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YZ Industries moving all production to Snyder

YZ Industries announced Friday that it will combine all its manufacturing facilities into one location in Snyder.

Paul Zeck, president of YZ, said LINC Manufacturing in Porter and owned by YZ Industries since 1995, will be relocated to Snyder.

Dayton Robertson, manager of the YZ plant in Snyder, said the move of equipment and personnel will occur in early summer.

LINC, manufacturer of chemical injection pumps and level switches for pressure vessels and separators, has 35 employees and has been in operation for more than 30 years.

Robertson said LINC-produced products are more of a commodity type which he described as a good mix to combine with the systems-type products manafactured by YZ.

Robertson said many of LINC's 35 employees will be offered jobs in the Snyder plant. The other employees are in sales or administration and will become part of YZ's new corporate headquarters in Conroe, scheduled to be completed in April.

Robertson said prospective employees from the LINC facility have already started visiting Snyder and getting acquainted with the local YZ operations.

If some of the LINC employees decline to move to West Texas, YZ will hire and train from the area labor pool, as it always had.

Last year, YZ announced plans to expand its Snyder manufacturing facility. "We're in the process of finalizing our plans for expansion and hope to be able to make an announcement in the near future, Robertson added."



STATE OF THE ART EQUIPMENT — YZ team members Ron Young, Don Timora and Ty Jones, from left, work in the machine shop area of the manufacturing plant. The company has announced it will combine all its manufacturing facilities into one central location in Snyder. (SDN Staff Photo)

YZ's Snyder facility, currently with about 75 employees, manufactures hydrocarbon sampling and odorization equipment.

One of the firm's newest products is the DTEX Odorant Detection System, a microprocessor-based odorant detection system that streamlines the testing cycle of smell in the natural gas.

YZ was founded in Snyder in 1949 by Zeck's grandfather, Jack Zeck. A few months later, Jack's son, Ted, joined the family business, and in 1979 Paul Zeck returned to his hometown as a graduate engineer of Texas A&M University.

Robertson said the decision to combine all manufacturing into one plant in Snyder is a tribute to the dedicated and highly-skilled workforce at YZ.

"Most of our employees are home-grown and trained locally. We look for smart people who will work hard, can think and take pride in what they do. YZ employees are known for that," Robertson added.

YZ products are global. The primary sales office has been in Tomball for a number of years. Other sales offices are located in Lafayette, La. and Tulsa, Okla. YZ manufacturing representatives are located throughout the U.S., Canada, South America, Europe, Asia and Africa.

A closely-held corporation, the new YZ corporate headquarters near Houston will house engineering, accounting and sales.

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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Really, English is simple. Y'all is singular. All y'all is plural, and all y'alls is plural possessive."

It's Super Bowl Sunday, so a little trivia seems appropriate to help get the viewer's game face on for kickoff.

Professional football had a modest beginning. In 1920, representatives from 12 teams gathered in the showroom of an auto dealership in Canton, Ohio to form the American Professional Football Association.

Jim Thorpe was elected president, and two years later, the association changed its named to the National Football League.

During the organizational stage, each representative agreed to pay $100 for ownership of a franchise. Actually, none of the owners ever paid the hundred bucks.

It wasn't until 1966 that Lamar Hunt of the Kansas City Chiefs suggested the Super Bowl. The idea was inspired by a small ball called Super Ball that his daughter played with.

There were two more NFL championship games played before Hunt's suggestion were adopted by other NFL team owners.

Last year, there were 800 million people worldwide who watched the Super Bowl, and it was broadcast in 17 languages. Of that number, 133 million watched in the U.S. — almost three times the number of people who voted for Bill Clinton for president.

The number of Americans who watched the last Super Bowl was pegged at 85 percent, and 40 percent of 'em were females.

Everything is getting bigger in the NFL. Ten years ago, there were only 20 players who began the season weighing more than 300 pounds. This season started with 250 players who exceed 300 pounds.

Cost of a TV commercial during the Super Bowl increased 54 percent. The cost could be as much as $66,666 per second.

In the very first Super Bowl, each member of the championship team (Packers) earned $15,000 while members of the losing team (Chiefs) got $7,500.

Last year, each player on the Denver Broncos' roster got a $48,000 bonus while $30,000 was earned by each player on the losing Packers' roster.

In the first Super Bowl, 30,000 tickets went unsold. Since that time, each and every Super Bowl has been a sellout.

How important is the Super Bowl?

There is a theory that if the Super Bowl champ comes from the National Conference or is one of the original NFL teams, there will be a bull stock market. That has held true 23 of 32 years.

Get outta my chair and pass the chips...

Taxpayers queue up to pay 1998 taxes without penalty

Friday was the last day for citizens and companies to pay ad valorem taxes without incurring a penalty.

As in most years, oil companies topped the list of top 10 taxpayers in Scurry County.

One local company, Patterson Energy, saw their bill almost double from 1997.

Patterson's taxes to the county in 1998 were $129,358 — compared to $67,719 in 1997.

Pennzoil topped the county's billing list for 1998 at $152,910, down from $215,985 in 1997.

The rest of 1998's "top five" taxpayers to the county were Anadarko, $107,649; Southwestern Bell, $86,089; and Exxon, $78,703.

Snyder ISD, with a broad base and a $1.50 tax rate, pulls in more local tax money than any other entity in the county.

Pennzoil was billed $448,327 in 1998 by the school district, Patterson Drilling $380,465, Exxon Corporation $222,305, Southwestern Bell $204,862, and TU Electric $150,165.

A year ago, Patterson was billed $205,335 in school taxes.

The amount a business or individual is billed is not necessarily the amount paid, since some entities give a discount for early payment.

Southwestern Bell was again the city's largest taxpayer with a bill of $22,341 followed by TU Electric, $12,385; YZ Industries, $12,050; Wal-Mart Stores, $8,917; and Reef Chemical, $8,406.

The top 10 list in the junior college district mirrored that of the county's, however the taxpayers were billed less due to a lower tax rate. The top five, in order, were Pennzoil, $94,234; Patterson Drilling, $79,720; Anadarko, $66,341; Southwestern Bell, $53,054; and Exxon, $48,502.

Ira ISD's largest taxpayer was Anadarko Petroleum with a $249,776 bill followed by Southwest Royalty, $36,077; TU Electric, $28,087; Sharp Image, $25,813; and BTA Oil Producers, $24,477.

Burlington Northern and Santa Fe headed the list of top taxpayers in Hermleigh ISD. Its bill was $40,097. Southwestern Bell was billed $31,958 while AT&T Communications was billed $27,255. Chaparral Pipeline's bill was $22,780 and TU Electric's was $7,821.

Taxpayers had until Friday to pay their taxes without a penalty.

The penalty is seven percent beginning Monday, and goes up two percent every month thereafter.

Top ten taxpayers 1998

CITY OF SNYDER

SW Bell Telephone	$22,341
Texas Utilities Elect	$12,385
YZ Industries Inc.	$12,050
Wal-Mart Stores	$8,917
Reef Chemical Co.	$8,406
Big Country GM	$8,126
Lawrence IGA	$6,206
West Texas St Bnk	$5,919
Seidenfeld Lily	$5,525
Snyder Natl Bnk	$4,695

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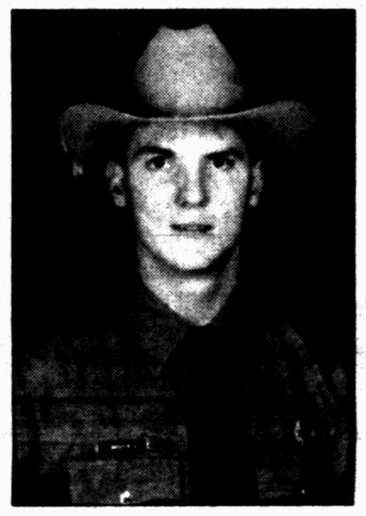
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Patterson Drilling	$129,358
Anadarko Petroleum	$107,649
SW Bell Telephone	$86,089
Exxon Corporation	$78,703
Texas Utilities Elect	$64,464
Burlington Northern	$37,313
Torch Energy Adv	$27,806
Altura Energy Ltd	$26,797
Diamond M Production	$26,505

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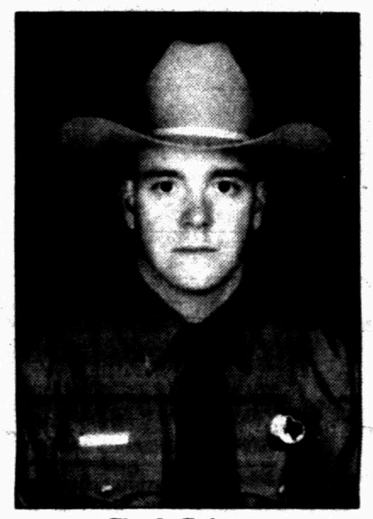
Pennzoil Ex&Prod	$94,234
Patterson Drilling	$79,720
Anadarko Petroleum	$66,341
SW Bell Telephone	$53,054
Exxon Corporation	$48,502
Texas Utilities Elect	$39,727
Burlington Northern	$22,995
Torch Energy Adv	$17,136
Altura Energy Ltd	$16,514
Diamond M. Production	$16,334

SNYDER ISD

Pennzoil Ex&Prod	$448,327
Patterson Drilling	$380,465
Exxon Corporation	$222,305
SW Bell Telephone	$204,862
Texas Utilities Elect	$150,165
Altura Energy Ltd	$83,742
Torch Energy Advisors	$81,783
Burlington Northern	$77,748
Diamond M. Production	$77,346
Cynara Company	$73,490



Terry Snyder



Chad Grimmett

New DPS troopers

Snyder residents Terry Snyder and Chad C. Grimmett are among 140 Department of Public Safety cadets who graduated this month from the DPS's training facility in Austin.

Snyder, a former city of Snyder police officer, will be stationed locally, while Grimmett will be assigned to Boyd.

Snyder is a 1991 graduate of Snyder High School and of Western Texas College in 1996. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted McMillan.

Grimmett, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Max Grimmett, graduated from SHS in 1992 and Texas Tech in 1996. He is married to the former Carolyn Adkinson of Roby. Grimmett was honored at the school with the highest scholastic achievement award.

Scurry County Courthouse...

Judge requests look at security changes

District Court Judge Ernie Armstrong will address the Scurry County Commissioners Court Monday concerning security changes in the 132nd district courtroom.

According to County Judge Ricky Fritz, Armstrong has expressed concern that the jury must walk past the defendant's table when entering and exiting the courtroom.

"He wants a controlled entrance," Fritz said.

In other business to be conducted in the 10 a.m. meeting, County Treasurer Charlie Bell will present the county's fourth-quarter financial report.

Also, the Scurry County Historical Commission will seek permission to place an official Texas historical marker for the Santa Fe Depot on the courthouse square.

The commission placed a marker on the Sante Fe Depot in 1976, however, it was stolen.

According to Aline Parks, the commission decided in early January that it would be better to place the marker at a site other than on railroad property.

Commissioners will also have three resolutions to consider.

The first requests more money be allocated from the state to support a county road system.

The second resolution requests the state provide assistance to limit county liability for capital murder trials.

Fritz said as the system is now, the state sets up the rules and regulations for a murder trial, but the expense falls back on the county.

The court will also consider a joint resolution with the sheriff's office to develop and support accident prevention plans for county employees.

United Way luncheon to honor volunteers

Scurry County United Way workers will meet at noon Monday to celebrate the success of the 1998 drive.

The noon luncheon at The Shack will honor volunteers who worked to see the drive exceed its goal of $64,000 by two-percent.

The drive netted a total of $65,366.

One United Way worker will receive the special Jack Smartt Award in recognition of work on the 1998 drive.

Dr. Ed Barkowsky served as the drive's president, and other members were Dr. Bryan Cave, vice president; Francene Noah, vice president of public relations; Bobby Beard, treasurer; and Zola Schlegel, executive secretary.

Donations to the United Way benefit six agencies — the Boys and Girls Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Noah Project-West, Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Snyder Day Care Center.

The Food Cupboard and the Red Cross also receive contributions from the yearly drive.

ASK US

Q-Does Lorber use short-staple cotton?

A.-Yes. While the plant does have minimum specs, all the cotton used has been from West Texas, including 158 bales from Scurry County. Lorber would like to buy more locally to save on transportation.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 37 degrees; low, 33; 7 a.m. Saturday, 34; .34 of an inch precipitation; total for 1999, .95 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, decreasing clouds. Low 30-35. NW wind 5-15 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy, warmer. High around 60. Variable wind 5-10 mph.



Ramsey Rodriguez
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
6:17 p.m.
Sunrise:
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Of 29 days in 1999, the sun has shone 28 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"The greatest discovery is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes of mind."

William James

Fighting to save Packard plant, man will not leave

DETROIT (AP) — Inside the cavernous hulk of the Packard Motor Car Co.'s landmark factory, tons of scrap tire share space with junk, vintage cars and Dominic Cristini — a man on a lonely mission to save the tattered building from demolition.

Holed up in an office inside the plant since November, Cristini eats there and sleeps there — refusing to leave in protest of city efforts to evict 87 tenants by Monday.

"I'm going to give everything I've got to save this building," says the 38-year-old Cristini, his graying hair pulled into a pony-tail, an earring in his left ear.

Detroit officials want to tear down the building to make way for an industrial park. In a move toward demolition, the City Council voted in November to replace Cristini as property manager.

To him, it doesn't make sense to eliminate one of the last vestiges of the dawning of the automotive age. The building arose in 1907, a year before Henry Ford introduced his Model T. By the 1930s, it was humming along as the nation's premier maker of luxury cars.

"I want to save this history for my kids and my kids' kids," says Cristini, whose Packard Motor Properties had been managing the 3.5-million-square-foot property since 1997, after the city acquired it through tax foreclosures.

When Cristini got voted out as property manager, it inspired him — and thus began his sit-in.

He sued the city and refused to leave the plant even for Thanksgiving and Christmas, seeing his children — ages 14, 11 and 9 — only when they visit on weekends. With a refrigerator but no stove, he gets by on any food he can have delivered.

"I'm here for the duration," he promises.

Packards were the car of choice for 1930s movie moguls and tycoons. During war years, the independent automaker supplied the military with trucks and other equipment.

But after World War II, Packard lost its prewar momentum — and Cadillac had overtaken it as the market leader in elegant cars. Out of step and doomed, the plant was shut down in 1956.

Once a prototype for future auto plants, the sprawling building has become a warehouse of sorts as it has been shuffled among owners through the years.

Decades of natural wear and neglect have taken a weary toll: Windows are shattered, often used as target practice by vandals. The roof is rotting and porous.

The city is working to help relocate tenants, among them mechanics and small manufacturers — and storers of everything from simple junk to — of all things — vintage Packards.

"We want to be reasonable and sensitive," to the tenants, said city planning and development Director Paul Bernard.



PUTTING IT TOGETHER — Shown in the assembly area of YZ Industries are, from left, Laddy McMillan, Toby Morris, Gary Roberts, Larry Vest, Mike Stipe, Phil Covington, Kenny Miller, Dave Sutton and Chad Kuhl. YZ manufactures items for the oil and gas industry, plus related industries, and ships the products throughout the world.

Local contingent will attend music session

Several Snyder instructors will attend the annual Texas Music Educators Conference next Friday and Saturday in San Antonio.

They include Ronda Haire, Snyder High School choir director; Walter Reneau, SHS band director; Kay Kennedy, SHS assistant band director; and Gus Witt, Snyder Junior High School band director.

Others are Marci Dennis, SJHS choir director; Judy Brown, West music instructor; Paula Howard, Central; and Dorothy Kayser, Northeast.

The conference will feature exhibits and concerts of choirs and other music ensembles from all over Texas.

Students who will also be performing during the conference include Crissida Tyler, SHS sophomore, who will sing with the all-state choir. She is the daughter of Steve and Kathy Tyler.

Karomy Drum of Snyder, a percussionist, and the Abilene Collegiate Orchestra will be joining the Hardin-Simmons University Concert Choir who will also perform.

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CNN appeals to senators to open impeachment debate to the public

NEW YORK (AP) — Holding impeachment debates secretly is an affront to the First Amendment, CNN argues in urging the Senate to open all deliberations to the public's eye.

The Senate twice went into secret session this week, once to debate a motion by Sen. Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., to dismiss the impeachment articles against President Clinton and again to discuss whether to call witnesses.

CNN made its argument in the form of a brief written by First Amendment lawyer Floyd Abrams and delivered Friday to all 100 senators and through full-page newspaper ads printed in USA Today, the Los Angeles Times and The Washington Post.

"Conducting these debates behind closed doors denies people throughout the world the opportunity to judge the fairness of the proceedings and excludes firsthand information from being made available to the millions of American voters who have a vital stake in the trial's outcome," CNN argued in its ad.

CNN considered filing a lawsuit but concluded that since the Senate makes its own rules on the impeachment proceedings, no court would have jurisdiction, Abrams said.

The network wanted to add a legal argument to buttress the efforts of Sens. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., to open the proceedings, he said.

The Senate voted 57-43 to keep debate over Byrd's motion secret. All except three Republicans favored the secret session and all except five Democrats, including Byrd, were opposed.

The Senate locked its doors and posted guards when it went into secret session, and members were threatened with expulsion if they disclose what went on. Deliberations in the impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson in 1868 were also kept confidential, and closed sessions have routinely been held in impeachment proceedings against federal judges.

Abrams argued that the Johnson case should not be used as precedent, since First Amendment law on freedom of the press has largely been established in the 20th Century.

Major airlines raise fares, their stocks also take off

NEW YORK (AP) — In a move that could signal the first acros-the-board air fare hike in 18 months, several major airlines raised fares by up to 4 percent.

Delta Air Lines was the first to raise prices Friday on business tickets by 2 percent and leisure tickets by 4 percent, a move that was quickly matched by Northwest Airlines, Continental Airlines, American Airlines and America West Airlines.

Northwest's participation in the fare hike was significant because its reluctance to raise fares had thwarted attempts last year to implement increases. Shares of its stock rose almost 18 percent on the news.

SDN seeks service addresses

Snyder Daily News is in the process of updating its address list for local men and women in the service.

All addresses, even though previously published, should be submitted to ensure that they are current.

All addresses must be submitted in writing to Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder TX, 79550 or bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave.

To avoid errors, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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Pictured above is Mr. Sidney McCann with Leslie Hounshell, Speech/Language Pathologist and Yreva Shirey, Occupational Therapy Assistant. Not pictured is Suzanne Harris, Physical Therapy Assistant. Mr. McCann was able to successfully complete his rehabilitation therapy at Snyder Healthcare Center and is pictured with his therapist as he is preparing to return to his own home with his wife and children. The staff and residents of Snyder Healthcare wish him and his family continued health and prosperity and want to congratulate him upon his return home.

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SHS speech team enters tournament

Snyder High School's speech team competed against 28 other schools last Saturday during a speech tournament at Monahans.

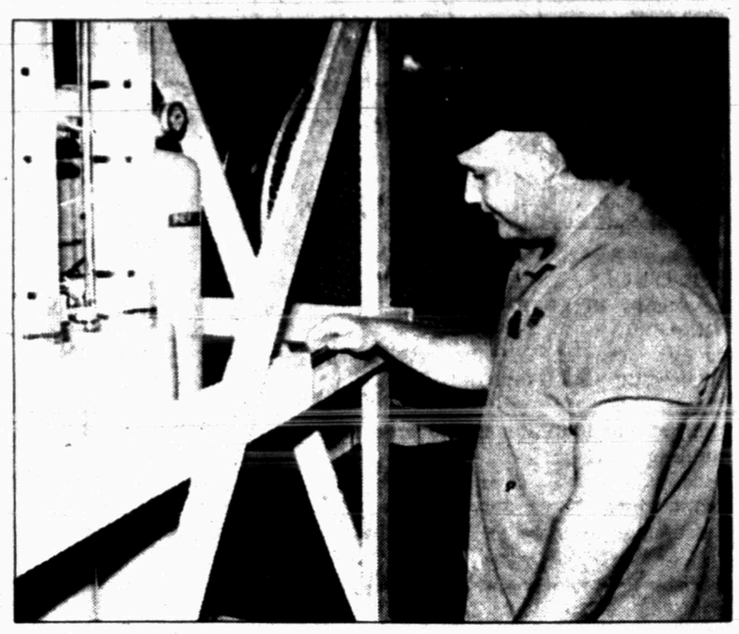
Katy Cooper placed 2nd in prose and Nickolas Means was 5th in domestic extemporaneous.

Three students advanced to the semi-finals in oratory, including Lisa Moore, Lyndell Lee, Michael Compton.

Three who broke to the semi-finals in prose are Britney Canada, Vanessa Jones and Rachel Fritz.



ATTEND SPEECH TOURNAMENT — Snyder High School's speech team attended Monahans' speech tournament last Saturday. Back row, from left, Thomas Bishop, Michael Compton, Katy Cooper, Rachel Fritz, Nickolas Means; middle row, Lisa Moore; front row, Vanessa Jones, Britney Canada, Keith Sharpe. Joe Bishop and Lyndell Lee are not pictured. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



ON ITS WAY OUT — YZ Industries employee Curtis Westbrook checks the label on a sampling skid prior to its shipment. YZ manufactures gas sampling equipment and other related equipment at the local plant and the equipment is shipped all over the world. (SDN Staff Photo)

Haven for homeless threatened

CHICAGO (AP) — In New York, the homeless hide out in the warmth and dark of train tunnels. In San Francisco, it's the narrow alleys of the drug-ridden Tenderloin.

Since the days of the Depression, Chicago's home for the homeless has been Lower Wacker Drive, part of a network of dank, cavernous roadways that lies just 30 feet beneath some of city's ritziest shops and restaurants.

But that's about to change, if some Chicago building owners have their way. They now have permission to lock newly constructed gates that block off concrete loading docks and heating grates.

"We come across looking like brutes, but really no one is doing anyone any service by encouraging them to live on Lower Wacker Drive," said John Camper, a spokesman for Mayor Richard Daley. "We treat the poor and the homeless as well as we can."

Even so, many in the underground wondered where they would go.

"It's kind of unfair, kicking us out of here. But if that's what the government wants, I'll do what they want," said James Marion, who has lived on Lower Wacker since he was released from a veterans hospital eight years ago.

"I'll just pack up my blankets and what I can carry," he said Friday. "A toothbrush, mouthwash, cologne."

About three blocks away, Tony Evans descended from the sunshine to look for a friend he wanted to warn that police could arrest anyone who ignores the 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. lockout.

Nearby, piles of ratty blankets and a stray office chair surrounded a cardboard box that contained foam plates, orange peels and leftover rice. Pigeons pecked at a few scattered bread crumbs on the urine-tinged concrete.

"Me myself, I got a rough situation," said Evans, who moved from Lower Wacker to live with a friend in the Cabrini-Green housing project seven months ago. "But it's worse for these guys. They don't have nowhere to go."

'Mighty Mo' re-enters public life as bookend to 'Arizona'

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) — She served with honor in World War II, the Korean War and the Gulf War, but had succumbed to old age.

The teakwood decks where Japan surrendered in 1945 had cracked. The battleship gray paint had faded. Grass grew topside.

But Friday, some of the 17,000 sailors to serve on the "Mighty Mo" were piped aboard a spruced-up battleship during its dedication as a memorial to the end of World War II.

The ship becomes the newest member of Pearl Harbor's Battleship Row.

"There is indescribable pride among the men who served aboard this ship," said Herb Fahr, of Plainview, N.Y., president of the USS Missouri BB-63 Association, which consists of former crewmen. "We know our ship will be here for the next millennium."

It was exactly 55 years ago Friday that the "Mighty Mo" was launched by Harry S. Truman's daughter. It was on the decks of the Missouri that Japan's foreign minister surrendered to Gen. Douglas MacArthur on Sept. 2, 1945.

"She has always stood for freedom and an ambassador of good will," said retired Navy Capt. Lee Kaiss, the last commander of the "Mighty Mo."

The 887-foot, 45,000-ton battleship is docked next to the USS Arizona, sunk during the Pearl Harbor attack that triggered U.S. entry into World War II. The ships are bookends signifying the beginning and end of America's involvement in that war.

About 3,000 people attended the invitation-only dockside ceremony at Ford Island.

Many visitors headed for the section where Japan Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu signed the Instrument of Surrender in Tokyo Bay on Sept. 2, 1945 at 9:04 a.m. A plaque marks the site where MacArthur accepted it.

The ship arrived in Pearl Harbor in June after being towed from Bremerton, Wash., where it had been mothballed for years.

The refurbishing of the ship's topside and some interior areas has been completed, and work will continue on other below-deck areas, said retired Adm. Robert Kihune, president of the Battleship Missouri Memorial Association.

"A rusty, dirty ship has been turned into a proud battleship," he said.

The ship has had a high profile ever since it was christened on Jan. 29, 1944, with a bottle of champagne made from Missouri grapes.

The battleship joined the Third Fleet in the Pacific and fought at Iwo Jima, Okinawa and Kyushu.

It first was decommissioned in 1955 but then recommissioned in 1986 for a round-the-world cruise. During that latter ceremony, Margaret Truman Daniel urged the ship's crew to "take care of my baby," Kaiss said.

The ship returned to battle briefly in January 1991 in the Persian Gulf to join Operation Desert Storm, firing Tomahawk missiles and hundreds of 16-inch shells at Iraqi positions before leaving two months later.

Man robs people at gunpoint, then flees in his wheelchair

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Preying on pedestrians in Chinatown, he brandishes a semi-automatic handgun, demands money, then zooms away in his motorized wheelchair.

Police haven't caught up with him yet.

Authorities say the culprit first struck Jan. 20 about 10 p.m. when he approached a man returning home. The victim handed over $17 and the suspect wheeled away, police spokesman Sherman Ackerson said.

On Jan. 26 about 4 a.m., the same suspect confronted a man at a busy intersection and again demanded money, police said. This time, when the victim handed over a coin purse containing only about $10, the robber grew frustrated and threw the money back at him.

He also is suspected in four additional robberies last year, Ackerson said.

Investigators believe the robber is a former Vietnamese gang member who was paralyzed in a gang shooting.

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Ted Kell has done evangelistic work in over 30 states, plus England, Scotland, Korea, Philippines and Thailand. For 13 years he was an instructor in Sunset International Bible Institute, Lubbock, helping train 1,000 evangelists and missionaries. For the past 15 years he has been the pulpit preacher for the Austin Avenue Church of Christ, Brownwood, where he now lives with his wife, Evelyn. They have four living children and seven grandchildren. He now serves in conducting gospel meetings and workshops.

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Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Boneless barbecue ribs, blackeye peas, boiled okra, tossed salad, baked apple.

TUESDAY

Liver and onions, mashed potatoes, raw vegetable salad, green beans, peaches.

WEDNESDAY

Chicken and spaghetti, asparagus, sliced beets, lettuce salad, bread pudding.

THURSDAY

Beef stew, fried okra, mixed fruit Jello, cornbread, oatmeal cookie.

FRIDAY

Fried fish, tater tots, mixed vegetables, creamy coleslaw, chocolate pudding.

