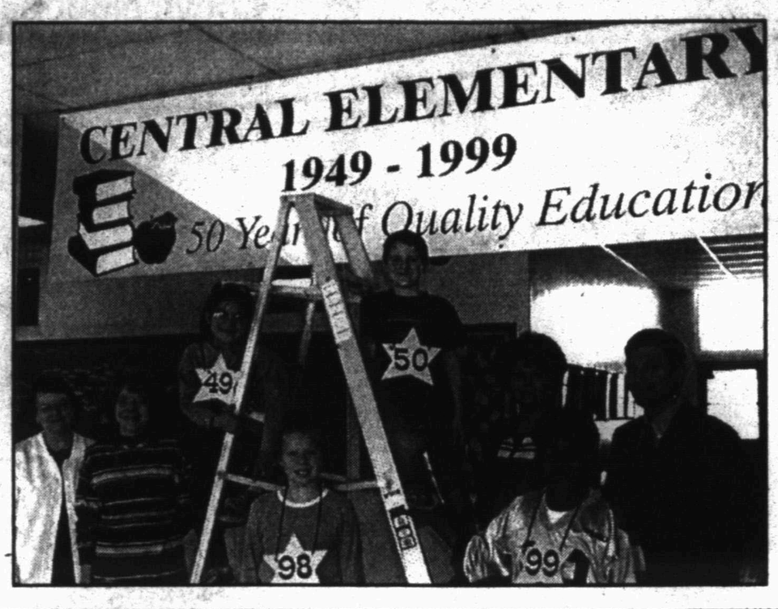


50th ANNIVERSARY EVENT SET — Central Elementary staff and students are working hard toward the 50th anniversary celebration Tuesday. Adults (from left) are Judy Barkowsky, Judy Grimmett, Judy Moss, all teachers, and Jim Rosson, principal. Students from left are Leticia Aguilar, Jessica Bilderback, Will Stewart and Kadrian Groage. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Happy birthday, Central

Central Elementary is having a birthday bash Tuesday and the entire community is invited to the party.

The celebration for the elementary school's half-century of service to the community, 1949-1999, will get underway at 9 a.m. in the auditorium.

Each of the school's 50 years will be recognized as 50 students will ring the auditorium with a date representing each of the school's 50 years.

On the Tuesday program are Jim Rosson, principal, and teachers Pam Hart, June Holcomb and Betty Thompson.

The four will follow the school's progress from its inception in 1949 to the present.

Classes started in Central Primary – which was its original name – with 15 classrooms and two portable buildings. The school housed first through third grades as the oil boom had created a heavy demand for more classrooms.

The census of Snyder in 1950 was 12,010.

Mr. O.S. Clark was the school's principal and he served in that position until 1952.

Joe Glass followed Clark, and he was at the school for four years.

In 1956, 14 more classrooms were added to the facility and library and music rooms were created.

The school was re-named Central Elementary and grades 1-6 began attending the school as Joel Griffin served as principal for one year.

Joe Trigg then began his 19-year tenure as principal followed by a 10-year-term by Charles Anderson.

L.D. Monroe followed Anderson, and present principal Jim Rosson has been principal since 1989.

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Dr. Weaver resigns Cogdell Hospital board

Dr. Mark Weaver, a member of the Cogdell Memorial Hospital board of managers since Jan. 1997, has resigned his position.

Weaver submitted his resignation to County Judge Ricky Fritz and the commissioners court in a letter dated March 1. In the letter, Dr. Weaver said his resignation was effective the date of the letter.

In his letter, Dr. Weaver said he regretted the imposition he had placed on the court, and especially to the commissioners who had asked him to serve on the hospital board.

He also asked that the court consider appointing another physician to the hospital board.

"I think that a physician is a valuable member of the hospital board, and I hope you will strongly consider one of the other local doctors to take my place," Weaver wrote.

In recent hospital board meetings, Dr. Weaver has questioned the commissioners court for cutting budgeted funds to the hospital.

In his letter, he said some persons may think his resignation was a grievance, or motivated by political concerns.

