basis of your question.

Some reports have indicated that garlic may exert a mild anticoagulant effect. However, this reaction is too mild to be of clinical significance. In my view, garlic is a delicious addition to food, but does not possess any magical health properties. Thus, I encourage you to eat it for pleasure, not for medical benefits.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: How have doctors adapted to the booming economy of the 1990s?

DEAR READER: Please allow me the luxury of responding to your question in a controversial — but, I believe, accurate - manner.

In many respects, the 1990s were likened to the 1920s: another decade of astonishingly conspicuous prosperity, with the "Me Generation" equally as self-centered as the "Last Generation." The new heroes were the dot.com millionaires — every bit as superficial and materialistic as any F. Scott Fitzgerald character.

I was surprised to learn the extent to which this yearning for opulence affected the automobile industry. Many auto company executives believed that any car costing less than $40,000 was merely "near luxury." True luxury vehicles cost around $100,000; real luxury autos were targeted to cost above $200,000; exotic sports cars commanded prices of $300,000 and up. The 1990s discriminating buyer purchased far more than a reliable means of traveling from point A to point B.

Fancy cars mean wealth, which translates into power and prestige. To a degree, we may be defined by what we drive.

Of course, all this lavish consumption — which appears to have spread into 2001 — reflects a nation's value system, in which power and influence are paramount, and making people do what you want is an obsession. We are still titillated by and attracted to the comings and goings of the rich and famous; all the more so because of leveraged buyouts, wheeling and dealing on a vast scale, and state lotteries. Each of us is just this far from hitting it big. For those individuals who choose other methods, such as crime and drug trafficking, the American dream is a reality: He who dies with the most toys wins.

Not since the 1920s has the public been caught up in such a money-making mania: the belief that we could make more with less. The avowed goal of many young people continues to be wealth, not simply to be comfortably well off, despite the current recession.

Unfortunately, doctors are not immune to this profanity. Like an infectious disease, it is catching.

We hear a lot these days about physicians' general perception that medical practice is no longer "fun." Part of the reason, I suspect, is that generating income has become more important than generating health. The physicians I know who are happy with their profession — and, it seems, there are fewer and fewer of them — take delight in the challenges of medicine and in doing good. To them, the real rewards are not material.

Society, on the other hand, seems increasingly intent upon corrupting and sabotaging this principle. Patients are more demanding and disgruntled. Regulations are more arbitrary and intrusive. Clinical judgment is falling on hard time, weakened by threats of litigation and fear of professional ruination.

I believe that a medical renaissance is in order. However, such a rebirth is possible only if society is willing to re-affirm the intangible assets that drew men and women to the healing profession in the first place.

But my view is probably hopelessly outdated; decency and compassion are out of fashion; the concept of service is passe. The kind and caring family doctor has become an anachronism, superseded by the modern pragmatist whose success is measured by greenbacks rather than gratitude.

If you were alarmed about the changes you see in doctors' attitudes, join the club. Today's practitioners are members in good standing of the self-centered generation. After all, no one ever said that physicians weren't adaptable. Maybe that's the problem.

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

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Actor's slain wife buried at stars' cemetery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Robert Blake, haggard and somber, spoke fondly of his slain wife during a brief funeral that drew more reporters than mourners and none of Bonny Lee Bakley's family.

Blake attended the service with the couple's daughter, Rose Lenore Sophie Blake, who turns 1 on June 2. He was flanked by his adult son and daughter from another marriage.

During the service, Blake stood graveside and said: "It's because of Bonny that Rosie was born. It was her will, her conviction, not mine, her dedication that brought Rosie into this world, and for that I thank God and I thank Bonny.

"I stand here before God and I make this pledge that as long as he gives me breath I will do everything I can to make our daughter Rosie's life the best I can."

While the service took place, Fox News interviewed Margery Bakley in New York, who alleged that Blake killed her sister. She said she did not attend the funeral because she didn't want to associate with Blake. She also criticized him for betraying the wishes of her family, which wanted Bakley cremated.

"There's no love at that funeral," she said.

The service took place three weeks after Bakley, 44, was found shot to death in Blake's car outside a Studio City restaurant.