Senior Center News

MONDAY

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and the daily exercise at 11 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will be practicing at 10 a.m. to prepare for the Valentine program. Seniors interested in the nine ball tournament should be at the Senior Center by 10 a.m.

TUESDAY

88 play begins at 10 a.m., the Hoss Clayton Band will entertain at 11 a.m., and the Golden K Kiwanis Club will meet at noon. Swimnastics is scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:15-3:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

The Kitchen Band will entertain at Snyder Healthcare at 11 a.m. The line dancing class begins at 1 p.m. and clogging at 2 p.m.

THURSDAY

The fabric painting class begins at 9 a.m. The domino tournament has been rescheduled for the first Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. Perhaps, that will be more convenient for seniors who enjoy "88," bridge and dominoes.

FRIDAY

Bridge play and the blood pressure clinic will begin at 9:30 a.m. and 88 play begins at 10 a.m. The sing-a-long will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Recipes are still sought for the Senior Center Cookbook. The deadline is Friday.

Beginning Wednesday, Bernhard Bartels will be available on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to assist individuals in filing their income tax. He will be stationed in the Senior Center. April 14 will be the last Wednesday to receive this service.

Valentine Day is almost here and seniors are invited to nominate their choice for Senior Center king and queen. Nominees must be a senior citizen and a Scurry County resident.

On Monday, Feb. 8, a training session for all volunteers will be held. Safety and sanitation will be the topics discussed. All seniors are welcome to attend.

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Department of the Month, January, 1999



Pictured (from left) Linda Briseno, Cheryl Chance, Norma Adams; (back row) Jana Price, Laquita Culwell, Teresa Love.

In announcing this selection, Jeff Reecer, CEO, commented that this department has been responsible for successfully implementing a number of changes in recent months. "Change isn't easy for anyone," he said, "and these folks have set realistic goals for themselves and their staff members and have worked diligently to meet those goals while providing exceptional patient care."

Staff members include: Norma Adams, Nurse Executive; Teresa Love, secretary; Cheryl Chance, Nurse Manager for ER, CCU, Med/Surg; Linda Briseno, Nurse Manager for OB, LTC; Laquita Culwell, Nurse Manager for OR; House Supervisors (full time) Lisa Cross, Jane Findley, Leslie Luecke, DeShonna Taylor, and (part time) Connie Mackey, Jana Price, Shelley Smith.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital

Oldest member now 76

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Through the blare of rowdy kids tuning their instruments, the 76-year-old man with regal white hair, a black cane and a tarnished French horn slowly makes his way to his seat in the brass section.

Retired pipe fitter John Suta is in his third year with the Roosevelt Middle School band. The eighth-graders he plays with no longer see him as an oddity, but as an inspiration who plays with a passion for music and thick fingers gnarled by a lifetime of hard work.

"He is exactly like a middle school band player, even though he is older," said 13-year-old Anna Richardson.

"Without music I would just as soon be dead," Suta said, summing up a philosophy that through the years has led him to take up opera, the piano and the harmonica.

And it was what drove him to walk into the middle school's beginning band class and ask for the chance to learn how to play a horn he had always loved. Without hesitating, the teacher told him, "Take a seat."

Since then, Suta has advanced from "Mary Had a Little Lamb" to Beethoven, from sixth-grade to eighth-grade band.

Josh Mack took over leadership of the Roosevelt band program this year and inherited Suta. "I just knew he had to be there," Mack said.

Suta's love for music goes back to his childhood in Aurora, Ill., when his mother would sing songs in her native Hungarian.

He grew up studying singing with an accompanist for the Chicago Opera and speaking German, Hungarian, Romanian and Italian in his immigrant neighborhood.

After World War II, he studied to become an opera singer, but soon discovered his love of music wasn't enough to pay the bills, so he raised two sons on a pipe fitter's wages.

Music never left Suta's life. After he retired, he teamed with a friend on piano and sang at weddings, picnics and senior centers. And on his own he even sang the national anthem at a few University of Oregon basketball games.

Through the years, he always remembered the days when his brother and a friend would go house to house at Christmas, playing carols on a violin and French horn.





NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK — Counselors within the Snyder Independent School District will be recognized this week during this year's theme, "School Counselors Lighting the Way." In the top photo, Dr. Melissa W. Jones, Snyder ISD assistant superintendent for special programs, visits with, from left, Debbie Phillips, Charlene Light, Jean McMillon and Barbara Granato, special programs director for the district. In the bottom photo, Dr. Jones, far right, visits with, from left, Granato, Sylvia Sapsky, Ashly Weaver and Debbie Brunson. (SDN Staff Photos)

Motorists seeking cheap gas

HONOLULU (AP) — Two downtown gas stations rolled back pump prices Friday to levels unseen in Hawaii since the 1970s as a protest to the state's highest-in-the-nation gasoline prices.

A Chevron station offered regular unleaded gas at 83 cents per gallon for two hours. The sale prompted a nearby Lex Brodie station to sell its unleaded gas at 79 cents a gallon.

Gas prices that average about $1.50 per gallon on Oahu and more on the Neighbor Islands are the target of a federal lawsuit by the state seeking hundreds of millions of dollars in damages from divisions of the BHP, Chevron, Shell, Tesoro, Texaco and Unocal oil companies.

The state alleges gasoline wholesalers are conspiring to maintain inflated prices.

The sale at the Chevron station was organized by a local radio station. Financial sponsors were expected to help lessen the financial blow of rolling back prices.

KHVH radio morning host Rick Hamada said he hopes the protest will lend support to the state's lawsuit.

"This says, 'Consumers, heads up! This is what's going on. And to give you an idea of what it could be like, hey, let's try 83 cents a gallon,'" Hamada said.

Traffic snarled along Queen Street as motorists waited up to an hour to get gas.

Police arrived about a half-hour after the sale started and began writing tickets to drivers whose cars blocked busy rush-hour intersections.

Congestion was lessened after the second station started its sale.

Many drivers said they didn't mind the wait to take advantage of the cheap prices. "I can't even remember when it was that cheap," Jarrett Iman said.

Constitutionality of child porn law upheld

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — A federal appeals court upheld a federal law that makes it illegal to possess computer images that look like children engaged in sex.

The decision, made Wednesday in Boston, overturned the ruling of a lower court judge who declared the law unconstitutional.

The law targets computer technology that can be used to alter an innocent image of a child into a picture of a child engaged in a sexually explicit act. Under the law, it is illegal to possess images regardless of whether they show a real child or an altered image.

U.S. District Judge Gene Carter ruled March 30 that the law was unconstitutionally vague in the case against a Norway, Maine, man. He said the statute could impact lawful adult pornography.

Reversing Carter's decision, the appeals court said the law is not so vague that a consumer could not understand what type of pornography is illegal under the law.

"A jury must decide, based on the totality of the circumstances, whether a reasonable unsuspecting viewer would consider the depiction to be of an actual individual less than 18 engaged in sexual activity," Judge Hugh Brownes wrote for the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals.

It's the first time a federal appeals court has ruled on the Child Pornography Protection Act of 1996, U.S. Attorney Jay McCloskey said Friday.

"We term it a landmark decision that brings our federal child pornography laws into the computer age," said Mark Terison, a federal prosecutor. "That's what Congress was trying to do, and this opinion finds it constitutional."

Because of Wednesday's ruling, McCloskey said his office would pursue charges against David Hilton, 48, of Norway, who was charged with possession of child pornography.

Hilton characterized himself as an anti-pornography crusader and met with FBI and Customs officials on a number of occasions to discuss material that was sent to him via the Internet.

But federal officials eventually began to suspect Hilton's motives were less pure. He continued to collect the material despite warnings that it was illegal to do so, prosecutors said.

Hilton said he was not aware of the ruling and would have to talk to his lawyer.

"I'm still going to fight it," he said in a telephone interview.

Hilton's lawyer did not return a message left at his office Friday evening.

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Prosecutors reveal Morgan may have abused her children

BELLEVILLE, Ill. (AP) — Lawyers for the woman who pleaded guilty last year in the 1961 stomping death of her stepdaughter are fighting prosecutors' efforts to introduce evidence at her sentencing that she may have abused her other children.

Mary Morgan pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter last October in the death of 4-year-old Michelle Morgan.

Michelle's death was initially attributed to illness, but authorities responding to a differing account provided by her brother in 1994 exhumed the body and found evidence that she had been stomped to death.

Mrs. Morgan has said she does not recall the incident and has denied abusing Michelle, Michelle's brother, George, or any of her four birth children.

Defense lawyers say Mrs. Morgan's two daughters and two sons are prepared to testify to that at her sentencing.

But at a hearing Thursday to discuss whether the evidence should be allowed, assistant prosecutor Eric Rhein said a forensic pathologist examined the medical records of Mrs. Morgan's children and found the "suggestion of physical abuse."

In one case, Rhein said, Mrs. Morgan may have thrown sand in the eyes of one child, who had to be treated at an emergency room.

He said there were other examples but declined to elaborate.

Mrs. Morgan does not face any additional charges as a result of the report.

Originally scheduled to be sentenced Dec. 3 before Circuit Judge Jan V. Fiss, Mrs. Morgan is from West Columbia, Texas, but has been staying with relatives in Missouri.

Defense lawyer Michael Ghidina said the report by Minnesota pathologist Dr. Janice Ophoeven should not be used to add to his client's prison sentence.

"It does not opine that Mary Morgan is the one who caused that physical abuse," he said.

State's Attorney Robert Haida declined to release the report or elaborate on its contents.

Michelle's brother, George Morgan, is serving a 45-year prison sentence for raping his stepdaughter and has detailed mistreatment he says Mary Morgan meted out on him and his sister, including beatings and psychological abuse. He is expected to testify at the sentencing.

Detectives removed from Routier lawsuit

DALLAS (AP) — Two Rowlett police detectives included in a federal lawsuit brought by the family of convicted child killer Darlie Routier have been dismissed from the case.

U.S. District Judge Robert Maloney has removed Rowlett police detectives Jimmy Ray Patterson and Chris Frosch from the civil rights case filed last June.

Rowlett police say now that the judge has ruled in favor of Patterson and Frosch, officials will seek a summary judgment for the city.

Relatives of Mrs. Routier sued Rowlett, the detectives and a Dallas County prosecutor, alleging that the bugging of a graveside ceremony in 1996 was an invasion of privacy.

Police placed a hidden microphone next to the grave shared by Mrs. Routier's sons "in case someone went up there and made a confession," Patterson testified during Mrs. Routier's capital murder trial.

Mrs. Routier is on death row for the 1996 slaying of her 5-year-old son, Damon. Her 6-year-old son, Devon, also died in the attack that she blames on an intruder.



TIMELINES — Hermleigh's third grade class is studying inventions from as far back as the flint tools used from 1,750,000 years BC to the present. The inventions include the fork, bubble gum and even Chinese noodles. The class has learned that millenium means a thousand years. Students working on their timelines include from left, Ben Harrington, Willie Berkley, Jonathan Hernandez, J.D. Mireles, Brett McClure. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Gymnast departs Houston to train for 2000 Olympics

HOUSTON (AP) — Three months after a judge granted gymnast Dominique Moceanu independence from her parents, she has left the turmoil in Texas for a new home in Florida, allowing her to focus on Olympic training, her attorney said.

"She's happy there," attorney Ellen Yarrell said. "Her No. 1 priority is training for the Olympics."

The 2000 games will be in Sydney, Australia.

Miss Moceanu moved Sunday to reunite with her former coach, Luminita Miscenco, whom the 17-year-old gymnast credits with reviving her career last year. Miss Moceanu sought legal adulthood after her father fired Ms. Miscenco in October.

The former coach left Houston after police told Miss Moceanu on Nov. 13 they were investigating allegations that her father negotiated with a hit man to kill Ms. Miscenco and another friend of his daughter.

Dumitru Moceanu has denied involvement in such a plot, but he took the Fifth Amendment to avoid self-incrimination when asked about it in court in December. Police say the investigation is continuing.

Ms. Miscenco, 26, and the other friend, Brian Huggins, 32, helped Ms. Moceanu run away in October from her parents home in suburban Spring, Texas. Dumitru has said Miscenco and Huggins "brainwashed" his daughter.

Harris County Family Law Judge John Montgomery granted her independence Oct. 28 and issued a protective order Dec. 9 to keep her father away from her for a year. Ms. Yarrell said she will ask a Florida court to issue the same order there.

Dominique will train for free at an Altamonte Springs, Fla., gym owned by Rita Brown, who also owns a gym in west Houston where Moceanu resumed training this month, Ms. Yarrell told the Houston Chronicle.

The attorney also said Dumitru Moceanu plans to close in early February the 70,000-square-foot Moceanu gym that was built with money from the gymnast's trust fund. The gym has foundered financially without the teen's presence, she said.

She said she hopes "common sense will prevail" and Dumitru Moceanu "will not attempt to disrupt Dominique's training."

Dumitru Moceanu declined comment Friday.

In the Middle Ages, some believed that church bells could ward off thunderstorms.

Accused man now released

NOGALES, Ariz. (AP) — A man jailed in a border shooting was released as authorities said they lacked sufficient evidence to charge him but still might do so later.

Jerry L. Chap, who is wheelchair-bound, declined comment Friday as he was released from the Santa Cruz County Jail.

He and his wife had been arrested on Tuesday. Chap, 47, was booked into jail on suspicion of attempted murder and aggravated assault. Bond was set at $100,000. His 42-year-old wife, Jane, was accused of aggravated assault and facilitation but was released after posting $20,000 bond.

Authorities believed Chap fired several shots at a group of 30 border crossers on Sunday when Oscar Hernandez Pinto, 25, of Mexico City was wounded. The group had been crossing Chap's property about 15 miles north of the border and 12 miles west of Patagonia but supposedly had done nothing to provoke the gunfire.

Martha Chase, Santa Cruz County attorney, said Friday she had yet to receive a final report on the shooting. She said Arizona law requires that a person must appear before a judge for the purpose of setting bond within 24 hours of their arrest. The prosecution then has 48 hours in which to formally charge the individual.

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7	8 BOARD MEETING 7:00 P.M. WTC vs HC at Big Spring 5:50 p.m.	9 10:45 am SGA Meeting	10	11 Valentine Dance OPEN HOUSE WTC vs Clarendon Coliseum 7:30p.m.	12 Texas Tech representatives on campus 10am - 12noon Student Center	13
14 VALENTINES DAY	15 WTC vs FPC at Borger 5:50 pm	16 10:45 am SGA Executive Board	17	18 10:45 am PTK Executive Board WTC vs OC Coliseum7:30pm LVN Graduation	19 Classes Dismissed	20
21	22 WTC vs SPC at Levelland 5:50 p.m.	23 10:45 am SGA Meeting Movie Night 7:00 p.m. SC	24	25 10:45 am PTK Meeting WTC vs MC at Midland 5:50 p.m.	26	27
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Fish industry bracing for effects of cod regulations

BOSTON (AP) — It just became a lot more difficult for fishermen to make a living in New England.

Faced with saving fish or fishermen, the New England Fishery Management Council on Thursday did what they thought would help both: They passed tough controls that slashed the daily cod catch in half and closed a swath of sea that stretches 180 miles, from Maine to Cape Cod Bay.

"This is going to have a huge trickle-down effect from the fish to the fisherman to the fish buyer," said Craig Mavrikis, a cod fisherman from New Hampshire. "It's not going to be good."

On Friday, the day after the regulations were approved, people in the fish industry braced for the fallout.

Fishermen said they were looking for other jobs. Fish brokers said they were looking to Canada, Iceland and the Pacific to fill cod orders. And commercial buyers shrugged, saying the effects would be felt mainly by the consumer.

"Little by little they're taking away all of our options," said Frank Patania, a 39-year-old manager at Ideal Seafood Inc. in Boston. "We'll still get the cod from places like Canada or Iceland. But that means higher prices."

The restricted fishing area will be divided into four sections to be closed one at a time on a rolling basis in May, June, October and November.

The restrictions, which could start as soon as May, would also ban all gear capable of catching groundfish. The controls still need approval from the U.S. Commerce Department.

In the past, restrictions have been imposed to rebuild stocks in the Gulf of Maine. But after scientists in December released a report that the cod population was at its lowest in 30 years in the Gulf of Maine, the council determined that the cod catch should be cut by 80 percent.

"We know this will seriously impact small boat fishermen," said Chris Kellogg, a council officer. "But unless there was a substantial reduction in fishing levels, the cod stocks would have continued to drop."

New SS lessons available

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Sunday school lessons on how homosexuals can "change" will be offered to adults at many Southern Baptist churches for the first time this weekend.

"I hope through this lesson that people would see an open door for all sinners and come and have a changed life through Jesus Christ," said Ross McLaren, who worked on the lessons.

McLaren, a biblical studies specialist at Lifeway Christian Resources, the publishing arm of the 15.6-million-member Southern Baptist Convention, said the lessons aim to condemn homosexuality but not homosexuals.

Bill Turner, co-chairman of the Lesbian and Gay Coalition for Justice in Tennessee, said he finds the idea of "hate the sin but love the sinner" patronizing.

"I know plenty of lesbian and gay Christians who are quite convinced that they have a perfectly adequate relationship with God and are still gay," said Turner, adding he is not contesting the right of Southern Baptists to teach what they want.

"The problem is imposing that doctrine on the rest of the culture," Turner said, citing the Southern Baptist boycott of Disney for its corporate practice of extending health insurance to homosexual partners of employees and hosting homosexuals at its amusement parks.

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Tax Update

By The Associated Press

Small business tax changes

By CURT ANDERSON
AP Tax Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Small business operators and the self-employed have several tax changes to consider in preparing 1998 returns, starting with car expenses and breaks aimed at easing a disastrous year for farmers.

The standard mileage rate for business use of a car rises a penny a mile to 32.5 cents, and for the first time it applies equally to leased vehicles.

Using the mileage method of figuring expenses prevents people from saving hundreds of receipts for everything from oil changes to garage rental fees, said H&R Block tax research specialist Maggie Doedtman.

"People won't have to keep coffee cans in their vehicles to stuff receipts in, as some of my clients used to do," she said.

Farmers and ranchers who suffered through flood, drought and extremely low commodity prices got two major breaks in the huge catch-all spending bill passed by Congress in October.

They can take advantage of permanent income averaging, which allows them to smooth out the peaks and valleys in their earnings and prevent big tax bills. Income averaging was scheduled to expire in 2001.

They also can "carry back" crop or livestock losses to apply to a previous tax year as far back as five years, instead of two years. That reduces taxes in the previous year, and since they've already been paid, can translate into an immediate refund.

"Farmers have such a weird income because it's hard to forecast when a disaster is going to hit," Doedtman said. "This way, you have a longer time to offset the loss."

Other changes for small businesses include:

— Self-employed people can deduct 45 percent of health insurance premiums they pay in 1998, up from 40 percent in the previous year. Unless Congress changes the law, the deductions will increase gradually until the entire premium become deductible in 2003.

— Up to $675,000 of the value of a qualified, family-owned business can be excluded from taxes if the owner died in 1998.

— Deductions can be taken in 1998 for purchases of up to $18,500 in equipment, provided the business doesn't buy more than $200,000 that year. Otherwise, the cost must be depreciated over several years.

For 1999, one big change took effect Jan. 1: an expanded definition for a "principal place of business" that may allow many people to take a home office deduction for the first time.

Among the requirements are that the home office be used for administrative or management activities, that there is no other fixed place where those activities occur, and that the office is used "exclusively and regularly" for business, according to the IRS.

One warning is that an employee's decision not to use suitable space provided by the employer can affect whether the IRS will permit the deduction.

"People should begin right away figuring out whether they qualify," Doedtman said. "The definition is a lot more flexible."

The IRS offers Publication 334, "Tax Guide for Small Business," aimed at helping sole proprietors. There is also Publication 910, a guide to free tax services, and Publication 1518, a 12-month wall calendar with tax tips and key dates.

Also available are Publication 225, "Farmer's Tax Guide," and Publication 595, "Tax Highlights for Commercial Fishermen."

Finally, the IRS Internet site at http://www.irs.ustreas.gov has a Tax Info for Business section offering forms, information and answers.

Astro-graph By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, Jan. 31, 1999

In the year ahead, you might find yourself seeking greater harmony and balance in important areas of your life. Order and growth will prevail where frustrations previously existed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If you're involved with a group today where joint expenses are involved, be certain everyone understands in advance that they're expected to pay their fair share, or you could get stuck with the tab. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Anything you neglect at this time may require twice the effort to complete later, so it behooves you today to keep pace with all your duties and responsibilities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be diligent of your behavior today, especially when in the company of people who don't know you too well. If you act poorly, the impression you leave could be difficult to eradicate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Rather than getting yourself all worked up and saying something you'll regret, duck out early if you find yourself today at a gathering that includes someone you dislike.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) As a Gemini, one of your problems can be mood swings and today could be one of those times. Should you get temperamental, try not to take it out on others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It could be your smaller expenditures that may quickly add up to a hefty sum today, so keep a tight reign on your wallet. If they're allowed to get out of hand, your budget might suffer.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Carefully check all the details for hidden clauses on any document or agreement you're asked to sign today. Ask questions if you're in need of an explanation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Considering all sides of an issue is usually an excellent habit, but in your case today, this practice might get your head spinning and cause you to be completely indecisive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't mistakenly see yourself as the underdog merely because you are in the company of hotshots today. Remember, you have much going for you and you're as good as anybody else.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Someone with ulterior motives may try to use you in some manner to better his or her position today. Be watchful, protect yourself, and stand up for your rights if need be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Don't make winning the most important point today. You could become tempted to use methods or techniques not in accord with your highest standards and ideals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're uncharacteristically susceptible to high pressured sales pitches today, so be careful. A good promoter could entice you to pay a hefty price for something of little or no value.

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Your Birthday

Monday, Feb. 1, 1999

Continue to put forth the same honest effort you've shown in the past, and several situations you were unable to effectively bring together will neatly fall into place for you in the year ahead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Your dealings in your communicative involvements appear to be much stronger today than in other areas, so trade on your strengths and have a good day. Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Rather than using commands today to gain the cooperation of co-workers, secure their willingness to work in tandem with you by utilizing your easygoing presence.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't be so quick to slough off an opportunity that appears to be of a limited nature at first glance. Upon checking it out, it could be bigger than you think.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Should you feel a need to ventilate your frustrations by talking them out with someone, be sure it's with a pal who has offered you sound solutions in the past.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Chances are you'll be able to get what you want in a commercial involvement today if you're both fair and practical. If you feel you're entitled to something, specify your claims in detail.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Trading on knowledge you've gained from previous experiences is why you'll be able to dispatch a critical situation with relative ease today. You won't repeat old mistakes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There won't be any challenge too great for you to handle today. You're in rare form and should be able to easily find ways to come out the winner with whatever you take on.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Things should work out satisfactorily for you today when confronted with a hard decision affecting two other friends. You'll do what's right, not what's easy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Rewards from some past efforts you've expended may be forthcoming today. Although this may have been long overdue, they'll now be acknowledged with notable remuneration.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Anything your co-participants take seriously should be viewed with gravity if you become involved in any type of team effort today. Try to be a team player and mirror their attitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Think like a winner today, and a meaningful endeavor you're anxious to finalize to your satisfaction will come out as you envisioned. Maximize on your will and determination.

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Today is the 30th day of 1999 and the 41st day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1933, the first "Lone Ranger" program was broadcast by Detroit's WXYZ radio station.

On this day in 1948, Mohandas Gandhi was assassinated in his garden in New Delhi.

On this day in 1969, the Beatles performed in public together for the last time, on the roof of their Apple Corps headquarters.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945), U.S. president; Barbara Tuchman (1912-1989), historian; Dick Martin (1923-), comedian, is 76; Gene Hackman (1930-), actor, is 69; Boris Spassky (1937-), chess master, is 62; Curtis Strange (1955-), golfer, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1971, the Birmingham Southern State College basketball team beat Florence State University 55-46.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "We have learned that we cannot live alone, at peace; that our own well-being is dependent on the well-being of other nations, far away." — Franklin Delano Roosevelt

TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon (Jan. 31).

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Jan. 31, 1999

Today is the 31st day of 1999 and the 42nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1851, Gail Borden of Brooklyn, N.Y., announced that he had invented evaporated milk.

On this day in 1949, "These Are My Children" premiered on an NBC television station in Chicago. It was the first daytime television soap opera.

On this day in 1986, Maria Lund of Kensington, Minn., became the first woman to receive an artificial heart.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Franz Schubert (1797-1828), composer; Anna Pavlova (1882-1931), ballerina; Eddie Cantor (1892-1964), comedian; Tallulah Bankhead (1903-1968), actress; Jackie Robinson (1919-1972), baseball great; Carol Channing (1923-), actress, is 76; Ernie Banks (1931-), baseball great, is 68; Philip Glass (1937-), composer, is 62; Nolan Ryan (1947-), baseball great, is 52.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1992, Howard Cosell retired from broadcasting after 39 years in the business.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "How many cares one loses when one decides not to be something but to be someone." — Coco Chanel

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.

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IOC targets more members

NEW YORK (AP) — An "indefinite number" of International Olympic Committee members have been added as targets in the inquiry into the Games' corruption scandal that now covers Sydney as well as Salt Lake City, the committee's chief investigator said Friday.

IOC vice president Dick Pound refused to identify the additions to an investigation that already has led to the expulsion or resignation of nine members, the biggest purge in the IOC's 105 years.

Pound said fresh information from the ethics commission investigating Salt Lake's successful bid for the 2002 Winter Games, and news involving Sydney's winning bid for the 2000 Summer Games, led to the latest steps.

"We are looking at some of the other members and not just based on information coming out of the Salt Lake City investigation," Pound said. "It's an indefinite number and an indefinite line to follow."

The commission's initial report on the Salt Lake City case, released Sunday, found that 14 IOC members, including one who has since died, took almost $800,000 in cash, travel and medical expenses, lavish gifts and services from the city's bid committee.

Besides the resignations and expulsions announced Sunday, the IOC said three members remained under investigation and a fourth member was warned.

The IOC has 106 committee members.

As Pound's group was finishing its "first sweep" of Salt Lake, word came that the head of the Australian Olympic Committee promised $70,000 to two African IOC members the night before Sydney won the 2000 Games by two votes over Beijing.

One of those members, Charles Mukora of Kenya, also was implicated in the Salt Lake case and has resigned. The other member was identified as Francis Nyangweso of Uganda.



ATTEND BETA CONVENTION — Hermleigh Beta Club members who attended the state Beta Club Convention in Dallas Jan. 22-24 are back row, from left, Jennifer Roemisch, president; Brandy Wood, Randi K. Herrington, vice-president; Sabrina Terry; front row, Jared Higgins, secretary; Joey Garza, Billy Lambaren. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Foster care sex suit settled

BOSTON (AP) — A family who claimed a 15-year-old foster daughter had sex with their 11-year-old son and bore a child have reached a settlement with the social service agency that placed the girl in the home.

The parents of the boy claimed they were not told the teen-ager may have been sexually abused and acted sexually aggressive toward younger children.

The suit against Mentor Inc. and the state Department of Social Services was in the fourth day of trial Thursday when Mentor agreed to settle the case.