"I want to stress to you that it is purely for personal reasons," said Dr. Weaver. "I feel that the hospital board and the commissioners court are doing a good job with a difficult subject. I have the utmost respect for the board and its mission."

Dr. Weaver said his resignation reflects on no one but himself.

He concluded his letter of resignation by saying the hospital is a tremendous asset to this community, and its true value was not measured in dollars and cents.

"I am proud of what we have done together, and I look forward to continued improvement," wrote Dr. Weaver.



Dr. Mark Weaver

Judge Fritz said Friday that the commissioners court would consider Dr. Weaver's resignation Monday as part of the court's agenda.

"Action on appointing someone else to the board will come later," said Fritz. "Dr. Weaver's resignation came as a complete surprise, so we certainly have not given any thoughts to a replacement."

Weaver is a general surgeon at Snyder Surgical Center where his wife, Dr. Kathleen Weaver, is an orthopedic surgeon.

In other action in Monday's 10 a.m. meeting, the court will consider accepting bids on a new ambulance for Snyder EMS, the sale of a 1991 ambulance, and the closing of a street in Hermleigh.

The request to close the street, which is not presently in use, is from David Webb who lives in the 700 block of Willis. He is requesting a portion of Kemp Street be closed that intersects with Willis Street.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "If Hillary gets elected to the U.S. Senate, she should get a new car for her husband. It would be a great trade."

It's been advised that lemons should quickly be made into lemonade.

There is a suggestion for those who believe the Air Force flying over their land is a sour idea.

Snyder's Randy Davis has come up with a win-win situation for everybody.

The Air Force needs training while everybody in the eight-county area needs moisture.

Davis says as long as they are going to practice bombing missions, the Air Force could drop real bombs – big balloons filled with water.

Now, if somebody can just figure where we can get the Air Force to invade to get the necessary water to fill those water balloons.

Out of the mouth of babes:

We don't know the origin or authenticity of the story, but it does prove that a four-year-old's voice is louder than 200 adults.

A fellow told about returning from a business trip just when a thunderstorm had hit, with crashing thunder and severe lightning.

As the man reached his bedroom about 2 a.m., he found two children, scared by the storm, in bed with his wife. The hubby resigned himself to stay in the guest room the remainder of the evening.

The next day, the dad talked to the children and explained that it was okay to sleep with mom when the storm was bad, but when Dad is expected home, to please remain in their own rooms.

They said okay.

Several weeks later, after a trip, the wife and children picked up dad at the airport.

Since the plane was late, everybody had come into the terminal to wait for its arrival.

As Dad entered the waiting area, the son spied him and came running and shouting, "Hi Dad, we've got some good news."

The dad waved back and asked what was the great news.

"Nobody slept with Mommy while you were away this time," the kid shouted.

It hushed the large crowd in the terminal.

Somebody came up with some "If" rules:

—If it's no big deal, don't worry about it.

—If you can't do anything about it, don't worry about it.

—If it's someone else's problem, don't worry about it.

—If it's easily fixed, it doesn't matter whose fault it was.

—If it's done, it's done. If it can't be undone, don't try.

—If there's no damage, don't make a project out of it.

Primary polls attracting early voters

The first week of early voting in the March 14 Republican and Democratic primaries saw 376 people turn out to cast a ballot.

Voting began Monday and was off to a quick start with 57 votes cast. As the week progressed, 88 voters turned out Tuesday, 85 on Wednesday and 57 on Thursday.

The highest number of ballots was cast Friday as 89 people went to the polls.

A total of 11,038 citizens are registered to vote and early voting continues through Friday. Voting is taking place from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in the county courtroom of the Scurry County Courthouse.

Voters need to bring their yellow voter registration cards.

There are several contested races in the primaries.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey has drawn two opponents in the Democratic Primary.

Bill Baldwin and Cloyce Scarberry are challenging him for the Precinct 1 post.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Howard Limmer is seeking reelection and has drawn one opponent in the Republican Primary. Joe Bass is challenging him.