Blake's comment about Bakley's decision to have the baby apparently referred to tape recordings released since her death showing that Blake tried to persuade her to have an abortion.

He also thanked Bakley's family for allowing him to bury his late wife at Forest Lawn Memorial Park so the girl could visit her mother's grave.

Blake arrived quietly, slipping past the horde of reporters and photographers gathered outside the cemetery gate.

The cemetery is the final resting place for many of Hollywood's most famous movie stars. A pool media camera videotaped the service and provided footage to television networks and affiliates.

Bakely married Blake after DNA tests showed she had given birth to his child.

Police have made no arrests and have sealed all documents in the case. Although police have not ruled Blake out as a suspect, his lawyer has contended many people may have had a motive to kill Bakley.

Blake's attorney, Harland Braun, has portrayed Bakley as a celebrity-obsessed swindler who preyed on lonely men for money. But he said Blake wanted a dignified funeral for her.

Bakley had claimed to have had relationships with several celebrities and told friends that socializing with the famous made her feel she was better than others.

The 67-year-old actor's lawyers canceled a secret memorial ceremony last week after the location was disclosed and members of the media swarmed the funeral home. Her family, which had planned to bury her remains in New Jersey, abandoned that idea, fearing a similar media crowd.

Convicted sex offender overdoses

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — One of 14 convicted sex offenders ordered to post "Danger! Registered Sex Offender Lives Here" signs in their front yards was rushed to the hospital after taking too many muscle relaxants.

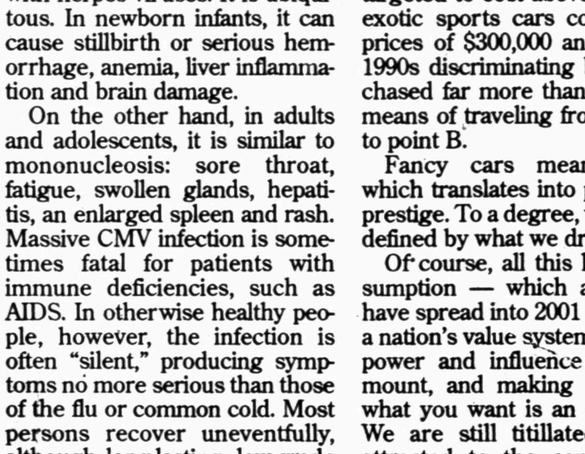
A family member told police she went to visit Nestor Gutierrez, 57, Tuesday and found him groggy and dazed. Gutierrez told her he had taken five or six over-the-counter muscle relaxants.

Since state District Judge J. Manuel Banales' May 19 order to post the signs and apply "Danger! Registered Sex Offender in Vehicle" bumper stickers, Gutierrez had quit his job and been told he could no longer stay at his apartment complex.

Gutierrez was treated and released and reportedly sent elsewhere for psychological evaluation.

A group of defense attorneys is challenging Banales' order.

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Ashley, Eleanor
Barrera, Sami Dee
Bragg, Tanner
Calley, Brodie
Castillo, Autumn
Chaidez, Alicia
Clifton, Stacey
Cooley, Meghan
Crenwelge, Jake
Curry, Colton
Downing, Meagan
Dupree, Rachael
Esparza, Javiel
Garcia, Natasha
Guardado, Michael
Guerrero, Gina
Guzman, Valeri
Hernandez, Alex
Hicks, Shane
Juarez, Humberto
Kerr, Jonathan
Luna, Raven
May, Aryn
McGlouthin, Tosha
Moreland, Kylie
Ortega, Laura
Parmer, Sarah
Rios, Alexandra
Rios, Matt
Sanchez, Brailee
Strickland, Jake
Thompson, Megan
Urias, Lindsey
Wesson, Tayla
West, Jessica
Williams, Jathan
Zajicek, Nick
A-B Honor
Almanza, Dilland
Bass, Quintin
Bloom, Remington
Brewster, Kayli
Browning, Amanda
Buchanan, John
Burton, Ty
Cabrera, Bianca
Chaidez, Brittni
Cole, Brent
DeLoera, Devyn
Escobedo, Daniel
Eveland, Jacie
Fuentes, Chris
Fulford, Kelsi
Gafford, Kenyon
Garcia, Ricky
Garza, Shelby
Guerrero, Kristi
Guerrero, Krystal
Gutierrez, Amber
Hale, Garrett
Hamilton, Jodi
Hamlin, Bryan
Holley, Tye
Jaramillo, L.A.
Johnson, Jacob
Kelley, Stephen
Kemp, Jacob
Lara, Kyra
Manley, Nathan
Martinez, Krystal
Mitchell, Coleton
Naizer, Seth
Newton, Heather
Ornelas, Janie
Ornelas, Josie
Redman, Micayla
Rodarte, Jose
Roemisch, Chelsea
Scott, Brance
Short, Kanaan
Sosa, David
Stribling, Annie
Strong, Michael
Swigert, Allison
Tarter, Johnathan
Torres, Eva
Tyrrell, Taylor
Vasquez, Sammy
Velasquez, Matthew
Wall, Clint
Williams, T.J.