The amount Mentor, a private agency with a state contract to find foster homes, agreed to pay the family was confidential, but Boston newspapers said it was about $700,000.

The Department of Social Services showed that Mentor had agreed to take full responsibility for the girl.

The 15-year-old girl was placed with the family, which had taken in foster children before, in 1990.

Sex between the children allegedly took place that year and the next until the boy's mother found them embracing in June 1991.

Condemned killer's kin thankful

REEDS SPRING, Mo. (AP) — For Darrell Mease's mother, it was never a matter of whether, but simply when, her son's death sentence for killing three people would be commuted to life in prison.

"We were listening for this, Darrell and I were listening for this for years," Lexie Mease said Friday. "We didn't know how long we would have to wait, but we knew it would happen. We weren't depending on man. We were depending on God."

Gov. Mel Carnahan spared her son's life Thursday after an extraordinary face-to-face plea from Pope John Paul II. While everyone from political pundits to religious leaders were flabbergasted, Mease had told his brother, Larry, to expect something remarkable.

"He said he didn't know when it would happen. But he snapped his fingers and said, 'When it does it will be just like this. And everybody will know about it,'" Larry Mease said about a death row visit with his brother last Sunday.

Mease, 52, was facing execution for the 1988 murders of a former drug partner, the man's wife and the couple's paraplegic grandson. The governor had previously considered 27 death sentences and commuted only one.

"If somebody told you the pope was going to come over here and do that, you'd think they was crazy," said Larry Mease.

The area Mease grew up in is a collection of hardscrabble farms and ramshackle old homes mixed in with shiny new vacation cabins, horse stables, fancy restaurants and antique shops for tourists visiting Branson.

Mrs. Mease refuses to discuss the killings. Reminded that her son's sentence is now life without parole, she smiled and said the same prayers that saved his life will eventually set him free.

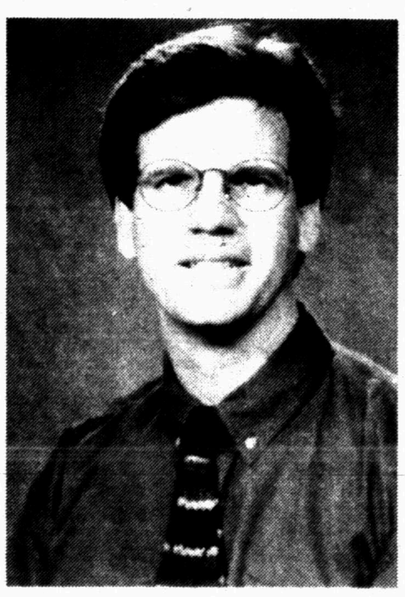
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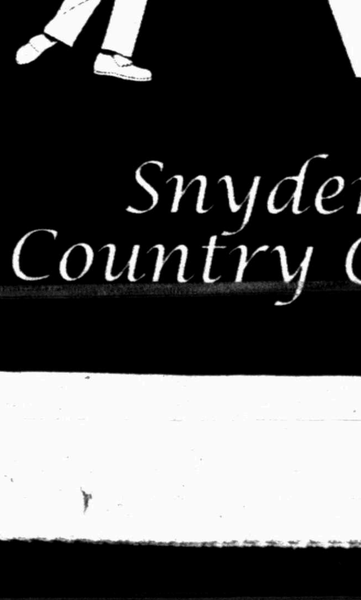
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SPORTS

SHS Lady Tigers clinch spot in 4A playoffs



TWO POINTS — Snyder's Kristin Murray puts up a basket during Friday night's Lady Tiger win in Big Spring. Also shown is Lady Tiger Alicia Peoples. The win guarantees the team a playoff spot. (SDN Staff Photo)

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

BIG SPRING — It has been signed, sealed and delivered.

The Snyder Lady Tigers have an invitation to the postseason.

After knocking off Big Spring on Friday, 61-42, Snyder is headed to the girls' state basketball playoffs for the first time in 19 years.

With three games left on their district schedule, the Lady Tigers can finish no worse than third. The combination of Snyder's win and Andrews' loss to Lake View wrapped up the postseason berth.

"With all the injuries we've had this season and everything we've been through, this is a great experience for these girls," Snyder coach Rick Archer said. "We're a young team and we've made some mistakes along the way, but I couldn't be more happy with the situation we're in right now."

The Lady Tigers still have a realistic shot at second place and an outside shot at the 5-4A title.

Snyder will square-off with second-place Lake View in the regular season finale Feb. 9. Sweetwater has the inside track to the league crown.

"Now that we're in, we want to concentrate on getting second place or a piece of the district title," said Archer. "We want to get some momentum heading into the playoffs and I would like to see us step up our play in big games. Even if we don't beat Sweetwater or Lake View, I would like to see us play well against those teams."

Against the Lady Steers, Snyder got the job done on the inside, as well as from the perimeter.

Senior post Alicia Peoples dominated action in the paint, pulling down nine rebounds and netting a game-high 18 points.

From the outside, it was sophomore T'Leah Eicke doing the most damage. Eicke drained three buckets from behind the arc and finished with 11 points.

"Alicia has been doing a great job on the boards for us," Archer stated. "Everybody pitched in last night. Some girls scored more points than others, but everybody did their job. The bottom line is that we walked off the court with a win and that is the important thing."

The Lady Tigers, who struggled early on against the quick-handed defensive pressure of Big Spring's Melissa Forth, held only a two-point advantage as the first period came to a close.

But the Lady Tigers began to take over in the second quarter as Eicke and Mandy Hess nailed three-pointers to help push the margin to 28-20 by halftime.

Seeing her first action of the district season after suffering a knee injury, Hess' presence on the court was a welcome sight for Snyder.

"Having Mandy back means a lot," Archer remarked. "She's our best ball handler. The other girls did a good job while she was out, but I'm sure they're glad to see her back so she can take some of the load off of their shoulders."

Hess finished with seven points on the night.

Snyder put the game away in the third period, scoring at will on the Lady Steers.

A pair of long-range buckets from Eicke and eight points from Peoples spurred a 20-point outburst by the Lady Tigers, powering them to a 48-32 lead enetreing the final period.

With their first playoff berth since the 1979-80 season now in the bag, the Lady Tigers can take a glance at possible bi-district opponents.

Should Snyder finish third, the likely opponent would be Stephenville, while a runner-up finish could produce a match-up with Cleburne.

The Lady Tigers host their next two district ballgames, beginning Tuesday at 6 p.m. with Ft. Stockton. Sweetwater pays a visit to Snyder on Friday.

Snyder	**12**	**16**	**20**	**13**	**— 61**
Big Spring	**10**	**10**	**12**	**10**	**— 42**

Snyder
Peoples 7 4-4 18, Eicke 4 0-0 11, Voss 3 0-2 6, Hall 1 0-0 2, Murray 1 0-0 2, Beard 4 1-2 9, Hess 2 2-2 7, Kallemeyn 2 2-3 6. **Totals 24 9-13 61.**

Big Spring
Forth 3 7-8 13, Flenniken 2 2-4 6, Jackson 2 1-2 5, Johnson 1 0-2 2, McLellan 0 1-2 1, Pudliner 2 4-4 8, McBee 1 2-2 5, Gibbs 1 0-0 2. **Totals 12 17-24 42.**

Three-point goals: Snyder 4 (Eicke 3, Hess), Big Spring 1 (McBee). Rebounds: Snyder 32 (Peoples 9), Big Spring 28 (Forth 6). Total fouls: Snyder 18, Big Spring 16. Fouled out — none.

5-4A Girls

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Sweetwater	**7**	**0**	**22**	**4**
Lake View	**6**	**1**	**13**	**12**
Snyder	**5**	**2**	**13**	**13**
Andrews	**2**	**5**	**7**	**18**
Big Spring	**1**	**6**	**5**	**21**
Ft. Stockton	**0**	**7**	**4**	**20**

Friday's results: Snyder 61, Big Spring 42; Sweetwater 63, Ft. Stockton 24; Lake View 59, Andrews 52.
Tuesday's games: Ft. Stockton at Snyder; Big Spring at Andrews; Lake View at Sweetwater.

Super Bowl arrives

MIAMI (AP) — NFL coaches rarely pass for standup comics, particularly at the Super Bowl. Yet Mike Shanahan and Dan Reeves were in a jovial mood Friday as they wrapped up a week of entertaining buildup to Sunday's title game.

Granted, most of the entertainment was provided by the Broncos' Shannon Sharpe and the Falcons' Ray Buchanan. But Shanahan put their dissing match into perspective:

"If you take Shannon Sharpe out of the equation, we have been very quiet," said Shanahan, whose defending champions are seven-point favorites to become the first AFC repeater since the 1980 game. "Now if we didn't have Shannon Sharpe, there would be everybody in this room complaining about there was nothing exciting to write about or talk about."

Reeves talked about long-gone days when he was playing for championships.

"I watched the Ice Bowl game the other day or the other night, actually," Reeves said, referring to the NFL title game in 1967, played in subzero temperatures at Green Bay. "I couldn't sleep. Those stories have gotten so much better through the years. I am a much better player than I was back in 1965. So it's amazing to hear some of the stories."

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue wasn't telling story, but he had plenty to talk about shortly after the coaches finished their monologues.

He discussed the likelihood of instant replay returning to help officials — he almost guaranteed its passage at the March league meetings — and endorsed Lawrence Taylor for the Hall of Fame.

"We, a lot of people in the National Football League, by jumping on the officials ... we got into shooting ourselves in the foot deals," he said, noting that, in general, the quality of officiating "is as good as it's ever been.

"I think we will have replay when we come out of the league meeting in March."

He also said he believes Taylor, eligible for the Hall of Fame for the first time, will make it. There has been considerable debate about whether Taylor's off-field problems will derail his entry in Saturday's voting.

"I think he should," be in the Hall, Tagliabue said. "And I say that without qualification."

The Broncos and the Falcons, meantime, held their final practices. Reeves placed Dave Widell, Rod Monroe, Omar Brown and Darren Anderson on the inactive list.

"That's one of the things I struggled the most with," Reeves said. "I can't understand why you can't at least have them dress out."

Not dressing for Denver will be Justin Armour, Chris Banks, Cyron Brown and Trey Teague.

They weren't required to do interviews, so Sharpe and Buchanan couldn't insult each other again through the media.

Their trashathon almost overshadowed some other topics, including the feud involving Reeves and John Elway and Shanahan; the likelihood this will be John Elway's last game; and the novelty of having the Falcons in their first Super Bowl.

Reeves, of course, has been in more of these games than anyone. This will be his ninth; but he's lost all three as a coach — with the Broncos.

"I don't think there is any question that it would be more gratifying (to win) as a coach," said Reeves, who has overseen a remarkable Atlanta turnaround from 3-13 in 1996, the year before he arrived, to 16-2 this season. "Now maybe I wouldn't say that if I had won my first one, because I can remember how gratifying it was to win that first Super Bowl after struggling and being there so closely (with Dallas).

"But I think when you go through and have lost three and you feel like you let everybody down, because that is your responsibility as head coach ... it would mean more as a coach than it did when I was a player."

Shanahan was on Reeves' Denver staff for those super flops in the 1987, '89 and '90 games. Now, he's dealing with history.

Before last year's win over the Packers, no AFC team had even won a league title since the 1983 season.

Super Bowl
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Lady Cardinals pound Blackwell

HERMLEIGH — The Hermleigh Lady Cardinals got balanced scoring, with four players posting double digits, to cruise past Blackwell, 75-58.

The victory improves the Lady Cards to 13-9 on the year and 4-2 in district play. More importantly, it keeps the Hermleigh girls in second place in the 19-A standings.

"The girls played really well," Hermleigh coach Rocky Clindaniel said. "They came out strong and finished strong."

The Lady Cards, led by 17 points from Jennifer Roemisch, grabbed a 18-11 lead early on, before extending their advantage to 38-25 by halftime.

Also notching double-digit point totals for Hermleigh were Kendra Dacus and Randi Herrington with 16 apiece, and Brandy Wood with 10.

Sheena Callaway and Cynthia Jackson dropped in seven points, with Samantha Smith adding two.

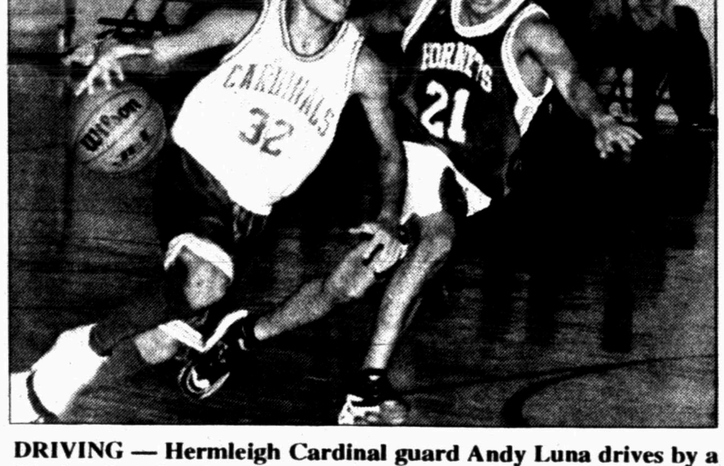
In boys' action, Blackwell overcame a stellar performance from Hermleigh's Billy Lambaren to record a 54-41 victory.

Lambaren powered the Cardinals with 14 points and 18 rebounds, while Caleb Callaway netted 16 points and pulled down eight boards.

"We've improved a lot since the beginning of the year and we hung with Blackwell for most of the night," said Cardinal coach Juan Rios. "We're still looking for that first district win, but I think we're playing well enough to win one."

The Cardinals were down by only four points heading into the final quarter Friday night, before the Hornets began to pull away.

Both Hermleigh squads will be back on the court Tuesday when they visit Highland. Girls' action is slated to get underway at 6:30, with the boys tipping off at 8 p.m.

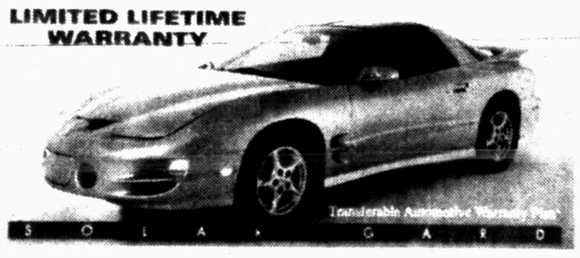


DRIVING — Hermleigh Cardinal guard Andy Luna drives by a Blackwell defender during the Cardinal's loss Friday night at home. Both Hermleigh teams travel to Highland for games on Tuesday. (SDN Staff Photo)

NCAA BASKETBALL SCORES

Men's College Basketball
EAST
Boston U. 73, Towson 43
Delaware 72, Northeastern 69
Loyola, Md. 71, Manhattan 67
Penn 86, Cornell 62
Princeton 46, Columbia 40
SOUTHWEST
No major team scores reported from the SOUTHWEST.
FAR WEST
Loyola Marymount 101, St. Mary's, Cal. 87
Pepperdine 72, San Diego 58

Women's Basketball
Major Scores
EAST
Canisius 75, Marist 61
Niagara 88, Loyola, Md. 78
Penn 71, Cornell 68
Penn St. 91, Wisconsin 61
Princeton 68, Columbia 48
Richmond 90, George Mason 73
Siena 93, Manhattan 76
St. Peter's 64, Iona 54
William & Mary 59, American U. 51
SOUTH
Cincinnati 79, Southern Miss. 70
East Carolina 65, James Madison 62
Furman 60, Coll. of Charleston 55
Louisville 63, Tulane 58
Old Dominion 81, Va. Commonwealth 59
MIDWEST
Dayton 64, Duquesne 62
Illinois 88, Minnesota 69
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SPORTS

Bulldogs close in on postseason

Balanced scoring and stellar defense translates victory.

That was the case for the Ira Bulldogs Friday night in the 65-43 District 18-A triumph over Grady.

Ira increased its loop ledger to 4-2 and is keeping its sights on post-season play when the Bulldogs travel to Sands Tuesday night. Ira's season record improved to 18-6.

After an 11-11 first quarter, the Bulldos moved out front by seven points at intermission and held Grady to only nine in the third quarter while canning 16.

Leading 46-32 going into the final eight minutes, the Bulldogs kept up the offensive onslaught with 19 more points while holding the visitors to only 11.

Jerek Brown set the scoring pace with 18 points while Richard Wilkins was close behind with 17, including a pair of treys. Also in double figures was Nathan Smith with 16, including two from the arc.

Other Bulldog points included eight from Logan Daves, four from Drew Wall and two from Jose Juarez.

Greg Gibson led the scoring for Grady with 16 points. Grady's season record is 14-11 and 2-4 in district play.

In the girls varsity game, Ira bowed to Grady, 67-37, after a slow start in which the Lady Bulldogs were only able to post 14 points while Grady had 37 at intermission.

Grady increased the advantage to 56-26 going into the final period of play.

Morgan Clements again had a good night from the floor, hiting 10 field goals and a pair from the charity stripe. E'Lissa Goolsby added five while Audra Oliver put in four and Tara Allen had one three-pointer.

Ira girls' season record is 13-11 and they are 2-4 in loop play which continues Tuesday when the Lady Bulldogs travel to Sands.

Ira junior high hoops end season

Ira junior high dropped a pair of hoops games to Borden County Thursday night.

The Lady Coyotes raced to a 51-21 district victory over Ira while the Borden County boys upended the Bulldogs, 45-32.

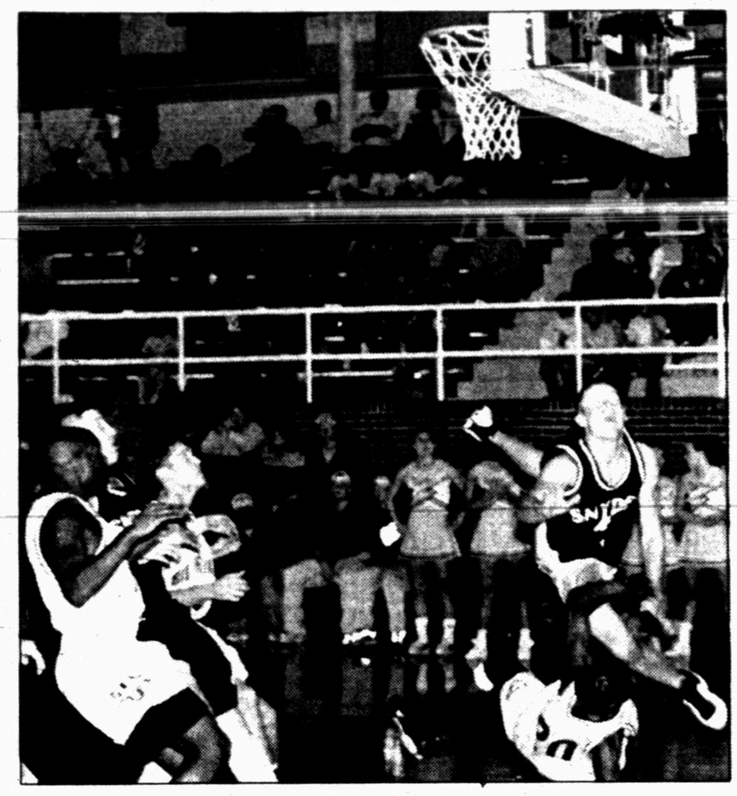
The Lady Bulldogs finished the regular season at 7-6 and an even 4-4 district slate. The Ira boys concluded the season at 10-3 and 5-3 in district.

Against Borden County, Celeigh Sterling led the Lady Bulldogs with seven points. She finished the season with a 13.8 average, including a pair of 21-point games.

April Lollar scored six points while Kali Clements put in three. Lindsey Wilson posted two points while Amanda Calley, Casey Kellner and Amanda Ramarez each added one.

In the varsity boys loss to Borden County, Jake Barnes led the scoring with 13 points while Jess Wall canned seven. Eric Dickerhoff put in six while Jeff Fine added four and Tyler Frey two.

Wall led the team in season scoring with 8.8 points average per game, including a season high 15-point game.



A CUMBIE CARTWHEEL — Snyder's Sonny Cumbie takes a spill after drawing a foul from Big Spring's Jason Walker during district action Friday night. The Tigers edged the Steers, 50-49, to remain in seccond place. (SDN Staff Photo)

NBA preparing to tip-off hectic, shortened season

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer

Welcome to the post-lockout, post-Jordan NBA. February is nearly here, every team is undefeated and every game will count a little more.

Scottie is with Charles, Spree is free and the Bulls stink.

Put it all together and it might be enough to get the fans interested again.

"We're going to put on a good show from the start, I think," Lakers coach Del Harris said. "Why? Because each game's going to be very important in a compacted season."

The 50-game schedule begins Friday, Feb. 5, more than three months late and 32 games short. So much will have changed from that night in mid-June when Michael Jordan stole the ball from Karl Malone and hit the shot that gave the Chicago Bulls their sixth title of the decade.

There won't be an encore this year, not from Jordan and not from the Bulls.

That dynasty is dead.

For the other 28 teams, it means the race for the championship is wide open.

"I can see why people would be excited about it, but I wish he was still playing. He was everything that was right about the NBA," Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy said, referring to Jordan's retirement.

"He's obviously great for the fans, but also for the other players because he's such a benchmark as far as work, dedication and commitment to winning, and I wonder where that's going to come from now."

It'll take years for someone to step into Jordan's sneakers, but the process will nonetheless begin immediately in this abbreviated season.

The Knicks have become a serious contender with Latrell Sprewell, traded from Golden State, where he was suspended for 68 games and lost about $6 million in salary for choking coach P.J. Carlesimo.

The Indiana Pacers were already a major contender, and now they're being labeled the favorites in the East. They return almost the exact team that took the Bulls to seven games in the conference finals.

The Pacers, however, are old. And one of the popular lines of thinking these days if that the younger teams — such as Boston, Cleveland and Portland — will have an advantage this season with so many games crammed into so few nights — 50 games in 90 days.

"I've heard that theory, but you just don't know because all of this is so new to everyone," Pacers coach Larry Bird said.

One of the oddities of the revamped schedule is that teams will play three games on three consecutive nights three times during the season.

Bird used to do it with the Celtics, playing Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday afternoon, but none of today's players are used to that kind of grind.

The new generation also isn't used to playing 88 percent of its games within the same conference, but they'll have to adjust to that, too, as teams play out of conference only six times all season.

Also, there won't be an All-Star break. That weekend of frivolity was lost because of the lockout.

"With 50 games, it's kind of like college," Detroit's Grant Hill said. "If the No. 1 team loses a game, it will be like they slipped in the standings. You sure don't want to start out much below .500. If you fall far off, you'll have a hard time catching up."

Players reported to training camps in varying degrees of shape, with Shawn Kemp and Patrick Ewing among the most obviously overweight.

A few teams practiced together regularly during the 6½-month lockout, including the Pacers and Utah Jazz, while other teams came out of the work stoppage with only three or four players under contract, including Phoenix, Orlando and Atlanta, and then had to scramble just to put a roster together.

By the time some of those teams get comfortable, 10 games — or one-fifth of the season — might have passed.

"It's important to get off to a good start, and it's important to have depth and be able to overcome the attrition that happens when you play a lot of games in a short period of time," Seattle coach Paul Westphal said.

In the West, the Jazz still look like the team to beat.

Having been to the finals the last two years only to lose to the Bulls, Utah returns virtually the same team that won 126 regular-season games in those two seasons. The Jazz also embarrassed the Lakers in the Western Conference finals last year.

"There were a lot of things that went wrong. That's why we got swept," Kobe Bryant said. "Obviously, Utah's the team to beat."

But the competition has gotten tougher, from Scottie Pippen joining Charles Barkley and Hakeem Olajuwon in Houston to Steve Kerr and Mario Elie joining the San Antonio Spurs and their formidable big men, David Robinson and Tim Duncan.

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Friday, Jan. 29

Washington 74, Philadelphia 61
Boston 120, Toronto 99
Atlanta 79, Charlotte 74
Detroit 83, Cleveland 78
New Jersey 92, New York 90
Utah 108, Denver 90
Portland 109, Vancouver 89
L.A. Lakers 107, L.A. Clippers 76

Saturday, Jan. 30

Philadelphia at Washington, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at Seattle, 10 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Tiger defensive change nets one-point victory over Steers

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

BIG SPRING — Snyder Tigers basketball coach Bud Birks reached into his bag of tricks with 14 seconds left Friday night and what he pulled out was another nail-biting district victory.

Snyder, a die-hard man-to-man defensive team, came out in a 1-3-1 zone for the final 14 seconds Friday, confusing Big Spring and forcing a bad shot by the Steers.

The ball clanged off the rim, then was grabbed by Justin McNair and the Tigers escaped Big Spring gym with a 50-49 win.

"We work on the zone about once a week and run it for a few seconds about once year," Birks remarked. "Our thoughts are that if you're up by only one point, then a long jump shot or a drive to the basket either one can beat you, so a zone is the best defense. Plus, since we never run it, it catches the other team by surprise."

After the two squads traded the lead six times in the final two minutes, Cory Mandrell put the Tigers up by one with a eight-foot baseline jumper with 14 ticks on the clock.

Following a Big Spring time-out, Snyder came out and gave the look of their usual man-to-man, but once the ball was inbounded, the Tigers retreated to the zone.

Big Spring point guard Chello Williams couldn't penetrate, get an open shot or find an open teammate. Williams tossed up the desparation shot with Jared Hester and Sonny Cumbie in his face.

"Even though we don't play the zone very often," said Birks. "The kids do a very good job with it. These kids are great at listening to what you want, then executing it on the court."

In a game with few turnovers and only a handful of fouls, both teams executed well.

Big Spring's speed and height advantage got the better part of Snyder in the early going as the Steers raced to a 12-7 first quarter lead.

The Tigers turned things around in the second period. Mandrell got busy on the inside for Snyder, posting eight points, while McNair drained his second three-pointer to push Snyder on top, 22-21 at the break.

McNair finished with four baskets from behind the arc, including a crucial one down the stretch.

"Justin is such a good shooter that if you give him too many open looks, he'll hurt you," Birks stated. "He did a good job of getting his body square to the basket and hitting the shots."

A Snyder run early in the third quarter was matched by a Steer rally late in the period, sending the game into the final eight minutes knotted at 33-33.

Big Spring quickly grabbed a five-point advantage, before the Tigers reeled them in at the five-minute mark. In the final five minutes of the contest, neither squad would lead by more than one point.

The Tiger's and Steers' battle down the stretch culminated with Mandrell's shot with 14 seconds remaining.

The narrow victory was the fourth such win by Snyder since district play began. Last-second victories over Ft. Stockton, Sweetwater and Andrews, preceeded Friday's barn-burner.

"I think we've played so many close games that the kids have confidence that they can pull a game out, no matter what the situation is," said Birks. "When we got down by five in the fourth quarter, I called a timeout. The kids weren't paniced at all. They went back on the court and did what they needed to do to win the ballgame."

The victory improves the Tigers' mark to 13-12 on the season and 4-1 in 5-4A action.

Snyder finishes the first half of the district schedule in second place, one game behind league-leading Lake View.