Donna Gray is the third candidate seeking to become Precinct 3 county commissioner. Gray, wife of former commissioner C.D. Gray Jr., is the lone Democratic candidate.

Four people have filed on the Republican ticket to fill the vacated Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace position.

Deborah Boyd, Ben Smith, Dwaine Merritt and Kirby McCravey are all seeking position.

Pat Alexander and Kirk Taylor are running on the Republican ticket for Precinct 1 constable.

In Precinct 2, Pam Bryant has filed to run as an independent for the vacant JP post and Travis Brackeen has filed for the position on the Republican ticket.

Jeff Duck is running unopposed on the Democratic ticket for Precinct 2 constable.

Others who have filed, and who will be unopposed in the primaries are District Judge Ernie Armstrong, District Attorney Dana Cooley, County Attorney Mike Hartman – all on the Republican ticket.

Sheriff Darren Jackson is unopposed on the Demo ballot as is Diana Williamson who is running for the tax assessor-collector post.

State Rep. David Counts, a Democrat, is being challenged by Big Spring businessman Tim Blackshear, a Republican.

U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm is unopposed on the Demo ticket, but he has two Republican challengers.

Darrell Clements of Dallas and Shane Hunt of Granbury have filed on the GOP ticket.

Local voters will also help decide who runs for President of the United States.

Republicans can choose between George W. Bush, John McCain and Alan Keyes.

Democrats will choose between Al Gore and Bill Bradley.

Open house at SC library

Scurry County Library will host an open house Thursday to preview new computers that were obtained through a $20,000 Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board (TIF) grant.

The open house is from 5-7 p.m.

With the grant, the library purchased six computers for the public, plus a scanner, two laser printers, a computer server and up-to-date hardware.

The total number of computers now available to the public is nine.

Three of the new computers have access to the Internet.

At the open house, demonstrations will be conducted explaining how to access the Internet, use of the library's card catalogue and the library's Internet policy.

Anyone with a current library card in good standing is eligible to use the Internet after signing an Internet policy agreement.

Texas Public Schools Week...

Opportunity here to visit Snyder schools

Snyder Independent School District will celebrate Texas Public Schools Week in a big way next week. A host of activities are planned district-wide as well as for each individual campus.

One of the highlights of this year's observance will be the fifth annual Golden Apple Awards Banquet Thursday for volunteers and adopt-a-school partners.

Riney Jordan of Hamilton will be the featured speaker. "I'm Here to HELP" will be the theme of his address. He offers encouragement and suggestions to make a difference in the lives of children.

Jordan addressed the Snyder ISD staff in 1998.

Texas Public School Week will officially kick off Tuesday with a bilingual workshop for parents at 6 p.m. at the Region 14 Satellite Site, 4200 College Ave. The presenter will be Dr. George Gonzales.

A pizza party at Stanfield Elementary will precede the workshop, beginning at 5:25 p.m.

Childcare, if needed, and Reading Activity Kits will be provided to every participant.

Each campus in the school district also plans several activities.

East Elementary

Bowdoin Parent Training is set for 6 p.m. Tuesday. Child care and refreshments will be provided.

Monday through Friday, parents are invited to eat lunch with their child. Call the school at 573-1769 to make reservations.

Stanfield Elementary

Muffins for Moms are planned at 7:30 a.m. Monday. A family reading night is set for 6 p.m. Open house will follow at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.

On Tuesday, Donuts for Dads is set for 7:30 a.m. A pizza party prior to the bilingual workshop is set for 5:25 p.m.

A book fair will also be held Monday through Friday.

Snyder High School

Parents can come to visit the school from Monday through Friday, but are asked to call ahead of time.

Central Elementary

Central will be celebrating 50 years of quality education during this year's Texas Public School Week. Celebration activities have been planned.

* Past staff members will read in individual Central classrooms throughout the week.

*A hospitality room is being provided for ex-Central staff members and adopt-a-school partners.

*Retired Central teachers

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ASK US

Q — If a candidate does not receive a majority vote in the WTC trustee election, is a runoff required?