Fourth Grade
A Honor Roll
Alexander, Ryanna
Allred, Brian
Arellano, Yoci
Bilano, Kira
Blackard, Larissa
Blilderback, Jessica
Castillo, Chelsea
Cave, Jared
Davis, Riley
DeLeon, Jaclyn
Fogleman, Amy
Foreman, Sierra
Gibbs, Taylor
Hagins, Ashley
Hermosillo, Gina
Hirt, Clay
Jaimes, Rubi
Johnston, Leslie
Jones, Lesa
Lord, Kari
McFatridge, Clint
McGuire, Kendra
Murillo, Maria
Porter, Tyler
Renteria, Roxann
Rieser, Alix
Rivera, Brittney
Scott, Brittany
Shaw, Kailea
Sorrells, Josh
Stewart, Will
Strayhorn, David
Von Roeder, Wes
Webb, Britney
Wright, Jordan
A-B Honor Roll
Acosta, Consuelo
Adams, Tanya
Aguilar, Letecia
Albarez, Robert
Alvarado, Bianca
Benitez, Frankie
Blauvelt, Lecy
Bryant, Briana
Cabrera, Dominic
Conner, Jesse
Cox, Lindsey
Davidson, Taylor
Deavers, Jessie
Dominguez, Julian
Fletcher, Brenna
Garza, Jessica
Grice, Dayton
Grice, Richard
Guynes, Chase
Guzman, David
Harrison, Caleb
Hendricks, Brittney
Henkell, Dwight
Hernandez, Melanie
Hinson, Jessica
Kerr, Amanda
Liccardi, Kayla
Loveall, Randy
Maldonado, Erica
Manlief, Holly
Martinez, Connie
Matthies, Carson
McGaha, Chantell
Mireles, Nicole
Mitchell, Brittany
Molina, Savanah
Morin, Rebecca
Muniz, Zeke
Munoz, Yolanda
Raschke, Riley
Richardson, Bailey
Rodriguez, Erma
Rubio, Nancy
Russell, Cole
Smith, DaNorris
Sneed, Shaquita
Spradlin, Katy
Sterling, Chassidy
Stewart, Charley
Sullenger, Teryn
Talavera, Shelbie
Timora, Jessica
Varela, Michael
Vasquez, Heather
Velasco, Charles
Villagas, Megan
Warren, Zachary
West, Gage
Westlund, Kaycee
Wilson, Sean
Young, Kasey
Zalman, David
Zamora, Lauren

Fifth Grade
A Honor Roll
Alayna Alexander
Angela Almanza
Ernesto Arellano
Brent Bollinger
Kyan Claxton
Alison Cox
Devin Davidson
Lance Day
Jessica DeLeon
Jordan Derryberry
Brooks Gafford
Heather Garza
Kimberly Harlan
Travis Hatfield
Cassie Hernandez
Corey Jaramillo
Allen Jones
Audrey Jones
Brittany Leatherwood
Nicole Means
Tatum Norwood
Greg Resendiz
Cayelea Rhodes
Jessica Rivera
Roy Rivera