The Tigers will host their next two district contests as Ft. Stockton visits the SHS gym on Tuesday, followed by Sweetwater on Friday.

Snyder	7	15	11	17 — 50
Big Spring	12	9	12	16 — 49

Snyder
Cumbie 5 8-12 18, Mandrell 4 8-8 16, McNair 5 0-0 14, Warren 1 0-0 2. Totals 15 16-20 50.

Big Spring
Williams 5 0-0 11, Hall 5 0-0 11, Woodruff 4 0-1 8, Brock 3 2-2 8, Walker 1 0-0 2, Cowley 2 0-0 4, Nutting 1 1-1 3, Purcell 1 0-0 2. Totals 22 3-4 49.

Three-point goals: Snyder 4 (McNair 4), Big Spring 2 (Williams, Hall). Rebounds: Snyder 22 (Cumbie 8), Big Spring 15 (Hall 5). Total fouls: Snyder 11, Big Spring 14. Fouled out — none.

5-4A Boys

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Lake View	5	0	21	7
Snyder	4	1	13	12
Andrews	2	3	7	20
Big Spring	2	3	8	16
Ft. Stockton	2	3	14	10
Sweetwater	0	5	7	17

Friday's results: Snyder 50, Big Spring 49; Ft. Stockton 59, Sweetwater 46; Lake View 68, Andrews 64.
Tuesday's games: Ft. Stockton at Snyder; Big Spring at Andrews; Lake View at Sweetwater.

JV boys win in rout, 62-40

BIG SPRING — Snyder's junior varsity boys played consistent offense through all four quarters, threw in some tough defense in the middle, and walked away with another win.

Snyder held Big Spring to single digits in the second and third periods Thursday en route to a 62-40 victory.

Paced by Heath Pinkerton's 24 points, the Tigers posted 34 points in the opening half and 29 more over the final two quarters.

Michael Loper poured in 16 points for Snyder, with Phillip Broadwater netting 13. Trevor Kerr notched four points, while Tovares Brandon, Layne Scott and Jessie Haines chipped in two apiece.

Snyder will be in action again Tuesday when it hosts Ft. Stockton at 6 p.m.

Lawrence Taylor, three others to be enshrined in hall of fame

MIAMI (AP) — Lawrence Taylor was right. His election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame really was a no-brainer.

The troubled linebacker was a first-ballot choice today, voted into the Canton, Ohio, shrine along with Eric Dickerson, Tom Mack, Ozzie Newsome and old-timer Billy Shaw.

Induction ceremonies are scheduled for July 31.

Taylor's candidacy was a topic of controversy throughout Super Bowl week. He has had repeated scrapes with drugs, was found guilty of filing false income tax returns and was questioned by a grand jury investigating organized crime.

All of those things weighed against him in minds of some of the 36 writers on the voting panel, even though, unlike baseball, there are no "good citizenship" requirements in the bylaws of football's hall.

"I don't apologize for anything," Taylor said Monday in a conference call with reporters. "There are some things in all our lives we wish we could change. Unfortunately, we can't do that.

"I don't worry about the choices I made. When my days are over I'll have to answer for everything I've done."

Taylor had the endorsement of NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

"The Hall is about performance on the field," Tagliabue said Friday. "Lawrence was one of the greatest players ever; he changed the way the game is played. I think the public understands that by making a judgment on what he did on the field, you're not judging what he did off it."

Taylor, star linebacker for the New York Giants from 1981-93, was the dominant defensive player of his time.

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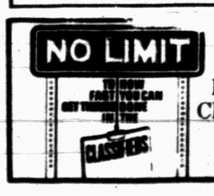


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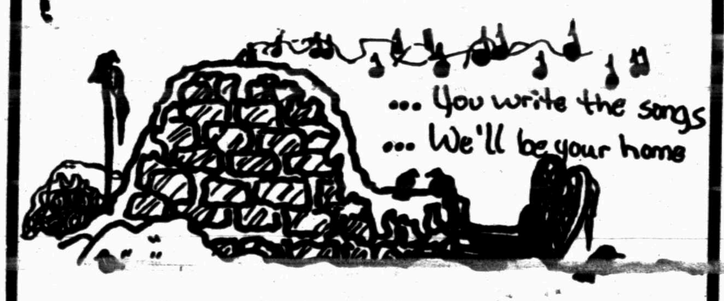
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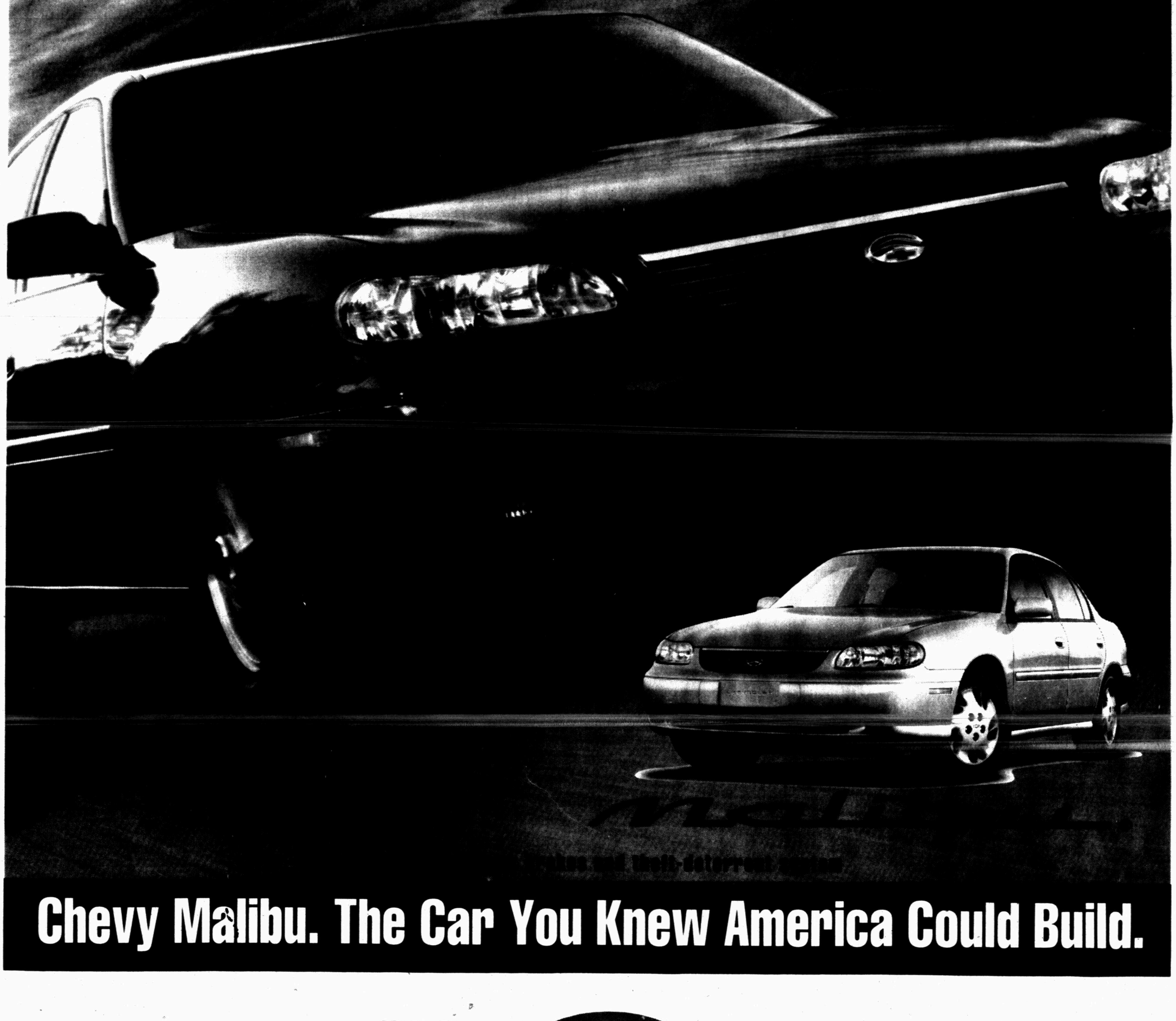
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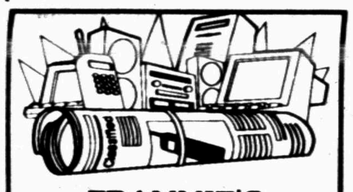
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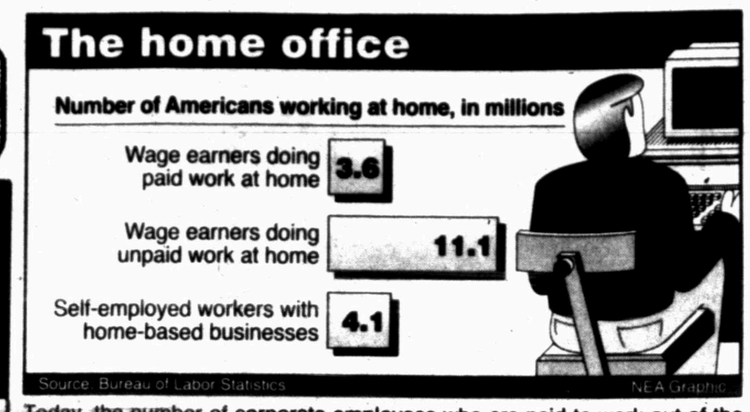


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Lab-grown bladders said working in dogs

NEW YORK (AP) — Artificial bladders grown in a laboratory worked well for nearly a year in dogs, raising hopes for a similar treatment for humans with serious bladder disease.

Human bladders can be ravaged by cancer, birth defects, nerve damage or trauma. They can be repaired or replaced with intestinal or stomach tissue, but that can lead to infection and bladder stones.

In the February issue of the journal Nature Biotechnology, Dr. Anthony Atala and colleagues report promise for a different stategy. They took small bits of bladder tissue from six dogs and grew the cells into artificial bladders in the lab. Then they put the artificial organs back into the animals, whose own bladders had been removed.

The artificial organs worked normally for the 11 months of the study.

While scientists have studied artificial bladders before, "this is the best one I've ever seen," commented Dr. Eli A. Friedman, editor of the journal of the American Society for Artificial Internal Organs.

The work must be confirmed by other groups, but Atala's results provide strong evidence that the technique works, said Friedman, a professor of medicine at the State University of New York at Brooklyn.

Atala, a urologic surgeon at Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston, said more research is needed before the technique could be tried in people.

To grow the bladders, researchers separated two kinds of cells from the bladder tissue samples, and grew each kind out into a sheet. They attached one sheet to the inside of a mold and the other sheet to the outside. This assembly was transplanted into whichever dog provided the initial tissue.

The mold disintegrated within three months, replaced by normal tissue.

After 21 years, woman takes her first steps of freedom

DETROIT (AP) — Finally free after 21 years in prison, a woman released Friday under a law relaxing sentences for drug crimes spent the day getting reacquainted with everyday life.

"The first thing I did was hug my niece and eat some ice cream," JeDonna Young said Friday. "I'm tripping out just answering the telephone, making myself a sandwich, using the microwave."

Ms. Young, 44, left the Scott Regional Correctional Facility in suburban Plymouth one week after the state parole board unanimously agreed to release her.

She was driving with her boyfriend James Gulley in 1978 when Detroit police stopped her car and found nearly 3 pounds of heroin. Gulley said it was his; Ms. Young said she didn't know it was there. Both were convicted under a new, unforgiving anti-drug law that mandated life in prison. Gulley died in prison in 1997.

The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reluctantly upheld Ms. Young's conviction in 1989 but said it was unconvinced she was the kind of drug dealer the law was designed for. It suggested "the tiger trap may have sprung upon a sick kitten."

Last year, the Legislature amended the lifer law to allow parole after 20 years, or as early as 15 years if the convict cooperated with police and did not have prior felony convictions. The change took effect Oct. 1.

Ms. Young said she doesn't harbor any resentment toward the system that imprisoned her for two decades.

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The family of Emiterio Martinez want you to know that your kindness at this time is deeply appreciated. We especially want to thank Mr. Kent Wright and all his staff at Wright Colonial Funeral Home, Father Jerry Leatham of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church and everyone that kept us in their prayers.

Alice Martinez

Murder confession takes strange twist

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — An ongoing saga involving murder, conviction, confession and possible perjury took a bizarre twist when a newspaper discovered that the convict and another man with a similar name were in jail at the same time.

Oscar Alberto Saenz, 34, was convicted in December of killing Maricela Gastelum in a parking lot shooting outside a Tucson bar in February 1998. He has insisted he is innocence and, shortly before he was to be sentenced, sought a new trial.

The new trial request stemmed from a confession by Jesus Lugo Dominguez of Los Mochis, Mexico, who entered the United States illegally to tell authorities that he was the shooter.

In a subsequent interview with authorities, however, Dominguez said he lied in an effort to protect his brother-in-law. He said Saenz was married to his sister, Maria Lugo Dominguez of Nogales, Mexico.

Authorities then charged Dominguez with perjury, obstructing a government investigation and false swearing.

Saenz, a native of Culiacan, Mexico, but a naturalized U.S. citizen who has living the United States for 20 years, denied being married and said he has lived with a Tucson woman the last seven years. They have two children. He also denied knowing Jesus Dominguez.

Now The Arizona Daily Star says it obtained jail records on Friday and found that this Saenz and another, Oscar Osuna Saenz, were in jail at the same time.

The records also show that a woman named Maria de la Luz Lugo Dominguez, 20, visited Oscar Saenz twice last summer, listing herself as his wife, the Star reported on Saturday. Oscar A. Saenz told the Star she visited Oscar O. Saenz.

Authorities weren't backing down.

"We have sufficient information to believe he perjured himself," Deputy County Attorney William Feldhacker said of Dominguez. "At this point I don't want to reveal what we do have."

Feldhacker prosecuted Oscar A. Saenz.

Maria Lugo Dominguez visited Oscar Saenz on June 6 and July 4, according to jail records, the Star said. It said Oscar O. Saenz, who is serving a sentence in federal prison, was not at the Pima County Jail June 6 but was there July 4.

Pima County sheriff's Deputy James Ogden said jail records show Oscar O. Saenz, who was charged with drunken driving, was in the county jail on Jan. 27, 1998; from April 21 to May 1; and from June 18 to July 7.

Ogden said Oscar O. Saenz, 43, who also faced federal assault charges, was in federal custody during the rest of the year. The Star said its efforts to reach Oscar O. Saenz and Maria Lugo Dominguez on Friday were unsuccessful and that Jesus Lugo Dominguez declined an interview request on Friday.

Oscar A. Saenz, who has been in jail since February 1998, told the newspaper there were several mix-ups at the jail because of confusion over the two similarly named inmates.

"Money sent to me went into his account, four times I went to his court hearings, his clothes came to one of my court hearings," he said.

Maria Limon, of Littlerock, Calif., Oscar A. Saenz's mother, said she, too, was caught up in the jail's mix-ups over the two Oscars.

In a telephone interview yesterday, she said on one of her visits to the jail, "they brought me another Oscar Saenz."

The same thing happened once when her daughter, Elizabeth, visited Oscar, Limon said.

Man charged with murder after son shot during soured drug deal

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A crack addict who police say used his children as "shields" when he bought drugs in dangerous neighborhoods was charged with murder Friday after his 6-year-old son was fatally shot during a deal gone bad.

Authorities say an argument over $20 worth of drugs led to the Jan. 4 shooting of Michael Kile's son William, who was shot in the back of the head when a bullet pierced a window of his father's car. The boy died at a hospital eight days later.

Authorities said Kile, 37, used his children as human shields, assuming their presence would protect him from violence.

"He definitely used his son as he was dying as almost a shield, too," Detective Thomas Sarfaty said.

"What we have here is a tragedy of one guy who is willing to kill over $20, and another person so addicted to crack cocaine that he put his own son in harm's way," Prosecutor Scott Newman said.

In addition to murder, Kile was charged with two counts of child neglect and supplying false information to police. He remained at large Friday. If convicted, he faces up to 89 years in prison.

The alleged gunman, Donnell L. Hughley, 21, was arrested Monday. He was charged Friday with murder.

Newman said witnesses have told police Kile is a crack cocaine addict who frequented a high-traffic drug area just north of downtown. He was such a common fixture that dealers gave him the street name "White Mike."

On the morning of Jan. 4, Kile went to the area and bought crack cocaine, Newman said. He had about $100 in his pocket at the beginning of the day, but ran out of money.

Kile left the area, then showed up later that afternoon with a new power drill. With him were his sons, William and 12-year-old Michael, who has Down syndrome.

Kile then allegedly drove to the street where he met up with Hughley.

A witness told police he saw a struggle in which Kile, seated in his car as Hughley stood outside, tried to take the dealer's drugs. Kile drove off, and Hughley was dragged for several yards.

Hughley got up and fired shots toward Kile's car, Newman said.

After the shooting, Kile had told police he was driving with his boys in another part of town, looking for a puppy.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Doctor must diagnose ADD

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My friend's 7-year-old girl is never calm. She does well in school, but has trouble sitting still in a chair and seems to need to be "on stage." Is this normal?

DEAR READER: You raise a question of attention-getting behavior. Many children, particularly bright ones, seem constantly restless and on the move. This may be the way they have learned to gain attention in an adult world that tends to ignore them. If such youngsters are gifted, they may be bored with the school or home environment; the only way they can cope is by being hyperactive.

On the other hand, some children are labeled hyperactive because of a different reason: attention deficit disorder. These youngsters show nervous-system problems resulting from genetic causes, chemical factors or birth injuries. They are usually of better-than-average intelligence but exhibit deficiencies in attention span, emotional stability, vision, language, memory and motor skills. Attention deficit disorder can be treated with several kinds of prescription medicine.

Although some degree of restlessness is common in most 6-to-10-year-olds, a persistent or disruptive pattern indicates the need for professional attention. A skillful pediatrician can ordinarily judge whether a child's behavior lies inside or outside the normal range.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Two years ago, I had a hernia operation, which required the use of mesh to close the defect. Now I have another hernia at the same site. Help!

DEAR READER: Although most hernias can be successfully repaired by simply sewing the hernia opening closed, some defects need additional support using mesh material. Apparently, this was necessary in your case. Unfortunately, the mesh didn't hold. Now you are left with a recurrent hernia. This is not a rare occurrence.

If your surgeon agrees, you should consider re-repair, again with mesh. I have a patient who has had four such procedures. His frustration is exceeded only by the surgeon's. But the patient understands that no surgery is guaranteed, and he is willing to reattempt correction.

I don't agree with this, however. If I were to require hernia surgery and the operation were unsuccessful, I'd find another surgeon, because some doctors are more skillful at repairing hernias than are others. My advice to you? Find a more experienced surgeon who will do the job correctly once and for all.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "An Informed Approach to Surgery." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Three weeks ago, I had a surgical excision of a basal cell carcinoma on my forehead. The operation was performed by a plastic surgeon who told me he "got it all." When I looked in the mirror, however, I was shocked! I have an inch-wide crater that is hideous and deep. The doctor says nothing can be done. I was not informed of this consequence prior to surgery. Therefore, I feel emotionally devastated and angry. I want to sue. What options do I have?

DEAR READER: This is a classic case of miscommunication and unrealistic expectations. Let's back up and review the situation step by step.

You had a skin cancer on your forehead that needed to be removed. You properly sought out an experienced plastic surgeon to do the job. I am sure that he informed you of the risks and possible complications of the procedure. If not, the surgeon was in the wrong. It was not possible, however, for him to estimate the extent of the incision; that decision could only be made at the time he was operating. The traditional approach is to remove the cancer and check the skin borders to make certain that no malignant cells remain. If microscopic analysis indicates that the borders are not "clean," more tissue is removed, and the procedure continues until the surgeon is absolutely positive that all the cancerous tissue has been eliminated.

Because skin cancers tend to burrow deep in the skin, out of sight, the amount of tissue removed may be three or four times the size of the cancer itself. Again, this is standard practice and most surgeons don't even think twice about it.

Yours should have.

This is where the miscommunication and expectation problems enter the picture. You were expecting a clean, small, neat, confined, superficial wound. Wrong. The surgeon should have explained that the wound might look quite awful and would almost certainly be larger and deeper than you expected. In short, he was remiss in not preparing you. Afterwards, he compounded the error by not giving you hope that the disfiguring surgery could, indeed, by treated by skin grafting. You see, once the cancer was removed — even though it left a "crater" — further reconstructive surgery is certainly an option. And that option certainly is preferable to a lawsuit.

From your point of view, the operation was a qualified success. Your cancer is gone, thank Heaven. For that you should be thankful. Now, with an attitude of grateful optimism, you must carry on with an additional procedure that will minimize the defect. If your surgeon won't correct the situation — after an appropriate interval to allow healing — find one who will.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I have read that uncooked egg whites are difficult to digest. Would beating them improve their digestibility?

DEAR READER: I don't know where you got your information, but it is incorrect. Egg whites are composed primarily of simple protein; therefore, beaten or unbeaten, they are easy to digest. They are also healthful, because all the egg's cholesterol is contained in the yolk.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I bleach my hair with a peroxide rinse every month or so. Will this cause headaches?

DEAR READER: Only to those around you who object to the bleach-blonde look. Peroxide does not cause headaches; it is not absorbed through the skin.

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When Elizabeth I of Russia died in 1762, 15,000 dresses were found in her closets.

Douglas taken into custody Friday afternoon

After almost 16 hours on the run in the cold rain, 23-year-old Billy Mac Douglas was taken into custody Friday afternoon on U.S. 180.

Douglas, whose address is listed out of Austin, fled on foot after a vehicle he was a passenger in was stopped early Friday morning for a routine traffic stop.

Law enforcement personnel checked the area but were unable to locate. An attempt to locate was maintained all day Friday.

Around 3:14 p.m. Friday, officers received a tip that a man fitting Douglas' description was spotted nine miles east on U.S. 180.

Officers responded and Douglas was taken into custody about 13 miles east on Hwy. 180.

Douglas was wanted on parole violation on an original charge of burlgary and sexual assault.

Officers took five other subjects into custody Friday and early Saturday, including one on felony charges.

Officers arrested 21-year-old Armando Flores of 506 29th Street at his residence at 2:56 p.m. Friday on a felony warrant out of Comanche County for failure to register as a sex offender.

At 12:44 a.m. Saturday, officers took a 33-year-old male into custody in the 2600 block of Avenue J for public intoxication.

Two female subjects, ages 40 and 42, were taken into custody by officers at Allsup's at 3:56 a.m. Saturday for public intoxication.

A 46-year-old male was arrested by officers at 6:30 a.m. Saturday in the 4400 block of Avenue U for public intoxication.

Some unhappy with ouster of prison warden

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A week after Bruce Thaler, the warden at Texas' death row, was demoted in the wake of the escape of seven condemned inmates last year, some of his former employees say they remain upset with his ouster.

"We all knew somebody's head was going to roll over this, because the agency had to make someone responsible," one Texas Department of Criminal Justice employee told The Huntsville Item in a story published Friday. "But we never thought it would have been Warden Thaler."

The employee, like others interviewed by the newspaper, asked that he not be identified by name.

Thaler, demoted and transferred, is a 26-year veteran of the prison system and had been warden at Ellis for about seven years, which includes death row. His two assistant wardens also were transferred from the prison northeast of Huntsville.

Wayne Scott, the agency's executive director, has said the prison's management was changed because an investigation attributed the breakout to failure by the prison staff to make sure policies and procedures were followed.

"If the staff on duty had performed correctly, this wouldn't have occurred," Scott said.

One inmate, Martin Gurule, scaled two fences and ran off. He drowned within an hour or two in a 15-foot-deep creek, although his body was not found for a week. The other six, after getting over one of the two 10-foot-high fences surrounding the prison, surrendered when guards in two towers opened fire on them.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Man Reconciling With Wife Discovers Unexpected Rival

by Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I recently got back together after a year's separation. I made a lot of mistakes and have been trying hard to make it up to her. We are now getting along better than ever.

There is, however, a terrible, nagging doubt in my mind. In the year that we were separated, my wife became good friends with a lesbian. I would never have suspected anything more than a good friendship existed, except for two reasons: First of all, things between us are great everywhere except in bed. I'm not the most sensitive guy, but her lack of enthusiasm in this department is obvious.

Second, one day last week I was supposed to meet her at her office for lunch. When I arrived, there was a note for me to wait in her office until she returned from a meeting. Being curious about her various projects, I looked through her files. I came across a file with the gay woman's name on it. I couldn't resist. I read through it and was shocked. In the file was a collection of beautiful love letters and poems written by this woman to my wife. Some of the poems were very erotic.

Abby, I can't stop thinking about the possibility that my wife was — or still is — lovers with this woman. It's torturing me. Should I confront her with my suspicions or should I keep my mouth shut?

TORTURED IN OREGON

DEAR TORTURED: Whether you should confront her depends upon how much you want to know. Think the matter through carefully. How will it affect your reconciliation if you confirm that your wife did have a lesbian relationship during your separation, that she is still having one, or that she's bisexual? You will then have to decide if you can accept her as she is, or whether it's back to square one in your marriage — again facing a split.

Of course, only you can make the decision, but I advise you to proceed with extreme caution.

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been dating for almost a year, but I recently moved 2,000 miles away. We decided to stay together because we really love each other. I know he is the one I want to marry.

The problem is that he says he's going to move here to be with me, but he doesn't know when he will be able to let go of our old hometown. His mother died almost four years ago and is buried in the town cemetery, and he doesn't know if he can leave her.

What should I do? Should I move back to be with him, or wait it out and see how long it will take him to come here? I am very confused. Please help.

LOST IN ARIZONA

DEAR LOST: Your boyfriend's roots in that town go deeper than his mother. He may be having second thoughts about continuing your relationship. You must decide if he's worth waiting for, or whether you should return home to join him in his graveside vigil.

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DEAR ABBY: I just finished reading a letter in your column from Tom Lynch of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Tom said that if we make a law against using cell phones while driving, then other laws might be enacted such as, "No tuning the radio while driving," "No looking at your passenger during conversation while driving," "No adjusting the temperature while driving," and "No driving without eight hours of sleep."

He also said, "We'll always have tragic accidents ... the potential loss of freedom is much more tragic."

I am outraged! I'm 13. My mother was killed in a car accident a year ago, along with my stepbrother. If not listening to the car radio, not having my dad look at me while driving, being cold or hot in the car, or having my dad say he can't drive me to the mall because he hasn't had eight hours of sleep could bring my mom back, I'd forfeit my "freedoms" in a heartbeat! These things are a small price to pay compared to living without my mother and stepbrother because of someone's carelessness.

Tom — get a life!

CHRISTY GRIFFITH, PALM HARBOR, FLA.

DEAR CHRISTY: For one so young, you have written a powerful letter. Please accept my deepest sympathy on the tragic loss of your beloved mother and stepbrother. Although nothing will bring them back, perhaps your letter will remind motorists that their cars are powerful machines, capable of inflicting the most severe damage if they are not used with care and consideration for others.

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DEAR ABBY: If you're not up to here with responses to "Dad, the Morning Rooster," please consider my comments for publication.