A — Yes, less than a majority vote requires a runoff election.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 74 degrees; low, 35; 7 a.m. Saturday, 35; no precipitation; total for 2000, 1.83 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, low, mid 40s; SE wind 10-20 mph; Sunday, mostly cloudy. High, mid 70s. S-SE wind 10-20 mph.



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7:06 a.m.

Of 63 days in 2000, the sun has shone 62 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

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Louisville police chief fired

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The mayor fired the city's police chief after two white officers who shot an unarmed black teen-ager to death were given departmental awards for valor during the confrontation.

The firing Thursday night brought demands from the police union for Mayor Dave Armstrong's resignation. Nine district police commanders stepped down from their posts in protest Friday. And hundreds of police and their supporters marched on City Hall to decry the mayor's action.

"We have no faith in his ability to lead this city," said Sgt. Chuck Cooper.

Armstrong fired Police Chief Gene Sherrard a day after the awards ceremony. The mayor said Sherrard violated his trust by approving the awards a month ago but waiting until this week to tell him about them.

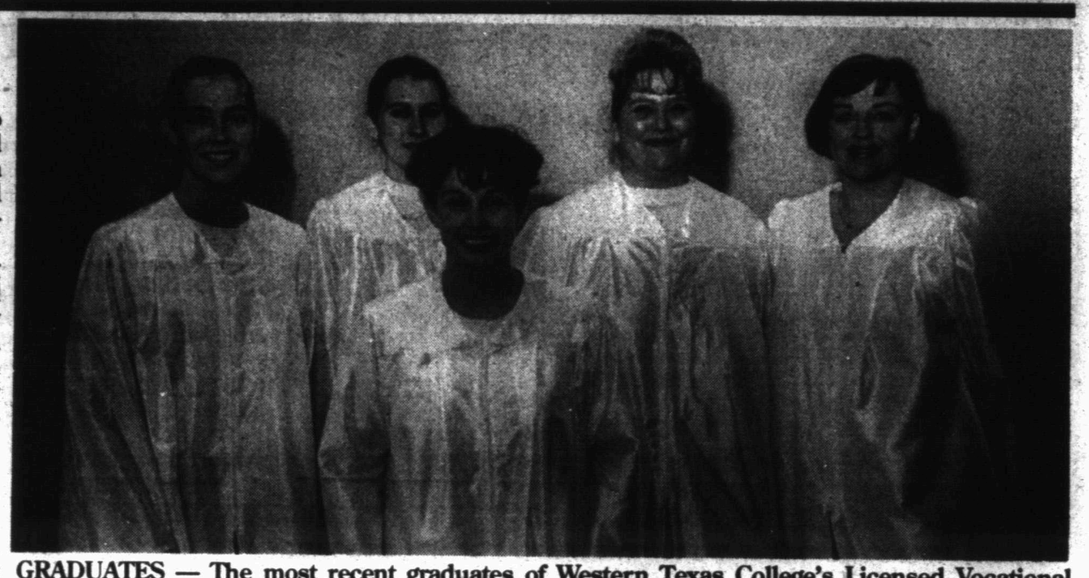
A police chief should be "forthright when it comes to information that it is essential to my leading this city," the mayor said.

Sherrard refused to comment Friday.

Officers Chris Horn and Paul Kinkade, who are white, shot 18-year-old Desmond Rudolph on May 13 as he was trying to flee in a stolen vehicle that had become stuck in an alley. Rudolph died four days later.

Police fired 22 rounds into the vehicle, saying they feared Rudolph was going to run them down. The shooting sparked outrage in the black community.

The two officers were among several given the Exceptional Valor Award at a ceremony Wednesday. Kim Kraeszig, a police spokeswoman, said the two were honored not for shooting Rudolph but for surviving a risky situation.