Craig Robertson
Jacob Scifres
Allison Sharrock
Alex Urias
J.W. Wesson
Brittany West
Nathan Wittie
Michelle Yruegas
A-B Honor Roll
Angie Amarillas
Brad Ashworth
Tonya Breedlove
Colton Brewster
Daniel Burk
Tanner Butler
Adam Calvert
Kristina Chandler
Lanxton Cole
Derek Compton
Fabian Contreras
Samantha Daves
Stephen Davidson
Stacey Elam
Chad Franks
Samantha Garcia
Joe Garza
Ryan Gonzales
Zane Green
Jodi Guerrero
Laura Gutierrez
BranDee Harbin
Joseph Hefner
James Hendricks
Adriana Herrera
Erin Hogan
Kelly Holdren
Brandon Jones
Zackary Key
Blane Knipe
Laura Landa
Ashlei Lopez
Lupe Lopez
Ashley Maldonado
James Martin
Anthony Martinez
Levi Mayfield
Heath Maynard
Tyler McCormack
Chassie McDonald
Jacob McFatridge
Antonio Medina
Michael Medrano
Kristen Miller
Morgan Moffett
Joshua Morrell
Preston Munson
Dustin Murdock
William Ornelas
Marci Pinkerton
Kayla Pittman
Chris Richards
Wes Richardson
Luke Robertson
Crystal Rodriguez
Raquel Ruiz

Rachel Scott
Kelby Seale
Cecelie Slaughter
Kendra Tidwell
Christian Tippens
Loren Toombs
Megan Velasquez
Jessica Verduzco
Aaren Walker
Layton Westmoreland
Zachary White
Christin Willson
Shayla Wilson

Sixth Grade
A Honor Roll
Arellano, Cinthia
Bilano, Jada
Borrego, Lourdes
Brasher, William
Dorsett, Krista
Drummond, Chelsey
Early, Starla
Fitzgerald, Joseph
Guynes, Kinsey
Herrera, Ramsey
Luecke, Ashley
Mangis, Shannon
Mann, Michael
Ragland, Terann
Rivera, Amanda
Whitworth, John
Wright, Sydney
A-B Honor Roll
Aguilar, Gabriel
Arnold, Casey
Arnold, Jamie
Arredondo, Ryan
Baldwin, Joshua
Ball, Tasha
Baze, Jaedi
Benavidez, Monica
Berryhill, Hollie
Bowlin, Brett
Boyd, April
Castaneda, Stephanie
Chandler, Candace
Cole, Dalton
Courtney, Taylor
Courtney, Tylor
Covington, Sarah
Crenwelge, Beverly
Culwell, Laura
Davis, Alyssa
DeLaCruz, Linda
Deavers, Malcolm
Driggers, Tyler
Estrada, Sonia
Farmer, Michael
Flores, Laura
Foreman, Sesami
Fulford, Whitley
Greenlee, Kaitlyn
Greenwood, William
Guerrero, Priscilla

Guzman, Felicia
Hernandez, Jose
Kincheloe, Stetson
Kruger, Kade
Lacik, Kaylee
Lester, Jordan
Long, Casey
Manlief, Darin
McGouthin, Teisha
Mhoon, Cassie
Mills, Jeremy
Mitchell, Timothy
Moore, Kazual
Morris, Claire
Munoz, Erica
Perez, Brandee
Presley, Nicole
Price, Wesley
Proffitt, Ember
Ramirez, Juan
Ramos, Henry
Reed, Cody
Rios, Amanda
Robertson, Tara
Rodriguez, Jeremy
Roemisch, Cheyene
Sanchez, Ricardo
Sauceda, Amy
Schoolcraft, Matthew
Small, Lindsey
Smith, Corbin
Sosa, Adrian
Stahl, Levi
Stansell, Jordan
Trout, Ryne
Tyrrell, Courtney
West, Colton
West, Heather
Westmoreland, Christopher
Zamora, Sebastian

Seventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Chase Ashworth
Barrett Bowlin
Dondi Brock
Starla Bruton
Jessica Calvert
Jason Cave
Bryan Clifton
Seth Cooper
Katie Curry
William Floyd
Kayla Hartzog
Racheal Herrera
Tyler Hogan
Tanner Hunter
Emily Jones
Tara Kubena
Cale Lancaster
Ciara Latta
Jana Lewis
Austin Lyle
Curtis Mason
Megan McCormick