"Dad's" son could have been me when I was young. Alarm clocks never had the desired effect on me. I was called lazy, and my guidance counselor said I lacked motivation. My teachers branded me a slacker. I slept on the bus, slept in class, etc., although I tested off the charts for aptitude and intelligence. Because of my sleep problems, I barely graduated from high school and had an extremely difficult time in college. My employers were even less understanding of my difficulty than my teachers.

Abby, when my wife complained about my sleepiness and difficulty in waking up, I finally consulted a doctor. Guess what, folks! I do not get restorative sleep. I have a condition called sleep apnea that prevents the sleep state from rejuvenating me.

I am scheduled for a surgical procedure that may relieve me of this affliction, and I'm excited beyond words. "Dad" should have his son evaluated at a sleep disorder clinic, before the relationship is strained beyond repair.

WAITING FOR A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP IN GALENA, OHIO

DEAR WAITING: Sleep apnea can, indeed, interfere with restorative sleep, leaving one still in need of rest when the sun comes up in the morning. Perhaps the young man does suffer from this disorder and would benefit from being evaluated by a sleep disorder specialist. Thanks for suggesting it.

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Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

New western gets award

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A movie about the real West, "The Hi-Lo Country," has been picked to receive the Western Heritage Award from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame.

The Oklahoma City-based Hall of Fame presents "Wrangler" awards annually to film, television, music and other works that exemplify the West.

"The Hi-Lo Country," produced by Martin Scorsese and directed by Stephen Frears, was filmed in New Mexico, where the semi-autobiographical story by Max Evans takes place.

"Since the National Cowboy Hall of Fame is the major repository in the world of the real, old West, and the real, new West, as well as our great entertainers, writers, poets and other contributors to the West, I can't imagine a greater honor for a film," Evans said at his Albuquerque home.

The award will be presented April 24. Those eligible to receive it include stars Woody Harrelson, Patricia Arquette, Billy Crudup and Sam Elliott.

Two say goodbye to creative firm

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Director Martin Scorsese and actresses Marisa Tomei and Mimi Rogers have said goodbye to Creative Artists Agency after being told to choose between it and a new firm headed by former CAA chief Michael Ovitz.

On Monday, CAA said it would refuse to represent clients who signed with Ovitz's Artists Management Group after Ovitz lured away top CAA agent Michael Menchel and box-office star Robin Williams.

Prison official: Guards given more than required training

AUSTIN (AP) — Prison guards get more training before they are placed in facilities than is recommended by a national corrections association, the state's chief of prisons said Friday in federal court.

The comments came as state officials started their case in seeking an end to federal oversight of Texas prisons. U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice has maintained some level of control over state prisons for almost 20 years after ruling they were so brutally overcrowded they violated the Constitution.

The hearing is expected to last up to two more weeks.

The state started its case after a week of testimony by inmates and experts who said Texas prisons foster gang activity with sexual and physical abuse and excessive use of force by guards. Lawyers for the inmates want Justice to retain some control over the prison system.

During almost four hours of tedious testimony Friday, Gary Johnson, director of the Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division, described the administrative structure of the prison system, the steps inmates can take to register complaints and some tactics officers use to subdue unruly prisoners.

New corrections officers receive 160 hours of training before being placed in a facility — compared to the 120 hours recommended by the American Correctional Association — and another 80 hours before they are assigned a shift, Johnson said.

Once assigned, the officers also receive another 40 training hours annually. Officers in psychiatric care facilities get an additional 32 training hours before they are placed on a shift and get another 24 hours annually, Johnson said.

Incidents classified as major-use-of-force by guards to subdue prisoners decreased from 122.2 incidents per 1,000 inmates in 1992 to 56.3 by 1998, which Johnson called a "positive" trend.

Prison officials have increased their use of chemical agents such as pepper spray during those incidents, Johnson said.

"It is a more efficient way to do cell extractions and usually achieves the results we want. It also results in less injury to the inmate and less injuries to the officers," Johnson said.

State lawyers never asked Johnson, who started his career as a corrections officer in the early 1970s, if the prison system is better now than it was when the original lawsuit was filed by inmate David Ruiz in 1972.

Johnson is expected to continue his testimony on Saturday.

Texas officials maintain they have fixed the problems that caused Justice to ruled the prison system unconstitutional.

Civil servants declared dead have to pay taxes

DALLAS (AP) — It was a wayward 'X,' not Y2K, that declared 15,000 Dallas city employees dead on their W-2 forms.

Dallas controller Eric Kaalund said tax forms distributed Thursday with paychecks were a new form printed with an old computer program.

As a result, the X for the "pension" box appeared in the space denoting "deceased."

The Internal Revenue Service, however, gets its Dallas municipal payroll data off a tape, so the glitch would not be noticed, Kaalund said Friday.

And yes, the "dead" employees still have to pay their taxes, he said.

Seventh-grader sends message in bottle and receives response

ELIZABETHTON, Tenn. (AP) — It's not as fast as the Internet or as reliable as the mail, but some seventh-graders at Happy Valley Middle School have found a pretty cool way to communicate: sending a message in a bottle.

When they started their class project last fall, they were not sure it would work. Teacher Donna Shubert asked her students to pretend they were stranded on an island and write a letter asking for help.

"One of my objectives was for them to believe in things that seemed impossible," she said.

A letter by Erika Dick, 12, was chosen for the bottle, along with an explanation of the project and the school's address. Shubert had the papers laminated and placed in the bottle, which was sealed with wax.

In October, Cliff Holt, 12, went to Florida for a relative's wedding and was given a special assignment: toss the glass bottle into the Gulf of Mexico.

"I threw it out pretty far," he said. "I kept watching it as far as I could, then I couldn't see it anymore."

Two months later the class received a letter from a Louisiana man . He said he found the bottle some 825 miles away, on the beaches of Matagorda Island south of Houston, Texas.

"We were excited," Cliff said. "I didn't know if somebody would find it. I thought it might take a long time."

This week the students wrote the man a letter and hope he will be their pen pal. They want to know how he found the bottle, if it still was intact and if he believed the urgent message before reading the note of explanation.

Erika said the project made it fun to learn about creative writing, geography and science.

Shubert, who has been teaching for 17 years, said she looks for unusual projects and assignments to keep her students interested and excited about learning.

It seems to be working.

Cliff said he enjoys going to school because something unexpected may happen any day.

"It's more fun than just the regular stuff," he said.

Students, parents say officials overreacted to alleged threat

GROESBECK (AP) — One of five eighth-graders suspended from school for a lunchroom discussion about guns and hostage-taking says the group was only joking.

But Glen Wright admits he and his friends should have picked a different subject.

"I understand that we could have found something else better to talk about," Wright told the Waco Tribune-Herald.

Wright, 14, was among 10 eighth-graders overheard on Jan. 21 plotting to bring guns to school and take over the campus of Groesbeck Middle School. Some 400 students attend the school.

The group members were turned in after students who heard their conversation told their parents.

Police Chief Danny Mott said the students never brought guns to school, and he doubts they were serious.

Still, five were suspended and transferred to an alternative school for the rest of the year. The other five students, including four girls, received a day in detention for not reporting the plot, officials said.

Principal Janie Gray said she had no choice but to punish the students after she learned of their talk.

But several parents of those punished argue that officials overreacted.

"They made a mountain out of a mole hill," said Joy Wright, Glen's father. "What happened to the days where they would take them to the office, ask them if they said this, bend them over the desk and take care of it?"

Glen Wright said the plan was nothing but talk, spawned amid frustrations over the possible cancellation of a class trip and teachers intentions of revoking students' vending machine privileges.

"Somebody made it worse than it sounded. We were basically laughing and smiling the whole time," the boy said. "I tried to make it clear to them that it was just a joke."

Joke or not, the threats were taken seriously by school administrators who remember all too clearly the past year's scenes from Jonesboro, Ark., Springfield, Ore., and Paducah, Ky., where students and teachers died at the hands of angry pupils.

"I think it would be correct to say there is a heightened sense of security," said Joey Lazano, a spokesman for the Texas Education Agency in Austin.

But Judy Lowenthal, whose 13-year-old son Cody was among those suspended, noted that the group had no history of disciplinary problems to make authorities think they could possibly be a threat.

"I don't believe these boys had true intentions of doing anything," Ms. Lowenthal said. "From what my son told me, they were totally shocked when they were called to the office."

Parents of the other three suspended boys echoed Ms. Lowenthal's sentiments.

"We can understand what the school has done because of all the things going on across the county, but we weren't at all pleased with how they handled it," said Annette Matthews, mother of student Tim Matthews. "He's just an average 13-year-old. A good talking to would have straightened him out."

Parents of four suspended students have vowed to appeal the ruling to the school board. The father of the fifth youth said he was enrolling his son in a private school.

Daughter recognized, not Spacek

NEW YORK (AP) — Like every well-organized working mom, Sissy Spacek has to carve out time for the nitty gritty.

Asked in the Feb. 8 issue of People magazine how she balances career and family, Spacek, 49, a five-time Oscar nominee and a 1980 Best Actress winner for "Coal Miner's Daughter," replied, "I'm going to start with getting the closets and drawers organized."

She and husband Jack Fisk, 53, are raising daughters Schuyler, 16, and Madison, 10, on a Virginia farm. Both kids had parts in the movie "The Baby-sitters Club."

"My daughter Schuyler was in a school play," said Spacek. "A few days later we were walking around town and this woman comes up to us with that 'Aren't you...?'"

The admirer was not referring to Spacek — now starring in "Affliction" and "Blast from the Past" — but to her daughter.

"Schuyler," said her proud mom, "was busting at the seams!"

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Nutrition

By Ed Blonz, PH.D.



Growing bodies have growing needs

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: My son, who is 13-1/2 years old, has grown about 4 inches in the past year. Lately, he has had periods of muscular pain while playing soccer. Sometimes, he says that the soles of his feet hurt. The pain, which is sporadic, has never been severe; however, it does limit him. Although I have told him to stretch and warm up his muscles prior to any intense practice, I feel that he also needs to address other areas, like nutrition and vitamin and mineral supplementation, especially since he does not eat well. What might you suggest for a child in regard to vitamin and mineral supplementation? — D.J.

DEAR D.J.: It's not unusual for rapidly growing children to experience minor aches and pains as they make the shift from a child body into an adult body during adolescence. In most cases, discomfort may be nothing more than muscles and tendons that have become too snug for the more rapidly growing long bones. These types of "growing pains" are most often experienced at night, as that is when most growing occurs, but they can take place during the day as well.

You mention pains in your son's foot. Each foot contains 26 separate bones (one-eighth of the number in our entire skeleton), and there are a number of tendons that pass around the ankle to control the movements of the foot. It is possible that his pain could be a byproduct of his rapid growth. If this is the case, stretching prior to the workout as well as having periods of rest during the game may be of help.

Keep in mind, though, that whenever there is recurrent leg pain, it is always a good idea to play it safe and have him checked by a physician. In the case of foot pain, you might want to consider visiting a podiatrist.

And please don't ignore the obvious. I realize that a child's rapidly growing body can run through clothing sizes at a pace that sends shivers through one's bank balance, but make sure that your son's shoes — especially his soccer cleats — fit correctly.

As for your nutrition concerns, any period of rapid growth relies on the creation of new body tissue, and that means an ample supply of raw materials — such as proteins and minerals, plus vitamins and dietary energy (fats and carbohydrates) — is needed to keep the process fueled and on an even keel.

Good eating habits are very important, but they are often given short shrift during the teen-age years. At times we, as parents, tend to wonder how our children are able to grow and remain in good health, given what they eat.

There are limits to what a parent can accomplish during adolescence. Playing a parental power card may backfire, as these are the very years in which children feel the drive to establish their independence. One key is to set a good example by what you eat and to keep them involved as much as possible in decisions that relate to food choices and food preparation.

You ask about vitamin and mineral supplements. I believe that food must always be the key, but I recognize that supplements can be of value. Look for a general all-purpose multivitamin/mineral tablet or powder, with an eye on providing those nutrients that are missing from the daily regimen. Unless there is an unusual need, you should avoid amounts in excess of the recommended dietary allowances for children and teen-agers.

Finally, many adolescents take pride in seeing their bodies change and mature. If they are made to understand the importance of using the "right stuff" as raw materials, they may be more willing to make compromises.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Sequel planned

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Cruella De Vil will get another chance to catch those Dalmatians.

Disney plans a sequel to the 1996 hit "101 Dalmatians," to be called — you guessed it — "102 Dalmatians," Daily Variety reported Friday.

Disney hopes Glenn Close will return for an encore performance of the pup-nabbing Cruella.

GOLDEN TERRACE Village — Resident of the Month

Kenneth & Edna Gregory



Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Gregory have lived at Golden Terrace Village since February 17, 1992. Prior to coming to Snyder, they lived at San Perlita, Texas in the Rio Grande Valley. They have 4 children (two boys and two girls), 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. Kenneth worked in the oilfield before retiring. He lists fishing as his hobby. Edna's vocation was homemaker and seamstress.

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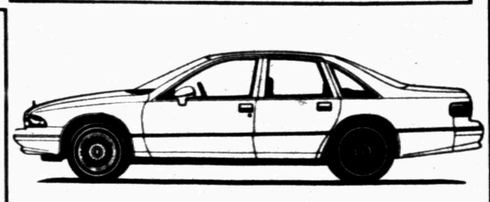


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Slump in U.S. oil industry may mean 1999 among worst years

HOUSTON (AP) — Any improvement in the nation's sagging oil and gas industry probably won't come sometime soon and means 1999 likely will be among the industry's worst years, according to a trade magazine survey released Friday.

In World Oil magazine's annual letter to oil industry executives, publisher Lanie Finlayson said survey data foreshadows an 18 percent decrease in oil and gas drilling from 1998's anemic levels and continued poor rig counts.

Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc., which has monitored rig counts since 1944, reported Friday a record low 562 active U.S. rigs this week as weak prices continue to stifle exploration and production.

"It's difficult to find anything positive to say about drilling activity, especially in the U.S., after the devastation that occurred during 1998," said Finlayson, whose magazine is owned by Gulf Publishing Co., which has followed the industry since 1916.

Based on its survey of 20 major drillers and 235 independents, World Oil forecasts 21,125 wells will be drilled in the United States this year, down from the 25,639 in 1998.

In Texas, where the Midland-Odessa area oil patch has struggled particularly, the magazine predicts a 23 percent cutback in drilling from 8,846 rigs last year to 6,797 in 1999.

Taking the worst hit among U.S. oil- and gas-producing regions is California, which will see a drop in rigs from about 2,400 to 1,350 this year, a 44 percent plunge.

The news is better internationally, where production costs are cheaper. Total drilling activity is expected to dip just 4 percent, though the survey bodes ill for drilling prospects in the North Sea, South America and several other regions.

However, some industry watchers believe the widely reported oversupply that has cut oil prices in half over the last two years might not be such a glut after all.

"I don't think it ever existed," said Henry Groppe, founder of the Houston-based consulting firm Groppe, Long and Littell.

"That's created the impression on everybody's part that there is a 300 million- to 500 million- barrel excess overhang in inventories. Actually, we think that we probably have seen an inventory (decrease) of over 1 million a day during the fourth quarter."

While Russell Wright, the magazine's editorial director, agreed such a statistical glitch could bolster oil markets later this year, it would come too late to save the industry from a dismal 1999.

"Don't expect higher prices to impact drilling levels, since operators will hold off on plans until they're sure it's for real," Wright told more than 600 industry representatives at a breakfast hosted Friday by World Oil.

Another analyst agreed the perceived oversupply is widely questioned in the industry, but cautioned that recent warm winters, depressed Asian economies and rampant production from members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries must turn around for prices to change.

Preparations are underway for questioning Lewinsky

WASHINGTON (AP) — House prosecutors, senators and White House lawyers are spending the weekend preparing to question Monica Lewinsky and two of President Clinton's confidants in closed-door proceedings that could be made public next week.

"I'm working my rear off," said freshman Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina. A practicing lawyer until his election in November, Edwards is one of three Democrats who will preside with three Republicans over the depositions that begin Monday.

His weekend reading: "Everything from the grand jury transcripts to the House Judiciary Committee reports."

Clinton, too, is planning his schedule around the final phase of the trial. He is considering delaying a trip to Central America Feb. 10-14 so he would be in Washington when the trial is supposed to end Feb. 12, said White House spokesman Joe Lockhart.

Although the Senate apparently lacks the 67 votes needed to remove Clinton from office, House prosecutors this week won the right to question Ms. Lewinsky on Monday, presidential friend Vernon Jordan on Tuesday and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal on Wednesday.

They will be questioned, respectively, by Reps. Ed Bryant, R-Tenn.; Asa Hutchinson, R-Ark.; and James Rogan, R-Calif., impeachment "managers" from the House Judiciary Committee.

Lawyers for Clinton also will take part in the questioning.

As Sergeant at Arms James Ziglar sent the subpoenas to the witnesses Friday, Senate leaders chose six members to preside over the videotaped depositions. Edwards will be joined by Democratic Sens. Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Christopher Dodd of Connecticut; Republican Sens. Mike DeWine of Ohio, Fred Thompson of Tennessee and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania also will take part.

At the White House, Lockhart complained that Senate Republicans were "making up the rules literally on the back of an envelope."

"That raises some issues about whether that's fair to all sides," he said.

Meanwhile, with the trial on hold until Thursday, senators not involved in the depositions headed back to their home states.

Obituaries

Foster Watson

1911-1999

Graveside service is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Hermleigh Cemetery for Foster Watson, 87, who died Friday, Jan. 29, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a sudden illness.

Minister Byran Taylor will officiate and arrangements are under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born on April 30, 1911 in Norton, he married Opal Marie Henry on May 15, 1957 in Hermleigh. She died on Oct. 19, 1911.

Mr. Watson, a farmer, was a member of the Hermleigh Church of Christ.

Survivors include two stepsons and a daughter-in-law, Tommie and Nell Henry of Hermleigh and Lonnie Henry of McKinney; two sisters, Holly Myers of Texarkana and Pat Stansel of Caddo Mills; a brother, Bob Watson of Houston; six stepgrandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Luis Guzman

1960-1999

Funeral mass is set for 10 a.m. Monday at Wright Colonial Funeral Home for Luis Guzman. Fr. Gerald Leatham will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Rosary services are set for Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Guzman, 38, died at his Snyder residence Wednesday, Jan. 27.

Born on March 1, 1960 in Uriangato Gto, Mexico, Mr. Guzman was employed by Snyder Area Contractors.

Survivors include his daughter, Debbie Guzman of Snyder; two sons, Luis Guzman Jr. and Raymond Guzman, both of Snyder; four brothers, Migel Guzman, Victor Guzman, Nick Guzman, and Ray Guzman, all of Mexico; five sisters, Carmen Guzman, Lupe Guzman, Maria De Luz Guzman, Monica Guzman and Aljandra Guzman, all of Mexico; and two cousins, Robert Guzman and Martin Guzman, both of California.

Pallbearers will be Rick Messenger, Gary Norwood, Jessie Rios, Robert Terrazas, Juan Escobedo and Scott Groat. Honorary pallbearers will be the SACROC employee group.

Alvie Dolen

1899-1999

Alvie McDougle Dolen, a former resident of Snyder, died Wednesday, Jan. 27, in Tomball.

Funeral service for Mrs. Dolen, 99, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the First United Methodist Church of Snyder. The Rev. David Robertson, a former minister, will officiate.

Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born April 2, 1899 in Khorville, Tex., she was a charter member of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She also previously was owner of Mode O Day dress shop in Kilgore, a member of the Eastern Star and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Conroe.

Mrs. Dolen was preceded in death by a son, Issac S. Dolen Jr.; and a grandson, Kevin Murphy.

Survivors include a daughter, Molleyo Murphy of Tomball; seven grandchildren, Stuart Murphy of Conroe, Pamela Payne of Marshall, Myron Murphy of Conroe, Karen Marcea of St. Maries, Idaho, Anita Dolen of Colorado Springs, Molley'O Hoover of Bayfield, Colo., Jerry Nelson of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Family visitation will be held Saturday and Sunday evening at the funeral home.

R.L. Blakely

1926-1999

HEREFORD — R.L. Blakely, a native of Snyder, died Friday, Jan. 29, in Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Funeral service for Mr. Blakely, 72, is set for 11 a.m. Monday in St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Msgr. Orville Blum officiating. Burial will follow in Rest Lawn Memorial Park under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Born July 11, 1926 in Snyder, he was the son of Hermann and Versie Eoff Blakely. He married Opal McCormick on June 30, 1950 in Snyder.

In Hereford, he owned and operated Blakely Oil and Gas for more than 31 years.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he was past president of the Hereford Kiwanis Club, a member of the Hereford Booster Club and a member of Big Brother and Big Sister.

Survivors include his wife, Opal Blakely of Hereford; a son, Ricky Blakely of Big Harbor, Wash.; a daughter, Lisa Artho of Hereford; a brother, Delbert Blakely of California; five grandchildren; and special friends, Bill and Tricia Henderson.

The family suggests memorials to St. Anthony School endowment fund.

Mary Janeke

1919-1999

Mary Helen Capps Janeke, 79, died Saturday, Jan. 30, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Janeke will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Burkburnett Cemetery in Burkburnett. Lane Crowe, a family friend, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Owens and Brumley Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 14, 1919 in Ben Hur, Tex., she married Joseph A. Janeke on March 14, 1942 in Shreveport, La. He died in 1984.

Mrs. Janeke was a nurse during World War II in Marlin. Following the war, she was a housewife and secretary for her husband's law practice in Burkburnett. She attended St. Jude Catholic Church in Burkburnett.

Mrs. Janeke moved to Snyder from Burkburnett in November, 1998.

Local arrangements were under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association.

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SJHS students to hear message on abstinence

An "abstinence only" message will be presented to Snyder Junior High and Ira students this week by the founder of Whiteheart Communications.

Ed Ainsworth, a teenage camp director and national speaker, will also address parents at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Junior High School.

In the last three years, Ainsworth has taken his "abstinence only" message to more than 250,000 students in junior highs, high schools and colleges.

"Just say no is a great slogan," said junior high principal Kellye Starnes. "But Mr. Ainsworth believes that is not enough to cause the American teenager to want to live a sexually pure life."

"His presentation will be done in a very tasteful, yet direct manner that causes students to be very open to the principles that he teaches," Starnes said.

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WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Girls Lil' Dribblers signup

Signup for Girls Little Dribblers will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. until noon next Saturday in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. A parent or guardian is required along with a birth certificate and registration fee of $25

East Side 5th Sunday

Dr. Alan Henderson of Atlanta, Ga. will be guest speaker for the 5th Sunday service at East Side Church of Christ. He will speak at the 9:30 a.m. Bible Class prior to the morning worship.

One service Sunday

Abundant Life United Pentecostal Church, 304 31st Street, will have a 5th Sunday praise and worship service at 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

5th Sunday speaker

Ted Kell, minister of the Austin Avenue Church of Christ in Brownwood, will speak Sunday at the 37th Street Church of Christ. He will speak at the 9:30 a.m. Bible Class and worships services at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury is expected to consider three cases when it convenes at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court.

SHS band boosters

Snyder High School band boosters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the band hall to discuss the annual band banquet.

Buckeye donkey basketball

Ira schools will host Buckeye donkey basketball at 7 p.m. Monday at the Ira gym. For advance tickets, call the Ira school office at 573-2628.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Providence of God," followed by "A Mother But Not a Wife."

Scholastic book fair

Snyder Head Start is having a scholastic book fair from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1-6 p.m. daily through Wednesday. For more information call 573-7403 or 573-1784.

Senior class parents

Parents of 1999 seniors at Snyder High School will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school student center. Plans will be made for the end-of-school activities. Everyone is urged to attend.

Food Drive

Boy, Cub and Girl Scouts will conduct a food drive starting Thursday to benefit the Food Cupboard. Bags will be left on doors around town and Scouts will return next Saturday to pick up donated canned goods.

Hermleigh photos wanted

The Scurry County Museum is seeking photographs of buildings in Hermleigh. The photos may be donated or loaned and one will be used on the 1999 Christmas ornament. Call 573-6107 or come by the museum on the WTC campus.

1998 First Methodist cookbook

The First United Methodist Church's 1998 cookbook, compiled by the Angel Seekers Sunday School Class and dedicated to the memory of Ruby Anderson, can be purchased at the church or Classic Interiors. The cost is $10 and all proceeds benefit the Lord's Acre projects.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District is selling windbreak trees. Both evergreens and hardwoods are available. Call 573-6317, or come by the office at 5309 Big Spring Highway.

Planetarium shows

The refurbished planetarium at Western Texas College is available for group shows Thursday evenings and all day on Fridays. The shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. There are three presentations available in the 59-seat auditorium, one for pre-K, another for K through 4, and one for general audiences. For reservations contact Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312.

Adult education classes

Adult basic education classes that can lead to a GED are underway at Western Texas College. Students may enroll at any time in Room 209 of the WTC library. Both day and evening sessions are held Tuesday and Thursday. Call 573-8511, Ext. 322, for more information.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
21-30-32-38-39

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
17-43-65-77

Pick 3

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

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Abstinence.

It works every time.

When it comes to teen sex, guess who's making news as a way to prevent pregnancy? None other than Mom and Dad.

New research indicates that parents have far greater influence on their children's sexual decision-making than previously thought. **1** Apparently, what parents say **does** matter when it comes to preventing teen pregnancy.

Studies show that parent/child closeness is associated with reduced teen pregnancy risk. **2**

Over two decades of study confirm, that families—particularly parents—are important influencers of whether their teenagers become sexually active. Studies reveal that parent/child closeness is associated with reduced teen pregnancy risk. **2** The closer teens are to their parents, the more likely they are to remain sexually abstinent. **3**

So if you're thinking about handing your teens a condom, **don't**. You'd be better off giving them yourself . . . your views, your expectations, your values, your unconditional love.

"But wait a minute," some of you are saying. "I'd be embarrassed to talk about that stuff and besides, *my* kid thinks he knows everything already." Maybe not—if he's anything like the youth surveyed by the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. Those teens said they want their parents to talk with them about sexuality issues. **4**

If parents don't, there are others who are all too happy to fill young minds with their own thoughts on teen sexuality. ("Don't have sex until you're ready. And when you do, use a condom.") And chances are, they won't be the views you—or most of mainstream America—hold. Only 14 percent of Americans say it's okay for teens to be sexually active as long as they have access to birth control. **5**

More than two-thirds of both adults and teens say it is very important for high school students to be given a strong message from society that they abstain from sex. **6** Yet, the government spends millions to promote the "safe sex" ideology in our schools. Without parental input, officials hand out condoms and pills to kids who then assume they're expected to use them. Whose kid is it, anyway?

Why the family factor makes a difference.

The connection between parental involvement and reduced teen pregnancies is not just a random blip on the cultural radar. A recent study of adolescent health published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* concluded that teens who felt "connected" to their parents were far less likely to initiate sex at a young age. **7** The teen you nurture today very well may be the young adult who can resist peer and hormonal pressure tomorrow.

A parent's belief system also plays a major role in teens' sexual behavior. Findings are rolling in to support the notion that when parents hold strong opinions on the value of abstinence and the risks of teen sexual involvement, their children are at less risk for teen pregnancy. **8** Good grief, you mean underneath those baggy clothes and earrings is a teen who listens to Mom and Dad? Apparently so.

In a recent *New York Times*/CBS News poll, nearly half of all teenagers say sex before marriage is "always wrong." **9** At the same time the *Times*/CBS poll was released, a new National Center for Health Statistics study concluded that teen birth rates fell 12 percent between 1991 and 1996 **10**—about the same time that there was a surge in abstinence programs across the country.

But what about teens who've decided not to wait? Shouldn't they be taught proper condom usage? That sounds great in theory, but the highest reported rate of consistent condom usage is about 50 percent—and that's among *adult* couples with *one HIV-positive* individual. **11**

Don't miss the significance of this. Who should be more motivated to use condoms than couples with one partner infected by HIV? Yet, half of these couples did not use condoms every time. What are the chances that teens will do better? In national surveys and other large-scale studies among the general population, only five to 17 percent report that they use condoms consistently. **12**

Protected sex really isn't.

Real-life statistics show that the use of condoms isn't a guarantee against becoming pregnant or contracting a sexually transmitted disease. And latex offers very unreliable protection against genital herpes, chlamydia and, worst of all, human papillomavirus (HPV). HPV causes genital warts and most cervical cancers which kill nearly as many women each year as AIDS. **13,14**

The young teenager who is told that this little latex device is safe and reliable may not know she is risking illness, infertility and even death. Why are we settling for risk reduction when we can have risk elimination?

And no condom on earth can protect a teen from the pain of a broken heart.

They claim protection. We guarantee it.

Focus on the Family believes our kids deserve better. By abstaining from intercourse until marriage, and then staying faithful to an uninfected partner, one can enjoy sex without negative health consequences. This is the only true "safe sex."

Though once vilified as culturally irrelevant and unworkable for teens, abstinence does work.

Ten percent of all 15- to 19-year-old females become pregnant each year. **22**

More than 80 percent of pregnant girls under age 17 who give birth and keep their babies end up on welfare, costing society a staggering $21 billion a year. **23**

Three million new cases of STDs among teens are reported each year. **24**

Up to 29 percent of sexually active adolescent girls have been found to be infected with chlamydia. **25**

A study of sexually active college women showed that 43 percent acquired HPV infection within a three-year period. **26**

A study of the Washington, D.C., Best Friends program is a good example. Only one percent of this program's participants became pregnant, and 90 percent remained sexually abstinent. **15** In a 1996 study on adolescent sexuality, researchers noted a 54 percent decrease in recent sexual activity one year after teenagers were taught an abstinence curriculum. **16** The data seem clear that when you give teens an unambiguous message and raise the bar for their behavior, they respond by saying "no" to premarital sex.

True love can wait.

In fact, since 1994, more than 2.4 million teens between 15 and 19 have pledged to remain sexually abstinent until marriage. **17** When adolescents report that they've made a pledge to save sex until marriage, they are more likely to delay intercourse. **18**

Findings like these are hard to ignore. Even Congress has allotted $250 million over five years to implement abstinence-until-marriage programs. **19** This comes after squandering three billion taxpayer dollars on "safer sex" education—with dismal results.

You don't need to concede the battle for your children's sexual health to peers, popular culture and the media. You have more influence with your teens than you think. Use it. Tell them about abstinence.

Most sex ed ignores the most important sex organ: the brain.

The idea behind abstinence education is somewhat radical: kids are given credit for using their minds—not their bodies. And what ***are*** handed out in these programs are respect and relationship-building skills. How do teens respond? Enthusiastically. They themselves tell us they want help resisting sexual pressure.

In an Emory University survey of 1,000 sexually experienced girls 16 and younger, nearly 85 percent said they would like to learn, "How to say no without hurting the other person's feelings." **20** With findings like these, it comes as no surprise that 62 percent of high school girls who've already tried sex indicated they "should have waited," according to a 1994 Roper-Starch study. **21**

After two decades of being taught that "yes" was the expected answer, it seems apparent that today's teens want to be empowered to say "no." Parents, are we hearing them?

Our kids deserve a guarantee—the truth that abstinence until marriage is the only 100 percent successful way to avoid unwanted pregnancy and STDs.

The only sex that isn't hazardous to your health.

What many spouses have suspected, researchers now have verified: married couples have the best and most satisfying sex. **27** Not only is physical intimacy more rewarding in marriage, but enjoyment is greater if sexual expression is shared with only one partner in a lifetime. **28**

So, Mom and Dad, take heart. Stay involved with your teens. Don't write them off as lost, hard-headed or unapproachable. They want to talk with you about love, sex and values. And they're far more open to the abstinence message than you might think.

If you agree with Focus on the Family that abstinence is best, tear out this ad and save it. Take it to your next school board meeting. Send it to your congressman or senator. And by all means, share it with your teenagers. And be the kind of parent who gives your teens what they really need: yourself.

Abstinence.
It works every time.

The Student Ministry of First Baptist Church

Invites you to join us for a

True Love Waits Conference,

Sunday, February 7th

This one day conference will be conducted by *Aim for Success Ministries* of Dallas, TX. Both parents and students are encouraged to attend as we talk about one of God's great gifts to us!

Schedule for Sunday, February 7th

9:30 a.m. - Parents Conference (In the Chapel at FBC)
9:30 a.m. - Student Conference in the Family Life Center
10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship
12:05 - Lunch in the Family Life Center for Parents & Students
1:15 p.m. - Parent/Student Joint Workshop in Family Life Center

True Love Waits has become the most widely covered, positive story about teenagers in history. Hundreds of thousands of young people have pledged: "Believing that true love waits, I make a commitment to God, myself, my family, my friends, my future mate, and my future children to be sexually abstinent from this day until the day I enter a biblical marriage relationship." TRUE LOVE WAITS is an international campaign designed to challenge teenagers and college students to remain sexually abstinent until marriage. The campaign was created and continues to be coordinated by the Baptist Sunday School Board. Forty other denominations and Christian student organizations are also actively carrying the True Love Waits challenge to youth.

For More Information, please call the First Baptist Church at 573-2631

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Broncos fan treasures sports memorabilia

Bryan Clifton will root for Denver in the Sunday's Super Bowl

If 10-year-old Bryan Clifton could have three wishes, he might ask for a football autographed by Denver Broncos quarterback John Elway; a football autographed by the entire team would be great too and, oh yes, for Denver to win another Super Bowl on Sunday.

When the Broncos take the field against the Atlanta Falcons, Bryan, one of the team's biggest fans, will be rooting for them to claim another Super Bowl victory. Watching them play on TV Sunday will be almost as good as watching them in person which is what he and his dad, Rod Clifton, did on Oct. 25. Not only did the Broncos defeat the Jacksonville Jaguars, but Terrell Davis became the third running back in history to rush 1,000 yards in the first seven games of the season. Bryan and his dad were also seated at the end zone when Jason Elam kicked a 63-yard field goal, tieing the NFL record.

Following the game, the Broncos were "friendly and patient" as fans sought their autopgraphs.

One of Bryan's game souvenirs is an autographed program featuring Howard Griffith, #29, on the cover. The signatures include Neil Smith, #90, Tom Rouen, #16, Dan Neil, #62 and Justin Armour, #83.

Getting tickets to Denver's home game had been anything but easy. Even though the Cliftons contacted the Broncos organization in July shortly after the tickets went on sale, all of the home games were already sold out.

They eventually purchased their tickets through the Internet.

Bryan especially wanted to see the Broncos play this season because John Elway may retire.

Bryan has been a Denver Broncos fan ever since he first discovered them. He admits to "taking tons of criticism" from his friends for his unfailing support of the team which has not always been as popular as they are today.

Win or lose, Bryan has always supported the team. Since the Cliftons attend church services on Sunday evenings, Bryan said they always tape the Super Bowl game.

While Bryan loves to watch Elway on the field, he admires Denver's quarterback just as much off the field. That can't be said of all professional athletes who sometimes do things off the field that makes it hard for Bryan to respect them, his mother, Charlotte Clifton, said.

One of the reasons Bryan admires Elway is that he puts his family first. An example, Bryan said, occurred when Elway missed a game so he could be with his wife who was having surgery.

Another story the family heard, is that Elway let his wife and four children decide whether he should play this season. He abstained from voting, but everyone else voted that he should return.

Bryan, who has read "The Comeback Kid," Elway's life story, also admires him because he doesn't get discouraged and sticks with his goals and dreams.

Bryan's enthusiasm for football isn't limited to just the Broncos. He has been a football fan since he started watching the Dallas Cowboys with his grandmother, Irene Masters. Then he discovered the Denver Broncos a few weeks later.

Interest in other sports followed. Bryan signed up for T-Ball when he was four years old. His dad taught him about basketball and he now participates in Little Dribblers. He learned about other sports from watching the sports channels on TV.

Bryan loves football but said he would rather watch a football game then be in the game.

On Nov. 22, Bryan and his grandmother attended a Dallas Cowboys home game with the Seattle Seahawks. Bryan had won two tickets for the game through a Boys and Girls Club promotion. He had sold 304 tickets, the most of anyone in the club.

He said he shared his tickets with his grandmother because she had always wanted to see the Cowboys play in Texas Stadium.

Bryan's love of the Broncos and the Cowboys as well as other sports has prompted him to collect sports memorabilia. A quarterback club cap autographed by John Elway is his most prized possession. It was purchased through an auction and given to him for his 10th birthday.

The cap and other memorabilia is kept in a safety deposit box.

More than half of his collection consists of autographed items which Bryan or a family member received in person. Some bear Bryan's name and some include personal messages to Bryan.

Other items have been obtained through auctions or dealers and include certificates of authenticity.

Bryan attended the Harlem Globetrotters game Tuesday night at Scurry County Coliseum and now has a basketball autographed by the entire team.

He also has a basketball signed by Rick Barry, Golden State Warriors, Hall of Fame 1987.

His autograph collection consists of several signed baseballs including Nolan Ryan of the Rangers, Hank Aaron and Reggie Jackson, both Yankees.

Clete Boyer, a member of the New York Yankees World Series champs for 1961, has signed another ball as well as two photos. Signed footballs include Cowboys Emmitt Smith, Herschel Walker and Drew Pierson. Sammy Baugh has signed an antique football and the NFL 75th Anniversary Edition Wheaties box which features Baugh on the cover.

He also has several signed photos in his collection such as Chris Martin, Kansas City; Darrell Oliver, Tom Grieve and Rusty Greer, all Texas Rangers, and Rangers Coach Bucky Dent.

Others include Robert Wallace of the Harlem Globetrotters, race car driver Al Unser, Jr. and Bob Lilly, Dallas Cowboys 1961-1974.

He also has unsigned memorabilia as well.

Bryan has been collecting memorabilia since 1995. Then a first grader in Jean Baugh's (Coach David Baugh's wife) classroom at Stanfield, she arranged for her father-in-law, Sammy Baugh, to sign a football and commemorative box of Wheaties for Bryan.

Among the first autographs he collected were Hulk Hogan, Barry Larkin, Bob Lilly and several Texas Rangers.

Bryan's mother said adding to

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MY HERO — One of Bryan Clifton's role models and favorite sports figure is Denver Broncos quarterback John Elway. Besides wearing a #7 jersey, Bryan is holding a signed program from the Oct. 25 Broncos game and a quarterback club cap signed by John Elway. Bryan and his family will be rooting for the Broncos to win another Super Bowl Sunday. Bryan's love of sports is evident throughout his collection of sports memorabilia. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Scurry County Folks

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MARCH VOWS SET —Chuck and Diana Green of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Jason Ray Green, to Melissa Sue Courtney. The future bride is the daughter of Danny Courtney of Snyder and Margaret Campbell of Sweetwater. Miss Courtney and Green are planning a 4 p.m., May 15 wedding ceremony in the Ira Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Parents of Alexander Brice and Susan Gauntt announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children. The future bride's parents are Dr. and Mrs. Charles Gauntt of San Antonio and parents of the prospective groom are Dr. and Mrs. Nelson Brice of Snyder. Wedding plans are being made for April 3 in Uvalde. (Photo by Picture This)



BELL-SMITH PLAN WEDDING — Bruce Bell of Snyder and Priscilla Bell of Dallas announce the engagement of their son, Joshua Carlton Bell, to Lisa Maria Smith, daughter of Joseph and Patricia Ann Smith of Jacksonville, Fla. The wedding date has been set for 1 p.m. on Feb. 20 in Fort Worth. (Contributed Photo)

Recipes for the Cook

V8 Hearty Vegetarian Chili

2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 small green pepper, chopped (about ½ cup)
¼ teaspoon garlic powder or 2 cloves garlic, minced
1 tablespoon chili powder
½ teaspoon ground cumin
2½ cups V8 100% Vegetable Juice
1 can (about 16 ounces) black or kidney beans, drained
1 can (about 15 ounces) pinto beans, drained
Shredded Cheddar cheese

1. In large saucepan over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion, pepper, garlic powder, chili and cumin and cook until tender.

2. Add vegetable juice. Heat to a boil. Reduce heat to low. Cook 5 minutes.

3. Add black beans and pinto beans and heat through. Garnish with shredded Cheddar cheese if desired. Serves 4.

Bridal Registry

CAROLYN ATKINSON AND CHAD GRIMMETT
DENISE THOMPSON AND LEDDY LEWIS
KEELY WILLMON AND NATHAN WILLIAMS
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Bridge by Phillip Alder

North 01-30-99
♠ 8 7 6 3
♥ Q 7
♦ K Q J 9 7 3
♣ 7

West
♠ A
♥ K 10 9 8 2
♦ 6 5
♣ 9 8 6 5 3

East
♠ J 10 4
♥ 6
♦ 10 8 4 2
♣ A K 10 4 2

South
♠ K Q 9 5 2
♥ A J 5 4 3
♦ A
♣ Q J

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♥	Dbl.	4 ♠	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Redbl.	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 10

The Christmas answers

Here are the Christmas competition answers. South was in four spades redoubled. West led the heart 10: queen, six, five. Declarer played a spade from dummy: four, king, ace. West switched to a club: seven, king, jack. East returned a diamond. South won with the ace, cashed the spade queen, ruffed the club queen in the dummy, and cashed diamonds, ending with 10 tricks.

Afterward, the players ran a postmortem. Were these statements true or false, and why?

1. North: I make the score 830.

2. West: If I had led a different suit at trick one, we could have beaten four spades easily.

3. East: Yes, once you led a heart, we never had another chance.

4. South: I was lucky because my best line of play doesn't make the contract.

Statement 1 was wrong. You receive 100 "for the insult" when making a redoubled contract. So, the correct score is 880.

Statement 2 was right. A club lead to the king followed by a heart switch lets the defenders score four tricks: the club king, the heart king, a heart ruff or overruff and the spade ace.

Statement 3 was wrong. After winning trick three with the club king, East should continue with the club ace. Declarer ruffs in the dummy, plays a spade to his queen, unblocks the diamond ace, and leads the heart ace, but East discards. South cannot do better than lead a heart, discarding a diamond from the dummy. West is endplayed, but South finishes one down.

Statement 4 was wrong. The best line is to unblock the diamond ace at trick two, then to continue with the spade king. Now the contract makes easily.

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Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

Jane Hinton directed all bridge games at the Snyder Country Club.

FRIDAY
Jan. 22
North-South
Group A: 1. Durelle Gorman, Louise Thompson 2. Dot Casey, Jane Hinton.
Group B: 1. Pat Floyd, Billie Marie Long 2. Doyle Fowler, J.O. Morrison.
East-West
Group A: 1. Margaret Birdwell, Monte West 2. Nona Morrison, Shirley Stewart.
Group B: 1. Nona Morrison, Shirley Stewart 2. Sue Reed, Anita Talbott.

SUNDAY
Jan. 24
1. Nona Morrison, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Frances Stevenson, Christine Stuard.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton.

TUESDAY
Jan. 26
1. Margaret Birdwell, Frances Stevenson.
2. Martha Fagin, Dorothy Rosson.
3. Margaret Presswood, Billie Sue Stuard.

School Menus

Hermleigh

BREAKFAST
All meals are served with milk.

MONDAY
Fruit
Donuts

TUESDAY
Juice
Buttered Rice
Toast

WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Fried Ham
Hot Biscuits

THURSDAY
Juice
Kolaches

FRIDAY
Fruit
Buttered Grits
Toast

LUNCH

MONDAY
Frank Wraps
Potato Wedges
Ranch Style Beans
Sugar Cookies

TUESDAY
Barbecue Chicken
Potato Salad
Relish Cup
Hot Rolls
Scoop-o-Raisins

WEDNESDAY
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Tossed Salad
Soft Bread Sticks
Pineapple Fruit Bars

THURSDAY
Beef Stroganoff
Black-eyed Peas
Pickled Beets
Hot Rolls
Plum Crisp

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
French Fries
Cole Slaw
Hush Puppies
Fudge Brownies

Snyder

All breakfasts are served with assorted dry cereal and juice as an option. Choice of milk is served with all meals.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Breakfast Pizza

TUESDAY
Pancakes w/Syrup

WEDNESDAY
Donut

THURSDAY
French Toast Sticks

FRIDAY
Scrambled Eggs

LUNCH

MONDAY
Hamburger on a Bun or Country Fried Steak w/Texas Toast
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Lettuce & Tomato
Fruit Cocktail

TUESDAY
Hot Dog on a Bun or Nachos w/Ground Beef
Pinto Beans
Lettuce & Tomato
Cowboy Cookies

WEDNESDAY
Pizza or Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Salad
Peaches
French Bread

THURSDAY
Burrito or Chalupas
Corn
Tossed Salad
Fruit Cocktail

FRIDAY
Corn Dog or Rib Sandwich
Potato Puffs
Lettuce & Tomato
Apple Cobbler

Ira

MONDAY
Turkey Breast
Rice and Brown Gravy
Green Beans
Biscuits
Apple Sauce
Plain Cookies

TUESDAY
Stromboli
Parsley Potatoes
Peas
Crackers
Peaches

WEDNESDAY
Pinto Beans
Macaroni & Tomatoes
Fried Okra
Corn Bread
Apricot Cobbler

THURSDAY
Chicken Nuggets
Baked Potatoes
Vegetable Salad
Biscuits
Sheath Cake

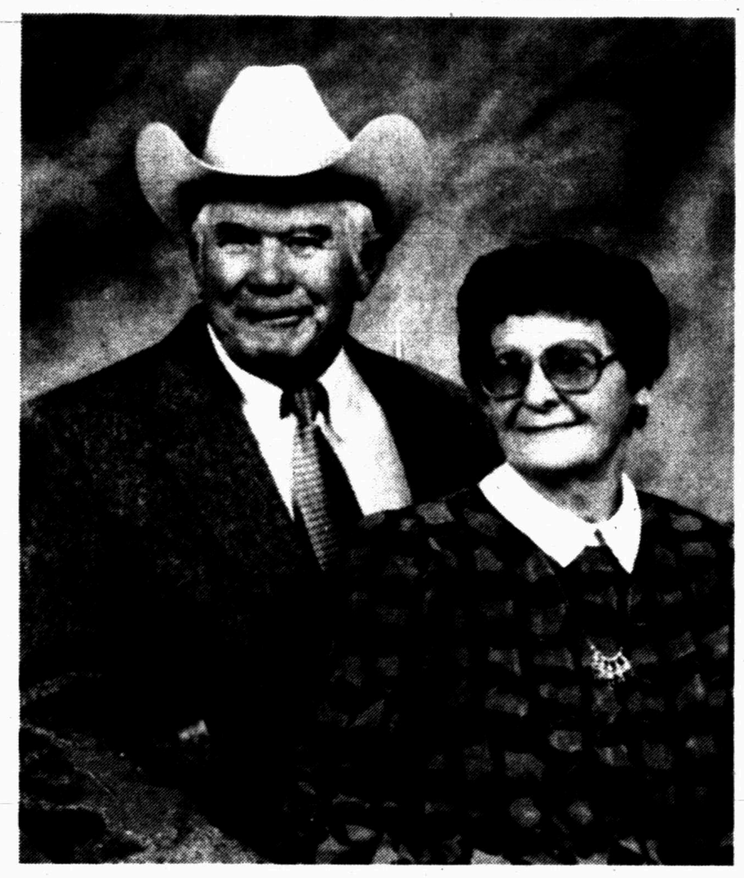
FRIDAY
Sandwiches
Cheetos
Peanut Butter Chewies

Snyder Multi-Specialty Clinic
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Anna Rosinska, MD	Mara DeLaVega, MD	Guido Toscano, MD	Gene Stokes, MD	Rory Minck, MD	Micheal Stephens, MD
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Mr. and Mrs. Dell Ray Helms
(Contributed Photos)

Reception planned for Helms, celebrating 50th

Dell Ray and Joye Helms were married on Feb. 11, 1949.

A come and go reception will be held for them on Feb. 7, from 2 to 4 p.m., in Fisher County Senior Citizen's Center.

Hosting the celebration will be their children and grandchildren.

Their children are Keta York of Snyder and Danny Helms of Rotan. Grandsons are Josh Helms of Rotan and Jason York of Lubbock, and granddaughters include Kendra Helms of San Angelo, Keila Helms of Rotan and Shelley York of Snyder. Friends and relatives will also serve in the houseparty.

Dell Ray was born on Sept. 24, 1926 at his current homeplace, Cottonwood Flat Community in Scurry County. Joye (Pritchard) was born on April 24, 1930 in Hamlin. They married in Rotan and have lived most of their married life on the homeplace in Cottonwood Flat. They lived three years, early in their marriage, on the Koonsman Ranch in Borden County.

Dell Ray and Joye, farmer/ranch and housewife, are Baptist. He is a member of the Rotan Masonic Lodge 956 and they are both members of the Roby Eastern Star Chapter 25.

Wrong brother released

By The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Troy and Jerry Barnes were in jail earlier this week on drug-related charges. Authorities say the brothers had a plan.

While Troy Barnes was scheduled for release on his own recognizance, his brother was to remain in custody on a bench warrant. But when jailers came to release Troy on Wednesday, it was Jerry who walked out the free man.

"We ask the individuals being released certain questions to minimize those kinds of mix-ups," said police Capt. Henry Hoogland.

"However, if people conspire to share that information, knowing that those questions are going to be asked, they would have a chance of beating us on that."

Jail officials won't let Troy go until they determine whether he played a role in the deception. Jerry Barnes remained at large Thursday.

Police could not immediately confirm whether the men are twins.



TRIO IN RECITAL — During the holidays, Brenda Row's piano students, BranDee Harbin, daughter of Kenny and Sherry Harbin; Calvin Nobles, son of Mike and Christina Nobles; and Crystal Bridges, daughter of Larry and Kim Bridges; were presented in recital at the Victory Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

Al-Anon, Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

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

Snyder Fire Dept. Auxiliary; Central Fire Station; 7 pm.

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

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

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

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; Trinity United Methodist Church, 5200 Trinity Blvd.; 5 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; "Beautiful Sunflowers—Past and Present," by Billie Jean Sterling; hostesses, Pam Browning and Betty Wood.

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

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

"A Company of Women International" Prophetic Voice to the Nations, for mature Christian women; Union Community Center, Hwy 180; potluck supper, 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

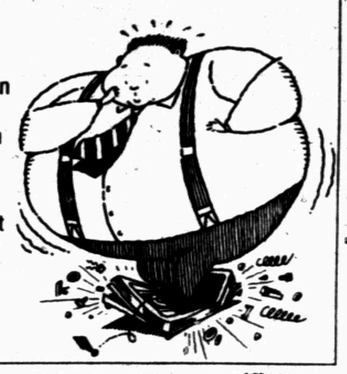


FUNDRAISER — Cogdell Hospital Auxiliary's valentine "loveable, huggable Wild Thing" can be won in a drawing to be held on Feb. 11 at 5 p.m. Donations of $1 may be made at the auxiliary's' Gift Shop from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The proceeds will be used for the organization's projects at the hospital. Wilma Dillard, left, CMH patient relations, makes the first donation to Sandra Robinson, Gift Shop chairman. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Tips For Losing Weight

American Heart Association

- **Kick those bad habits** – Avoid foods high in fat – especially saturated fat.
- **Develop an eating plan** – Women can lose about 1-2 pounds weekly on a 1,200-1,500 calorie per day diet. Men can lose this amount on 1,500-1,800 daily calories.
- **Engage in physical activity** – You must use more calories (energy) than you consume. You accomplish this by eating less and exercising more.



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Public Records

New Vehicle Registration

James Nowlin, 1999 Mercury form Wilson Motors.

Eugene Shipp, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Maria A. Molina, 1999 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Mrs. J.B. Bean, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Associates Leasing, 1999 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Darlene Harrison, 1999 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Joe Fudge, 1999 Dodge from Snyder Chrysler.

Chris J. Barakis, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Vickie Hess, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Walter Beauchamp Jr., 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Von Reynolds, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Price Construction Inc., 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

William D. Stephens, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Richard DeLa Cruz, 1998 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Arrow Construction, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Robby Robinson, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Gary Halkowitz, 1999 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

W. Norman and Toni Canon, 1999 Chevrole Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Shanley A. Moore, 1999 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Robert and Belinda Parks, 1999 Dodge Caravan from Snyder Chrysler.

Dale Dickard, 1999 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Leon Rawlings, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Todd Whitesides, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Andrew Pigford, 1999 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Jeremy Dale Hearne and Candice Renee Williamson, both of Snyder.

Reynaldo Gabriel Hernandez and Melissa Ann Pena, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Scurry County vs. O.H. Henderson, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. N.D. Marsalis, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Ruben G. Escobedo, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Darrel Craig, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Joe Botts, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Nancy Castro, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Senaida Davila, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Frankie Castillo, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Fred P. Castillo (deceased) et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Eunice Carl Braziel, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Forrest W. Beavers, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Benjamin G. Bromit, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Charles Beasley, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Keith H. Bristow, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Lane L. Bowers, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Troy D. Botts, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Jo Ann Benitez, et al, delinquent tax suit.

John Nell Mathis and Billy Mathis vs. Bluecross and Blueshield of Texas, petition for declaratory judgment.

Dyck O'Neal Inc. vs. Lewis Wayne and Betty Jo Monroney, suit on note.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Tracie Jeanette Proulx and Robert Allen Proulx, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Linda Gail Berryman and Claude William Berryman Jr., divorce granted.

Providian National Bank vs. Virginia L. Henderson, order of non-suit.

Scurry County vs. Geraldine Davis, order of dismissal.

Lisa Ann Melton vs. Larry Wayne Early, order of dismissal with prejudice.

Joe Lara vs. Virgil Lester Streety, agreed order of dismissal with prejudice.

Deed Records

Claude William Berryman Jr. to Linda Gail Berryman, all of Lot 10 in Block 1 of the Wall Addition.

Margaret Fay Dillaha to West Texas State Bank, all of Lot 10 in Block 11 of the Original Town of Snyder.