Johnathon McClure
Amanda Murray
Andria Nussey
Ashly Pavlovsky
Aeryal Peoples
Garrett Pinson
Tressa Pollard
Wendy Reed
Matt Reigh
Amber Reston
Jessica Taylor
Ashton Wall
Dustyn Williams
Glyn Wright
Tyler Zalman
A-B Honor Roll
Yuliana Arellano
Ashley Barrera
Kimberly Bell
Morgan Bilderback
Laura Boyd
Teddi Crenwelge
Megan Crisp
Gena Dooley
Stephanie Grant
Sarah Henson
Ashley Hyer
Whitney Kinney
Erica Little
Chris Lopez
Amber Luecke
Eric Martinez
Sirena Medrano
Lindsey Morin
Samuel Ramirez
Jessica Robbins
Blake Scott
Blake Seale
Cade Simpson
Chris Smith
Tye Stone
Breanna Talavera
Joel Tarin
Temi Thompson
Dalesa Traylor
Shaela Vineyard
Jay Weaver
DeWhite Wells
Christi Williams
Kiki Wofford
Ofelia Zamora

Eighth Grade
A Honor Roll
Elizabeth Arellano
Kassey Burney
Jessica Davis
Kayla Guerrero
Erin Hackfeld
Traci Jordan
Matthew Kerr
Blake Robertson
Nancy Wallace
Kalli Wesson
Logan West

Brandon Lunsford
Evian Olvera
Rosemary Rivera
Kaden Seale
Daniel Wooldridge

Fourth Grade
A Honor Roll
Austin Calley
Leeja Mauldin
A-B Honor Roll
Rance Dunn
Shandy McMullen
Andy Rivera
Seth Sanchez
Ashley Trotter

Fifth Grade
A Honor Roll
Laura Juarez
Tony Martini
Josi Presley
Kaci Walker
A-B Honor Roll
Colby McMullen
Kendyll Pilcher

Sixth Grade
A Honor Roll
Aryn Calley
Jessica Odom
A-B Honor Roll
Corbin Clements
Tyrelle Gilbert
Kelbi Pitner
Erica Torres

Seventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Terryn Autry
Whitney Parks
A-B Honor Roll
Brittany Dickerhoff
Whitney Payne
Ashton Smith

Eighth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Brandon Crane
Wesley Kellner
Sarah McCown
Amber Sanchez

Ninth Grade
A Honor Roll
Amanda Calley
Rusty Josey
Jess Wall
Nathan Wilkins
Lindsey Wilson
A-B Honor Roll
Jake Barnes
Franki Briseno
Brandon Graves
April Lollar
Phillip Payne
Suzie Pendergrass
Vicki Rivera
Jacki Thompson
Lacie Thompson
Bubba Walker

Tenth Grade
A Honor Roll
Bea Aguinaga
Michael Allen
Colter Brown
Kali Clements
Tyler Frey
Tim Huddleston
Michelle Nettles
Geoffrey Pinkerton
Candace Sanchez
Celeigh Sterling
A-B Honor Roll
Eric Dickerhoff
Josh Gutierrez
Kayla Krop
Amy Strong

Eleventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Kendra Krop
Nathan Smith
Cade Tucker
Todd Wall
A-B Honor Roll
Case Hardy
Lecia Knight

Twelfth Grade
A Honor Roll
Tara Allen
Jeremy Bowden
Morgan Clements
Kristen Harless
Mikanna Herring
Seth Sterling
Tosha Walker
Bryce Wilkins
A-B Honor Roll
Davi Barnes
Blake White

Ira I.S.D. Sixth Six Weeks

First Grade
A Honor Roll
Taylor Autry
Travis Hartman
Tanner Martin
Cristian Ornelas
Gabriel Patterson
Brandee Pinkerton
Conner Smith
A-B Honor Roll
Michael Bennett
Jacob Elam

Second Grade
A Honor Roll
Amber Baker
Kyrstin Baker
Seth Cotton
Kylor Fine
Laramie Gilbert
Sarah Gunset
Isaac Martin
Paul Martinez
Baily Nickerson
Kellner Odom
Lupe Ornelas
Kellie Pilcher
J.P. Wilson
A-B Honor Roll
Steven Juarez
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