J.C. and Joyce L. Moore to Bill and Jackie Pattin, all of Lot 10 in Block 39 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

Talmage P. and Nova B. Henderson to Talmage P. and Nova B. Henderson, trustees of the Talmage P. and Nova B. Henderson Revocable Living Trust, an undivided three-fifths interest in 214 acres in Section 231, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Jeannie Thompson Merrifield to David L. Thompson, the south 24 feet of Lot 7 in Block 10 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Harold C. Denson, Sue Denson Brown and Patricia Denson Partain to Rodger and Doris Blackard, all of the northeast one-quarter of Section 67, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Scurry County to Mavis Logan and Kay Price, Lot 1 in Block 2 of the Cody Addition.

Geraldine Greene to Cheryl Jones, Sheila McCormack and Charles Greene, all of Lot 2 in Block 63 of the Wilson Subdivision of the Scarborough Addition.

Eileen Reese Martin to Samuel Barber Martin Jr., trustee of the Eileen Reese Martin Family Trust, tract one being 2.18 acres out of Section 576, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being all of Section 601, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being the southwest one-quarter of Section 663, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract four being all of Section 601, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract five being 80 acres out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 603, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract six being the south one-half of Section 664, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract seven being five acres out of the northeast corner of Section 576, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract eight being all of Section 665, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract nine being all of Section 575, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract 10 being the northwest part of the northwest one-quarter of Section 574, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Lisa Thompson to David L. Thompson, the south 24 feet of Lot 7 in Block 10 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Linda Lee Dunn, independent executrix of the estate of Inez Wilson, to Linda Lee Dunn and Jimmy Ward Wilson, tract one being Section 139, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being the northwest one-half of Section 202, Block 97, H&TC survey. (Correction)

Jimmie Ann Yeilding, independent executrix of the estate of Ralph H. Yeilding, to Jimmie Ann Yeilding, all of Lot 27 in Block 11 of the Park Place Addition. (Correction)

Jearld Smith, trustee of the Jearld and Ione C. Smith Revocable Living Trust, to Lino and Nancy Felan, all of Lot 2 in Block 7 of the 1st Replat of the Noble Heights Addition.

Back To Basics

By Debbie Duddleston



Have you ever heard of *senioritis*? Perhaps you have had "it" or know someone with "it." Don't be alarmed, it is curable! It may take a graduation ceremony, but it can be cured!

Senioritis usually occurs in the first semester of a high school senior's life. Dr. R. Fred Zuker, from The University of Dallas defines *senioritis* as: "Diminished interest in the conventional aspect of high school during the waning days of the academic year prompted by long-term exposure to the stress of the senior year." There are various symptoms of this "disease" such as lack of interest in studies and extracurricular activities, excuses not to go to class, and preoccupation with miscellaneous things.

High school seniors are under tremendous pressure with many decisions including college. There are three groups most affected by this phenomenon — seniors, parents and teachers. According to Dr. Zucker, here are some issues to remember that are related to *senioritis* and techniques for avoiding and alleviating the condition.

Seniors

1. The end of your senior year is an important time for academic preparation for college.

2. *Senioritis* may lead to negative behaviors such as increased use of alcohol and drugs.

3. Find ways to make your studies more interesting such as forming study groups.

Parents

1. Don't worry so much about *senioritis* if your student is managing to keep his or her grades up and honor their commitments.

2. Find ways to give your senior more responsibility with such things as expanded curfew hours, trips and continued planning for college. These additional benefits entail acceptance of the responsibility that the student will not abuse these opportunities.

3. Parents should work with the school counselor and teachers to find ways to engage the interest of the seniors and relieve some of the tedium of the last days of the senior year.

4. Don't nag too much about how your seniors are spending their time. Seniors are adept at doing more with less time. They know the high school system very well. Let them exercise the freedom that comes with their senior status.

Teachers

1. Seniors may have a reduced interest in their academic work. Don't take it personally.

2. Find ways to make your classes more interesting. Have the seniors team-teach the course for a day. Field trips are a great way to hold their interest. Let them work in study goups and make presentations using skits, multi-media or other creative approaches.

The faculty and staff at Western Texas College will gladly help anyone with *senioritis* through this stressful time. We will try to make the academic process as painless as possible, so you can go on to bigger and better things! If you would like to visit with a counselor, please give us a call at 573-8511 or 1-888-GO TO WTC.

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

Q&A

What is drug,alcohol free?

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

Drug and Alcohol Free!

The New Year has come and the first month is nearly over. We have all made some resolutions and have already broken some of them. How about choosing to be Drug and Alcohol free? Make it and keep it! We still have 11months to go before the New Year. Let's make the best of those 11months. Life is difficult enough without adding more problems to our already hectic lives. We always want to know what we get out of things. Life is not about what we get out of it but what we make of it. Our environment and our up bringing don't have to control our lives. What life brings to us can be handled one of two ways; we can either let it make us or break us. We have all ridden the roller coaster long enough its time to get off of it and start having control of our lives.

Those who have experienced addiction to drugs and alcohol know the hurt and pain that it brings. We often think that with the use of drugs and alcohol we can escape reality for just a little while. But in reality, it only adds more to our problems. Life is too short to spend it drunk or stoned. We can never address our problems if we don't admit to them; instead of making excuses, lets make solutions. If you have to be dependent on something, try something healthy like exercise, reading, eating healthy, spending time with family and friends. Each day is what you make it, so make it a good day.

What are some ways of knowing as an adult if you have a problem with alcohol or drugs?

Be Aware:

Failure to show up for work or other important functions
Less motivation and self-esteem in doing things
Irritable and not getting along with others
Sickness
Change jobs frequently
Resort to stealing and lying to support your addiction
More prone to causing accidents
Mood swings
Flare-ups of temper
Less regard to fellow workers
Poor concentration
Poor appearance and hygiene

Be Alert:

Be Informed:

Recognize the signs and symptoms of drug and alcohol usage:

MARIJUANA: Laid back attitude, change in speech and vocabulary patterns, dilated pupils, red eyes, drowsiness, memory loss, rolling papers, roach clips, small homemade pipes, homeostatic clamps.

COCAINE: Performing work tasks longer than is safe or necessary, weight loss, lack of appetite, red and runny nose, damage to the nasal passage, excitability, trembling, straws, nasal spray bottle, small spoon.

OPIATES: Needle marks, dark rings around the eyes, poor hygiene and appearance, slurred speech, vague memory, sleepiness, hypodermic needles, rubber arm band, spoons.

AMPHETAMINES: Excitable state of mind, dry mouth, loss of appetite, impaired coordination, rapid speech, prone to risk-taking, going long periods of time without sleep.

PHENCYCLIDINE (PCP): Severe mood swings from passive to violent, prone to risk-taking, may not recognize and feel bodily pain, feelings of omnipotence.

ALCOHOL: Slurred speech, red eyes, flushed face, alcohol odor from mouth or body, tremors, nervousness, impaired coordination and vision, slow reaction time, impaired judgment.

We all have decisions in life that we have to make. It's what we decide that determines the life that we will lead. As we look forward to the New Year, lets look forward to healthy and positive decisions. Only you can change the way your life is. Many may want that change for you, but it is only when you decide you want to change that change can take place. We often take pathways that lead us to a dead end. If we spend more time asking ourselves is this the right attitude or the right thing to do, we would spend less time traveling down dead end roads in our journey in life. Life has so much to offer if we will simply learn and grow from our experiences. We need to remember that the decisions we make not only affect us, but also affects those around us. Make plans for the best and accept no less. Only you can change the outcome of what takes place in your life. Nothing changes if nothing changes. Lets stop making excuses and start living our lives to the fullest. DRUG and ALCOHOL FREE that's me! Will that be you?

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

introducing...
Kaitlyn Brooke Glover



Melissa Hodge and Jerry Glover announce the birth of their daughter, Kaitlyn Brooke. She made her appearance at 3:28 p.m. on January 6, 1999, in Baylor Medical Center, Garland.

Kaitlyn Brooke weighed 4 lbs. 8 oz. and was 17 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Jim and Marie Glover of Rowlette, Tx. and Bud and Sandy Lafferty of Loveland, Co., and maternal grandparents are Greg and Bonnie Hodge of Snyder.

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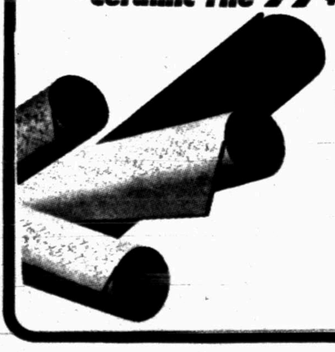
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Clifton

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the collection has been a "real family effort." His dad attends trade shows throughout the country, including the Super Sport Show. Sometimes celebrities also attend and some are willing to sign autographs.

Bryan said the things his dad gets for him "really improve my collection."

Bryan's cousin, Kenneth, who works in the Mall of Abilene secured several autographs from Texas Ranger baseball players when they visited the mall.

Teresa, another cousin, grew up in Denver and is employed by the company that took the Denver Broncos official Super Bowl team photo. She obtained a copy of the photo for Bryan.

Charlotte noted that a can of Coke seen in the bottom of the photo had to be covered with a team logo because Pepsi is an official sponsor of the team.

Part of the fun in being a collecter Bryan said "is being able to get things by big name players. "Who's the best you can get? I like to keep on trying to get better and better players."

Bryan also has a few non-sports autographs. Charlotte secured a personalized autograph of Gov. George W. Bush recently for her son.

Last March, Bryan obtained the autograph of First Lady Laura Bush who was the guest speaker at Snyder's annual Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Bryan's grandmother recently wrote a letter of support to Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr. She received an autograph picture of Starr which she presented to Bryan.

One of the walls in Bryan's bedroom also features a large mural of a baseball game.

Charlotte said that while anything is available for the right price, they are trying to build Bryan's collection economically.

Besides watching sports broadcasts and collecting memorabilia, Bryan loves to keep statistics and read sports related books which his dad gets for him. Besides Elway's life story, Bryan has also read "The Monday Night Football Club" and "Super Stars of the NFL." He also reads books about how to keep stats which are considered an important part of any game.

Bryan also takes part in church activities including the Bible Bowl and once elected to participate in a Bible Bowl rather than play in a tournament. He had been studying some seven months for the Bible Bowl.

Bryan is also trying to turn his younger brother, Justin, 3, into a Denver Broncos fan too. He calls Elway's jersey "Elmo."

Bryan is also teaching him about sports.

Bryan enjoys his collection which he says is a good investment. Someday he also hopes to turn his love of sports into a career as a sportscaster.

For now though, he likes to watch, cheer his teams on and collect memorabilia.



AUTOGRAPHED PHOTOS — Bryan Clifton displays some of the autographed photos he has in his collection of sports memorabilia. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Former au pair barred from profitting from her life story

BOSTON (AP) — Former British au pair Louise Woodward can't profit from selling her story, under a settlement reached Friday with the family who sued her for the wrongful death of the 8-month-old boy who was in her care.

"The goal of this case is what is was from the beginning, that Louise Woodward would not become a millionaire," said Fredric Ellis, the lawyer for Drs. Sunil and Deborah Eappen. "The goal of this lawsuit was to use the civil justice system to accomplish something the criminal justice system couldn't."

A jury found Ms. Woodward guilty last year of second-degree murder in the 1997 death of 8-month-old Matthew Eappen. But a judge reduced the conviction to manslaughter and she was released after serving 279 days in prison. She was allowed to return home to Elton, England, in June.

Friday's agreement stipulates that Ms. Woodward donate any money she gets from the case to the international children's charity UNICEF. If Ms. Woodward tries to keep any money herself, the Eappens would go to court to demand the money be given to a nonprofit foundation established in their baby's name.

Legal experts debated whether any ban on profits ordered by a U.S. court could be enforced in England. But Ellis said the confidential agreement is enforceable overseas because it was written in the form of a contract with the help of international legal experts.

Paul Barrow, Ms. Woodward's lawyer in England, said the ruling had little meaning.

"Louise has always maintained that she has no intention to profit from her story, and Louise continued to maintain her innocence," he said.

'Wrong-number' angels help save a suicidal woman's life

NEW YORK (AP) — Elizabeth Hartley listened a few seconds to a wrong-number caller and heard volumes in the slurred speech of a forlorn woman who had "just called to say goodbye."

Ms. Hartley and co-worker Emlyn Philbert said they never gave any thought to hanging up. They kept the Virginia woman on the phone for nearly an hour as she drifted in and out of consciousness — and they saved her life long-distance.

The unlikely connection came about Wednesday when the 55-year-old woman, whose identity was not released, misdialed and rang the J. Streicher securities firm where Ms. Hartley and Ms. Philbert work in sales.

"She asked to speak to Liz and I got on the phone," Ms. Hartley, of Rutherford, N.J., recounted Thursday.

Right away, she knew the caller was in trouble.

"Nobody loves me," the woman told her, slurring her words. "I just called to say goodbye."

Ms. Hartley said she never considered hanging up. "You hear something in somebody's voice and you know something's terribly wrong."

She motioned for Ms. Philbert to pick up the phone and for the next 45 minutes they talked and pleaded with the woman until she gave them her name, address, telephone number. Ms. Hartley called police in Hampton, Va.

"She was just so sad," said Ms. Philbert. "Such a sad, sad person."

The woman drifted in and out of consciousness all the while, speaking haltingly about her broken life.

She talked of being all alone, of wanting "Brian" to hug her. She spoke about a son who was murdered four years ago.

Ms. Philbert didn't ask too many questions for fear "it would push her over the edge." Instead, she posed as the friend, Liz, and kept telling the woman that she loved her.

"I just kept talking and talking," Ms. Philbert said. "Elizabeth says I can talk paint off the wall. I don't know if that's bad or good, but in this case it was good."

Police arrived to find the woman semiconscious in a bedroom, still on the line with Ms. Philbert.

The woman, who had overdosed on a combination of alcohol and prescription pills, was taken to a psychiatric facility, said Sgt. Jeff Walden, a Hampton police spokesman.

Ms. Hartley and Ms. Philbert believe they were guided by a guardian angel. A friend of Ms. Philbert who died this week meant for them to help the despondent woman, they said.

"What are the odds that this lady dials a wrong number and finds us in the city of New York," asked Ms. Philbert, 44. "You gotta believe."

Ms. Hartley, 48, agreed.

"We're all supposed to have a guardian angel, right?" she said. "I think Emlyn's friend just earned her wings."

Rooney back on stage

BOSTON (AP) — Mickey Rooney is back on stage as the man behind the curtain, the guy in charge of handing out brains, hearts and a bit of c-c-courage.

Rooney said he gets a charge out of his role as the wizard in a touring company of "The Wizard of Oz," a musical that opened Thursday at the Wang Center.

The 78-year-old showman of stage and screen doesn't plan to slow down anytime soon.

Mistrial declared in jury tampering case

MIAMI (AP) — A judge declared a mistrial Friday in the case of a jury foreman charged with selling his vote in a major cocaine-smuggling case after jurors said they were "at each other's throats."

U.S. District Judge James Lawrence King dismissed the jury in the trial of Miguel "Mike" Moya, who was accused of taking a nearly $500,000 bribe to sell his vote in a 1996 verdict.

Jurors sent a note to King on Thursday, after four days of deliberations, saying they disagreed about whether Moya is innocent or guilty.

"We are unable to come to a unanimous decision," jury foreman Carlo Hollis said in the note. "We are at each other's throats ... HELP!!!" He wrote that the jury had been split evenly before shifting to a majority favoring one side.

King asked jurors Friday if there was any chance of reaching a verdict. They said no. Prosecutors said they would try the case again in April.

The voting breakdown of the jury was not disclosed. King told the jurors that if they receive any telephone calls or inquiries about their deliberations, they should say nothing.

Moya was charged with money laundering, witness tampering, conspiracy and bribery and could face life in prison. His parents, Jose and Rafaela Moya, were on trial on money laundering, witness tampering and accessory charges and faced up to 62½ years in prison.

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Your best is good enough

Deanie Francis Mills

"Did you lose a great deal of hair some time within the past six to nine months?" asked my hairdresser as she was trimming my hair. Though I wear my hair much longer than most women my age, I admitted that I had indeed taken to losing whole clumps of it during the past year.

"Well, there are hundreds of little hairs growing back," she reassured me. "Hair lost due to stress grows back."

When I shared this good news with my daughter by e-mail, she responded with, "I guess that means you've got less stress now."

Actually, no. However, I have spent the past few months changing the one thing in my life over which I still maintain control: my attitude. Put more simply, when my old coping strategies proved no longer effective, I developed some new ones.

In an article in the February "Ladies Home Journal," which drew from the book, "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff at Work: Simple Ways to Minimize Stress and Conflict While Bringing Out the Best in Yourself and Others," by Richard Carlson, PhD, I smiled in recognition when I saw that the strategies I had developed for myself, to help me deal with my own recent stress in the book publishing industry, were right on the money.

In my own work situation, I found myself caught in the middle of a corporate takeover which resulted in the wholesale quitting of my publisher, my editor and the editor hired to take her place. I saw my advances reduced by 90 percent. A book scheduled to be a hardcover, "Tightrope," was published, instead, as a paperback. (It's on the stands now, wherever books are sold nationwide. If you can't find it in Snyder, please don't call me — take it up with the store manager. Or you may order it from any of the online franchises that sells books.)

Though many of us deal with major work setbacks with courage and resilience, the truth is that once we become stressed, It's the LITTLE THINGS that drives us nearly mad with frustration and anger. We can express a tremendous amount of energy fuming and fussing over relatively small things — and it takes its toll physically. (Sometimes, even our hair falls out!)

But once we regain our equilibrium, we learn to take things in stride without stumbling, and it makes sitting down to work each day much more pleasant. Here are some of the suggestions from the article that I found most helpful.

Pick your battles. Some things are worth fighting for and others are only exercises in stubbornness. The trick is to learn to realize which is which. When "Tightrope," was published without its prologue, it could mean only one thing: a vindictive editor had removed it from the galleys without even telling me, the author — an outrage by book publishing standards. Since that editor is no longer there, and the books are already in distribution nationwide, there is nothing I can do.

An infuriated writer friend of mine wanted me to hire an attorney and sue the publisher. That is an option, yes. But what's the point? I've only one more book due out by that publisher, with a different editor anyway. After that, I'll be writing under a pseudonym. A legal battle like that could drag on for years, cost far more than it was worth, and in the end, the books would still be out there without prologues.

Forget it, I said. I've moved on. When it's something over which you have no control, sometimes it's best to just let it go.

Don't get stressed by the predictables. Every kind of work has its own built-in frustrations, the best thing to do is expect them, factor them into your day, and go on.

Bureaucracy exists — deal with it. Get a bunch of authors together in a room — especially if there's booze present — and the wailing and gnashing of teeth can go on all night. In fact, sometimes, talking to colleagues over and over about the same general frustrations can cause us to feel more angry and out of control and depressed. I've learned to avoid altogether such discussions, and I feel better for it. If lounge talk is more of the same old, same old — stay away and find somebody to hang out with who makes you laugh.

You can't please everyone — accept it. If it's not the bureaucracy on your case, or the boss, or a co-worker, it's a customer or student or whoever. The most important life lesson any of us can learn is that our best is indeed, good enough.

Know that the choice is yours. Barring unforseen disaster in life, for the most part, we choose our careers. We aren't helpless victims. If we are, then maybe it's time to make a change. In my case, I wanted to keep writing books more than anything in the world, so I found a way I could do that, even though the books will be published under a different name. The work — and the purity of ideas — will still be mine, and I will still be able to earn a living doing what I love to do. I feel more empowered now than at any other time in my career.

If you don't believe it — check out my new hair.

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Letters to the Editor

Stolen bike

Dear Editor:

This is to the person that stole my son's bicycle Saturday, Jan. 23 in Snyder. You know who you are.

You will never have a clear conscience or a good feeling inside about yourself, unless you confess what you have done. A life of crime is not the way to go. You could be forgiven if you would give it back.

Maybe you liked the bike, but didn't think you could ever afford one. But taking something that doesn't belong to you is not the way to fully enjoy it.

My son worked hard and saved his money. He paid $100 on that bike and I paid the other $200 for part of his Christmas present. He had a proud feeling to be able to contribute to owning a GT Dyno Air bike.

This bicycle was one of the few things in life my son was able to do without restrictions. He will never be able to play football or contact sports due to disabilities. He will never be able to hear as well as you and I. He will have more surgeries in the future to correct some of the disabilities. He does not know what it's like to not have to go to doctor's appointments all the time. You took something away from him very precious.

We are not wealthy and cannot afford to just go out and replace it, nor should we have to. Snyder was my hometown for 40 years. It was a good, safe place to live. And you can help to keep it that way.

If you know any information about this bike, please call the local police department. You will be glad you did.

The bicycle is a charcoal black 20Z" GT Dyno Air. It was taken from the corner of 26th Street and Ave. D. on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 23, 1999.

Thank you,
Kathie Boulware

Native Americans

Dear Editor:

A very special thanks to the editor and to the community of Snyder. The Native Americans of the Price Daniel Unit which is now called the Lost Ghost Tribe, gives its thanks to the community of Snyder for the support that it has shown to the Native Americans by coming to our side in support with a very special volunteer, Mr. Tom Seabourn of Snyder. And it is our honor to share with the community of Snyder because without your support we would not be the new Northern unit for Native Americans in TDCJ-ID now.

As of the 18th of January TDCJ-ID has made the Price Daniel Unit the Northern unit for Native Americans to come to so that they may come together in spiritual ceremonies like the Medicine Wheel Ceremonies and the Sacred Pipe Ceremonies. As of right now the Lost Ghost Tribe is looking for more volunteers that are willing to share their time in supervising gatherings. There is a lot going on right now because more Native Americans are going to be shipped to the unit soon. Native American volunteers are needed for drumming classes and dancing classes for ceremonies and Pow-wows.

If there is anyone interested in finding out more about what they need to do to become a volunteer please contact Chaplain Horton at the Price Daniel Unit, 938 South FM1673, Snyder, Texas 79549 or call 915-573-1114 (5038). Thank you.

Sincerely,
Elder Bob Blunk,
Price Daniel Unit

Appreciation

Dear Editor:

In regard to the letter written by A.M. Melton of Hermleigh in the Sunday, Jan. 24 paper, what a letter!!

In my opinion, in celebrating their anniversary, 50 years, that's one of the reasons their marriage has lasted that long!

That says it all! "Love and appreciation." What love she has shown him, what love and appreciation he has shown her. It's a perfect example of how marriages should be! Whatever troubles come along cope instead of giving up.

She deserves all the praise for where she worked in the Hermleigh Post Office for years. I got to know her well as a customer. She is a wonderful lady!

The younger couples can learn a lot by reading that item. Thank you for printing it.

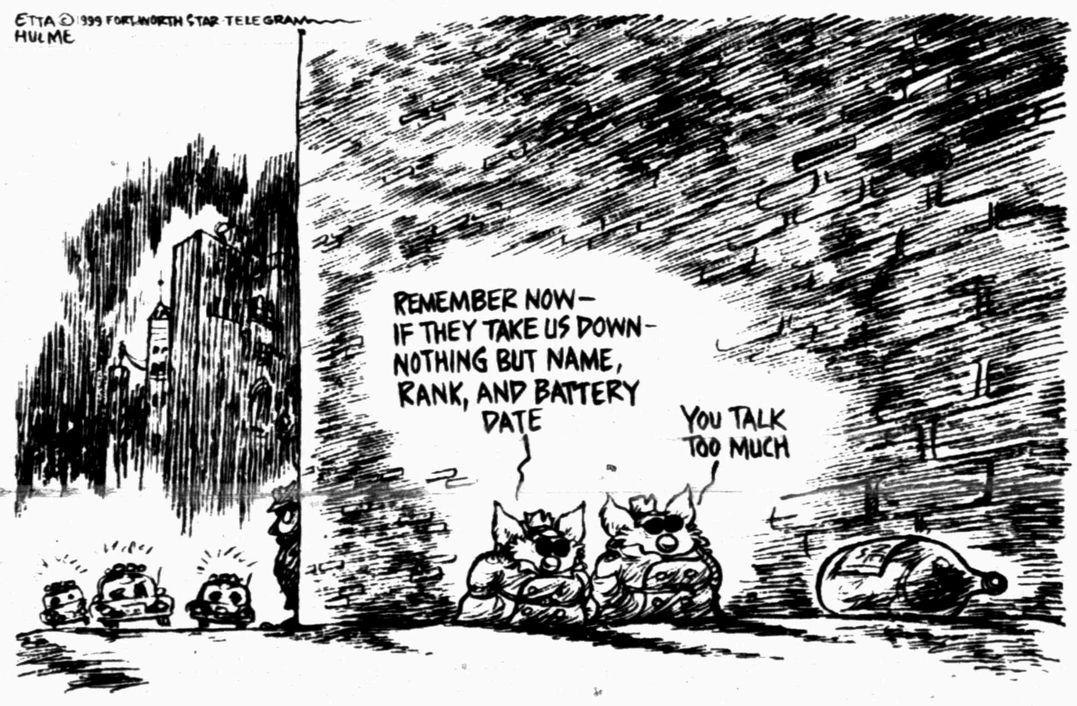
Sincerely,
Mrs. Lorraine Barfoot

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EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Tracking sex offenders

San Antonio Express-News

As states pass laws requiring monitoring of convicted sex offenders, communities have struggled with how to notify the public.

The Internet is helping.

USA Today has reported that states increasingly are using the Internet to post the names, addresses and even photographs of convicted sex offenders.

The Center for Sex Offender Management indicates at least a dozen states, including Texas, within the past year have launched Internet Web sites. Another three states, where legislatures have passed laws allowing the cyberspace setup, soon could follow suit.

Having such information posted on Web sites provokes outcries from advocates for civil liberties. They believe the postings amount to continuing punishment for convicted offenders who have served their sentences.

While such public notification laws are not a panacea, they do provide the best protection so far for potential victims.

Health professionals and corrections officials have yet to agree on treatment of sex offenders, particularly the most despised class, pedophiles.

But it is clear that sex offenders have a high rate of recidivism. Pedophiles, sex offenders who target children, are especially notorious. Legislation such as "Megan's Law" are intended to monitor pedophiles.

Until policy makers can devise better ways to treat sex offenders, and prevent them from attacking in the first place, public notification is the best tool people now have to keep themselves and their children safe.

Texas speed laws

Amarillo Globe-News

The U.S. Congress had this bright idea back in 1995 to let the states determine how fast traffic should flow along our highways.

Ignoring the reams of data that showed a direct correlation between the reduction of speed and the number of traffic-related deaths, Congress decided to lift the federal 55-mph speed limit on non-interstate roads.

The states then acted quickly. They boosted speed limits. In New Mexico and Oklahoma, everyone can drive 75 mph. That's everyone, as in 18-wheelers and compact automobiles. Not so in Texas, where state law restricts trucks to 60 mph, while the rest of can move across our vast state at 70.

Now comes a bill filed in the New Mexico Legislature that would slow the big trucks to 65, while allowing Mom, Dad and the Kids to tool along at 75. It makes sense to us to slow the big guys down just a bit.

But we have more. A West Texas lawmaker, state Rep. Carl Isett, R-Lubbock, wants our state to go in the opposite direction. He wants trucks to travel at 70, the same as the aforementioned family vehicle. Isett's logic is that it is safer to have everyone driving the same speed.

That is a bad idea.

A truck weighing tens of thousands of pounds does enough damage when it cracks up at 60 - assuming, of course, that its driver is obeying the posted speed limit, which he or she quite often ignores.

We have difficulty understanding the logic of Isett and others who think our roads and highways become safer when we allow motorists to drive faster and faster.

A recent discussion in Randall County drove home the point when county commissioners turned down a request to increase the speed limit on a rural road from 35 to 45 mph. County Commissioner Skip Huskey said that safety drove local governments to post speed limits.

And every traffic study we've ever seen shows that slowing motor vehicles down reduces the rate of death and serious injury on our highways and, thus, creates a safer motoring environment.

Rep. Isett's bill could produce precisely the opposite result.

Health technology

The Dallas Morning News

Most Texans today don't depend on cattle and oil to survive. The state's economy has diversified, but its health and growth still rely too much on cheap land and cheap labor. Texas needs to nurture the intellectual industries that will blossom in the future, and that offer the potential of higher wages for workers.

Computer and telecommunications industries will be key to that economy. Already, Dallas-Fort Worth has more high-tech workers than any region outside Boston and San Jose. That sector will continue to grow.

But the less-heralded health technology industry offers similar benefits. A new study shows that industry's growing strength and ways Texas could capture more value from it. Collaborative Economics, the Northern California consulting firm that produced the index, has helped regions across the country understand their economies. Civic, government and business leaders around the state should read the study - and use it as a model to analyze other industries and regional economies.

The 1998 "Index of the Texas Health care Technology Industry" charts the state's position on 23 indicators. Those benchmarks range from life science degrees awarded to the amount of income generated from intellectual property rights. It also compares Texas' performance to that of other states', such as California.

Among the report's findings:

— Employment in the health care cluster grew 23 percent from 1990-1997.

— Wages in this cluster surpass average Texas wages.

— In Texas, the value added per health care employee - a measure of an industry's productivity and wage levels - trails the U.S. average.

— Venture capital investment in Texas health companies varies widely from year to year, which may be slowing development of new products and research.

Cities around Texas have begun organizing their pursuit of this industry. Leaders of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas and the Dallas Plan are working to build a biotechnology incubator along Harry Hines Boulevard. Supporters hope to raise $75 million in venture capital commitments by winter.

Legislators can help the industry grow by approving a research and development franchise tax credit, something desired by high-tech and biomedical industry leaders.

Lab coats can never replace cowboy hats in Texas fashion or mythology, but they can help the economy prosper.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Great Hidden Truths — Words of Wisdom XXI

I found them! There they were between the pages just waiting to be discovered. Yes, these great truths were hidden in books.

None of these words of wisdom were the central theme of the book. None were book titles when I found them. They were little gems, fillers, footnotes or throwaway quotes used to make a point or balance a page.

I'll recycle them now for your use. They are hidden on the bookshelf no longer. They are now yours to use, share and ponder. I hope you enjoy them.

Concepts worth keeping

•The best day of your life is today.

•If you and I exchange dollars, we have one dollar still. If we exchange ideas we are both one idea richer.

•A little experience will buy a lot of theory.

•If you haven't decided where you wish to go, any road will take you there.

•Your mouth is your most valuable marketing tool.

•Three ways to add authority to your professional appearance. 1) Wear dark colors, 2) Avoid "far-out" fashions and 3) Wear quality shoes and keep them shined.

•Make it easy for customers to do business with you.

•It is easier to live with your own poverty if your neighbor isn't too prosperous.

•A thoroughly wise man knows how to play the fool on occasion.

•I wish my grandfather had been a miser.

•Customers and kids have this in common: They both need education.

•Ten words that will change your life. If it is to be, it is up to me.

•It is easier to break a bad habit if you replace it with a good one.

•Fear is False Education Appearing Real.

•Luck is Laboring Under Correct Knowledge.

•There are two fools in each market: One charges too little, the other charges too much.

•People never forget folks who help them up when they're down, and people who don't.

•Money isn't the root of all evil, but it is a pretty fair measurement of services rendered.

•Regarding the restroom door: Incoming traffic has the right-of-way.

It's pretty hard to learn about your customers' needs and wants if you're focused on what your competitors are doing.

•Now is a much more powerful word than later. Today is stronger than tomorrow. There is much to do, but so little time.

•On a gravestone: Even the undertaker was saddened by his passing.

•Courtesy is cheap. It costs nothing, but conveys much. It blesseth both the giver and receiver. Courtesy has great value. Your own courtesy is your best protection against the ill manners of others.

•When you invest your time and effort in helping others who are less fortunate than yourself, no recession or depression can diminish your returns.

•When faced with a difficult challenge, it is your attitude that determines the outcome.

•Love is what causes two people to sit together on a small couch when there are two large, comfortable chairs in the room.

•Even though it costs more to live today, it's still quite popular.

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

Lawmakers to promote diversity

AUSTIN (AP) — Key state lawmakers are lining up behind a proposal to increase college scholarships as an indirect, legal way to boost minority enrollment. Some are looking at university funding adjustments that would reward diversity.

The ideas are part of continuing efforts to increase diversity despite a 1996 federal court ruling in an anti-affirmative action lawsuit that has left state colleges and universities unable to consider race in admissions or financial aid.

A proposal to increase grants and scholarships based on financial need is "the landmark legislation of this session with regard to higher education," Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins told a Thursday symposium on access to higher education.

"There is a very high correlation between the inability to pay (higher education costs) and minority status," said Bivins, R-Amarillo.

"The more that we focus on need-based (financial aid), I think the more that we can constitutionally help minority applicants get an education, get a part of the Texas dream..."

Bivins said he hopes every senator signs onto the proposal, the House version of which has been filed by Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo, vice chairman of the Higher Education Committee.

Cuellar's bill would include $200 million more for scholarships and $50 million for a work-study program over a two-year period.

Student loan and grant programs currently total about $156 million annually, and the estimated unmet need for financial aid is $500 million a year.

Sen. Royce West, head of the Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education, said student financial aid is important but added, "I think that we need to go a step further."

Among ideas, West said, he is looking at whether state funding formulas for higher education can be adjusted — without violating the court ruling — to give more money to those universities which promote diversity.

"We should reward those institutions that are making a good-faith effort to do that," said West, D-Dallas.

Cuellar said he supports supplemental funding based on universities' recruitment and retention of economically disadvantaged students.

"The main focus of this is to help economically disadvantaged students, no matter what ethnic groups they might be, and to help graduate those students," he said. "As a byproduct, I think you will see a lot of those students are going to be minorities."

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said he and West in the 1997 legislative session discussed ways to give more funding weight to universities with students at the lower end of the economic scale.

Ratliff said he's still open to the idea, but implementing it depends on how much money is available. He also said increased funding for need-based scholarships is "high on my list."

House Higher Education Committee Chairwoman Irma Rangel, D-Kingsville, said by offering financial aid to those who have been economically disadvantaged, "All of us will receive the benefit, because we know that when we provide a good education to everyone, we are providing a good benefit to our economy.

She emphasized that lawmakers "are not defying the law."

Cuellar's Gateway to the Future Scholarship Program is HB713.

Impeachment issue boosts Democratic contributions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democratic Party took in more than $2 million this month with a fund-raising letter designed to capitalize on anti-impeachment sentiment.

Incoming Democratic National Chairman Joe Andrew said the party raised twice as much as expected through the fund-raising letter.

Though the letter does not contain the word "impeachment," Andrew said that was the underlying message of the fund-raising campaign.

"That's the only politics that people are seeing," Andrew said. "They're sending $20 because they're upset."

Republican National Committee spokesman Tim Fitzpatrick criticized the fund-raising tactic.

"Republicans have always viewed the impeachment of the president as a constitutional issue and a matter of the rule of law, not a political issue," he said.

One of the House Republicans prosecuting the impeachment case, Rep. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, raised the impeachment issue in a fund-raising letter just a few days before addressing the Senate.

The Democratic National Committee reported today that they finished 1998 with a $9.6 million debt. The party borrowed $4 million last fall and gave it to the House and Senate campaign committees to help Democratic congressional candidates. Overall, the party reported raising more than $53 million last year, including almost $28 million in unregulated soft money contributions not subject to federal limits.

The Democrats' fund-raising letter asks for money to help President Clinton fight for his proposals on issues such as Social Security, education and the economy.

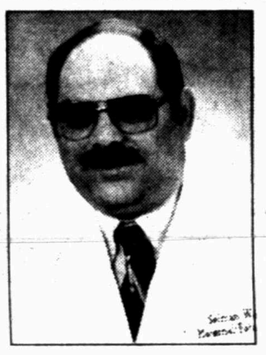
"The Republicans — who are clearly more interested in putting partisanship before progress — will resume their political grandstanding in an effort to cripple the Democratic Party and derail President Clinton's common sense legislative agenda for America," said the letter, signed by General Chairman Roy Romer.

Last year, the Democratic National Committee sent out a fund-raising letter over James Carville's signature that called independent prosecutor Kenneth Starr "as objective as the Spanish Inquisition."

Fitzpatrick said RNC fund-raising for January also was higher than expected. Direct mail brought in $2.9 million this month for the national party, he said.

"Republican donors are very energized by our new leadership team in the House and the aggressive agenda of issues," he said.

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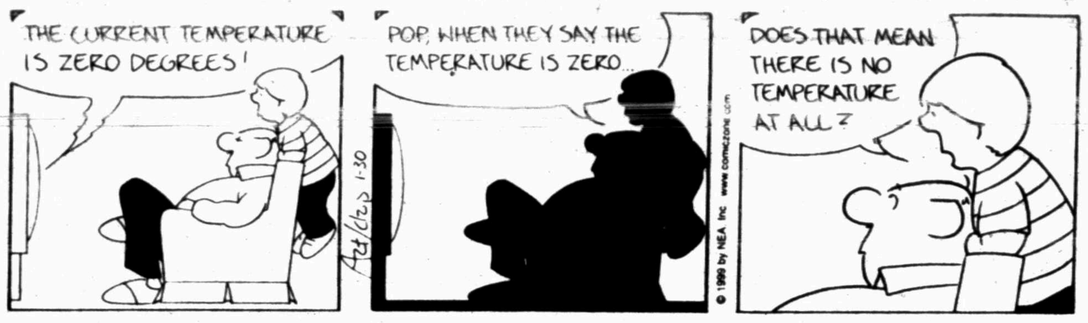
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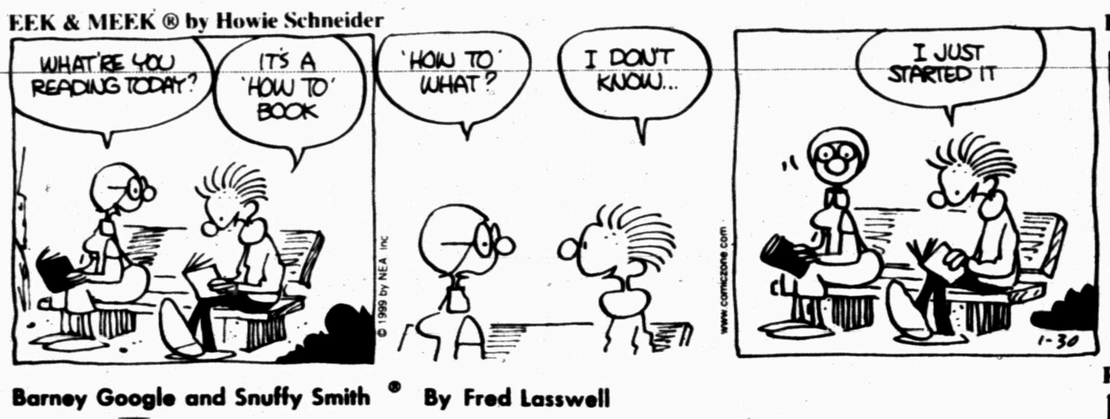
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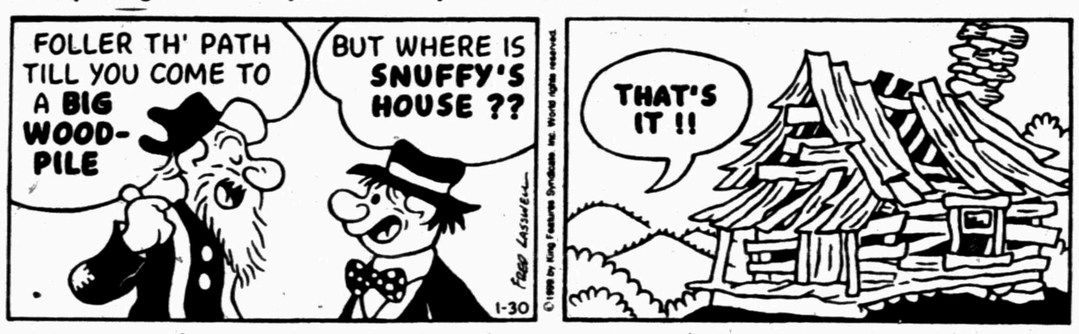
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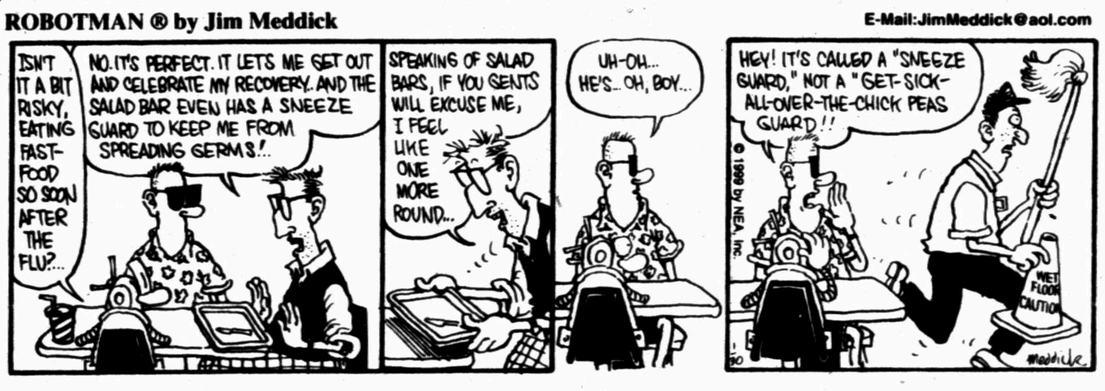


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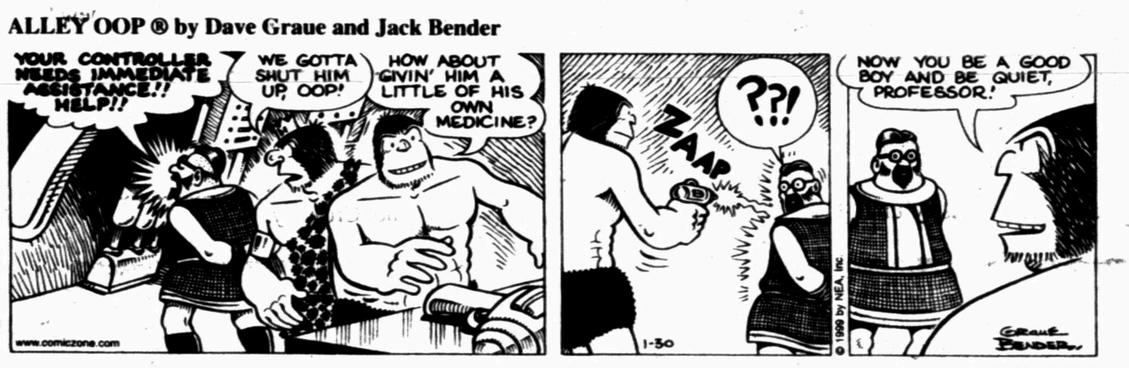
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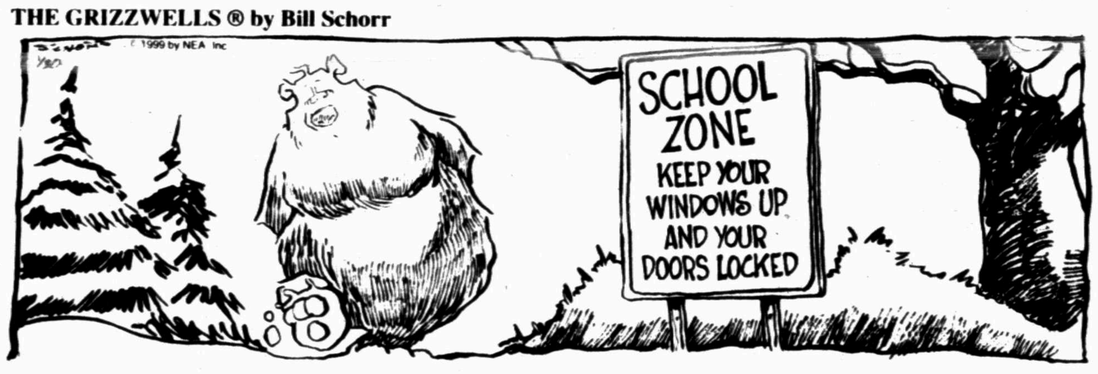
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ACROSS

1 Military operation
6 — man (wedding participant)
10 Eastern philosophy
12 Bullfighter
14 Tennis player Andre
15 Gives up (one's rights)
16 — voyage
17 Baseball stat
19 Order of whales
20 San Francisco and environs (2 wds.)
23 Playwright Neil
26 Everyone
27 — Paulo
30 Like a person with a sore throat
32 Having a meal
34 Very early (2 wds.)
35 Type of skirt
36 Actress West
37 Dutch town
39 Hangman's knot
40 Used a hair tool
42 Pueblo Indian
45 Map abbr.
46 Unrefined metal
49 Pass, as time
51 Drenched
54 Coercion
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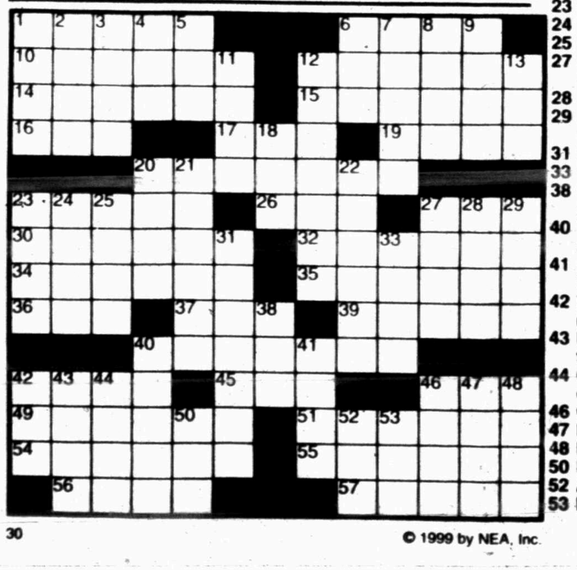
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1 Knife wound
2 Villain in Othello
3 Of the dawn
4 Amer. soldiers
5 Double curve
6 Furry stole
7 Novelist Jong
8 Golfer Ballesteros
9 Allowance for waste
11 Like a swamp
12 Spun (a baton)
13 Gravel ridge
18 Bleat
20 Cold Adriatic wind
21 Solution
22 Friend of Jerry
23 Pretense
24 Tiny particle
25 Manufactured
27 Chinese (comb. form)
28 & & &
29 Act like a wolf
31 Lasts
33 Stepped on
38 Superlative suffix
40 Two-footed animal
41 Actress Lamarr
42 Last letter (Brit.)
43 Hawaiian food fish
44 Fragrant ointment
46 Greek peak
47 Marsh plant
48 Mary Baker —
50 Draft org.
52 Above (poet.)
53 Exploit

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Titan to rebuild, expand burned out factory

WATERVILLE, N.Y. (AP) — Dave Talbot hardly remembers how the twisting 200-foot flames charged and retreated. He wasn't really watching the Titan Mobile Home factory burn — it was his future he saw consumed that night.

"I stood there ... everything was gone. I felt empty. I felt lost," said Talbot, a supervisor who started with Titan 26 years ago when it opened its factory on the outskirts of town. "I prayed for a miracle because it was the only thing left."

Just when the future looked its bleakest for Talbot, his 200 coworkers and this upstate village of 2,300, Talbot's prayer was answered.

Titan and its parent company, Champion Enterprises, announced last week that they not only planned to rebuild the plant, but will expand as well.

Then, Titan and Champion told employees they would receive full salary and benefits while the plant was being rebuilt. Workers and residents couldn't believe their good fortune.

"It's the last big business we have here ... If workers had to go elsewhere, we would not only have lost them, but their families and their homes," said a smiling B.J. Evans, who owns a village pizza shop.

"This just doesn't happen in corporate America. A decision based on compassion and loyalty. Usually, you hear about companies leaving workers and their communities high and dry," Evans said.

Titan has become an economic bedrock for the Waterville area, a rural Everytown, U.S.A., tucked between hills in the Mohawk Valley about 60 miles southeast of Syracuse.

Waterville was first settled in 1793. Kodak founder George Eastman was born here in 1854, and knitting mills fueled the village's prosperity until the early 1900s. Once they closed, there wasn't much industry until Titan arrived in 1973.

Today, flanked by churches and a park, the two-block business district is dominated by mom-and-pop eateries and the Food King grocery store.

Although it had some lean years early, Titan has prospered over the last decade. It had record sales in 1998 when it produced more than 1,100 mobile homes.

In addition to the jobs, which pay an average of about $25,000 annually, and the spinoff spending they provide, Titan pays nearly $80,000 a year in local taxes.

"It's not only important financially, it's important psychologically for our community for them to stay," said Waterville Central Schools Superintendent James Van Wormer.

While concern and allegiance were factors, plant General Manager Jack Ireton-Hewitt said the company also wanted to keep the trained work force on standby to reopen that much faster.

"For the last six years, we've grown in size and sales. That's because of the sophistication of our workers. We want to keep this group together," he said. "We're just trying to do the right thing and get our operation back up as quickly as possible."

Titan hopes to have its modernized and expanded plant built and operating within the next four months, Ireton-Hewitt said. The project will cost about $6 million.

Champion, based in Michigan, is the nation's leading builder of manufactured homes with sales of over $2.2 billion a year and more than 11,000 employees at 66 plants across North America.

Chief executive officer Walter Young said he was only vaguely familiar with the story of Malden Mills Industries in Lawrence, Mass.

A fire three years ago destroyed the mill and caused more than $300 million in damages. Owner Aaron Feuerstein kept all of his 1,400 employees on the payroll and rebuilt the mill complex. President Clinton latched onto Feuerstein as a symbol of compassion in an age when many businesses seem to see workers as costs to be cut.

Titan carpenter John Wellman of Earlville is a father of four with a stay-at-home wife. He said he has some time to kill, but at least he doesn't have to worry about how he's going to pay the bills or find a new job.

"I hated to think about having to refinance. I didn't know how I was going to do it. I still have to pinch myself to make sure I'm not dreaming," Wellman said. "They must think an awful lot of us. It's like a miracle."

Record crops may mean low soybean prices

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — The hog market is in crisis. Beef is not faring much better. Wheat prices remain low. Now farmers have another worry: an uncertain outlook for soybean crops.

Brazil's economic problems and its sudden currency devaluation — coupled with an Agriculture Department crop report in January showing the U.S. soybean crop was the largest in history — are bad news for the nation's soybean growers, said Bill Tierney, a grain market analyst at Kansas State University.

After the USDA reported in January a record 2.76 billion bushels in U.S. soybean production for 1998, the market set new lows for both July and November soybean futures.

"Without a doubt, much of the market's reaction was the result of the Brazilians' cheaper real — which is their equivalent of our dollar," Tierney said. "The market actually was expecting an even bigger U.S. crop. But Brazil is a major world competitor in soybeans."

Brazil always prices its exports just under the U.S. price. Because world soybean trade is quoted in U.S. dollars, Brazil's exporters have no reason to lower their asking price just because the equivalent in devalued currency sounds like so much more, he said.

But news of Brazil's economic problems, and the timing of the USDA crop report, still shook soybean markets. Another factor is the South American soybean crop, which could come in at record or near-record yields later this year.

"A lot of what is going on in soybean prices is an exaggerated pessimism," Tierney said. "Part of the pessimism in the marketplace is the markets' near certainty of a significant increase in acreage next year, and that has got a lot of people very pessimistic about soybean prices."

That is in spite of the fact that record amounts of the crop are being consumed. Soybean exports are now down only slightly after a record year earlier.

For the past few years, farmers have been planting more soybeans. The crop has rewarded them so far with better returns than more traditional crops such as wheat, corn and sorghum at a time when all commodity prices are down.

Soybeans require less fertilizer, insecticides and herbicides. Seed costs are lower, and the plant needs much less water to thrive than corn. All that has given farmers the best return among the crops, said Dennis Morrice, spokesman for the Kansas Soybean Association.

Farmers have responded accordingly: Soybean crops have gone from 1.8 million acres in 1994 to 2.5 million acres last year in Kansas. Even more acres are expected to be devoted this year to soybeans when farmers start planting them in late May.

Morrice said problems in the hog industry could spill over to soybean growers because 40 percent of the soybean crop is used as soymeal to feed livestock, with pigs comprising a significant amount of that market. If pig numbers fall sharply in the coming months, so too will the demand for soymeal to feed them, he said.

That does not appear to have happened yet.

"Soymeal prices have been extremely low long before this hog issue hit," Tierney said. "I'm sure that is part of the contributing factor but that has been a phenomena at work for a long time already."

So far, soymeal production has equaled or neared last year's record, he said.

Tanya Tucker expecting child

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tanya Tucker is going to be a new mom again.

The country singer is expecting a baby with her fiance, spokeswoman Suzanne Crowley said Thursday. Tucker's due date is around July 4.

"She's very excited about it," said Crowley.



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Trading assets	0
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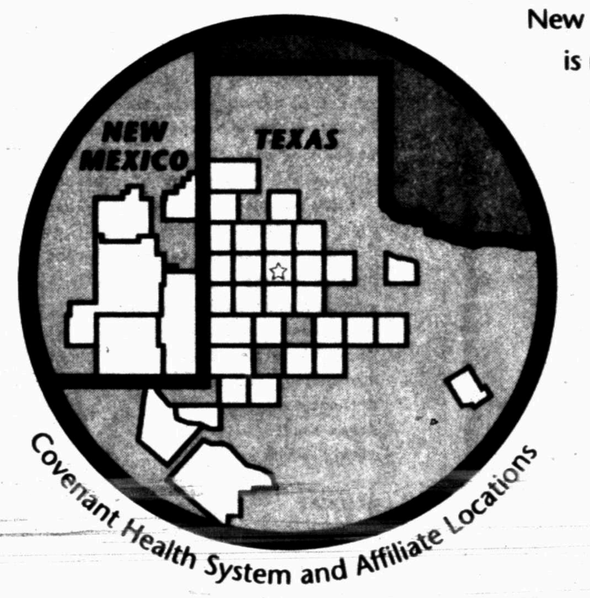


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