GRADUATES — The most recent graduates of Western Texas College's Licensed Vocational Nursing Program are Tami Loving of Colorado City; and Melissa Horn, Kari Louge, Kim Singletary, and Leeann Zajicek, all of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)



PINNED — Six Western Texas College Licensed Vocational Nursing students were "pinned" recently, indicating they have completed six months of a year-long course. Front row, from left, Mario Gonzalez and Michel White, both of Hermleigh; Karen Burke and Sallie Robertson, both of Snyder; back row, Roxanne Taylor, Amanda Rivera, Amanda Huff, all of Snyder; and Cheyenne Vasquez of Mertzon. (Contributed Photo)

Ira girl's winning DARE essay

(Editor's Note: Nickelynn Withers, Ira fifth grader, won first place in the DARE essay contest. Her essay follows.)

I like the DARE program a lot. I've learned a lot about drugs and Deputy (Maurice) Herridge. I learned a lot about why drugs are bad for you and why people use them. Somehow I found learning can be fun!

I also learned how to say "no" in many different ways. I learned how to get help if I do use drugs. I also learned a lot of definitions for drugs. I also learned some about gang members. Here in Ira there aren't a lot of gangsters or any at all.

I think its good to stay drug-free and avoid violence because if you do use drugs you could and will lose your good reputation. Plus I don't want to die from drugs. I always knew not to use drugs, but I didn't know there could be so many ways to say "no." I like DARE and its is fun!

I wish every kid could take DARE classes because it will help them a lot. It didn't really for me because I don't and won't do drugs, but now I know to be prepared if I'm ever asked so I guess DARE really did help.

I'm going to move to Midland and it's a lot bigger than Snyder or Ira, and I'm sure there will be tons of drug dealers there so now I'm prepared.

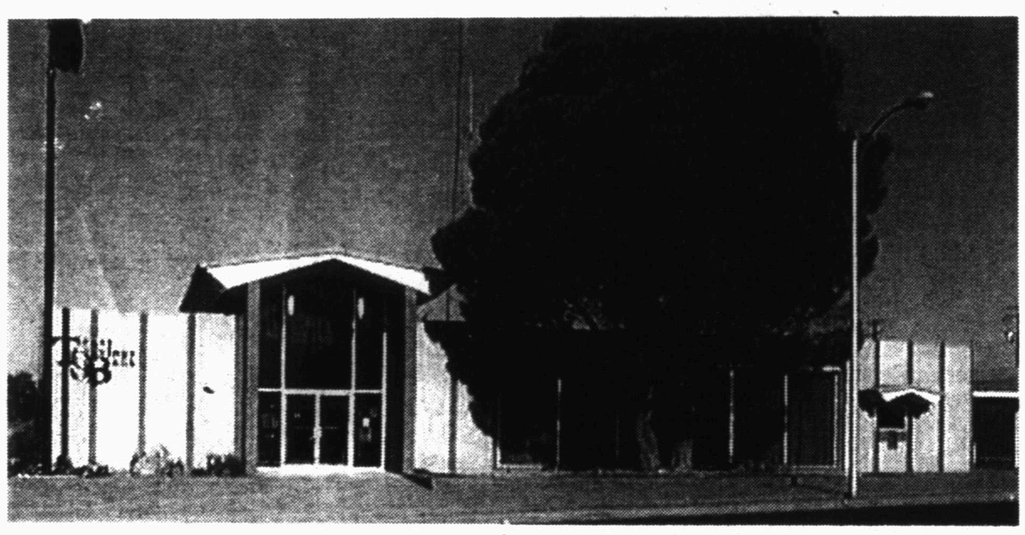
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WTC Vocational Nursing graduates five

Graduation ceremonies for Western Texas College's Licensed Vocational Nursing program were held recently at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Five graduates of the program were honored and seven students were "pinned," indicating they have completed the first six months of the 12-month course.

Upon completion of classes, graduates are eligible to take the state examination qualifying them as licensed vocational nurses.

Four of the graduates are from Snyder: Melissa Horn, Karie Louge, Kim Singletary and Leeann Zajicek.

One other graduate, Tami Loving, is from Colorado City.

Students pinned were Karen Burke, Amanda Huff, Amanda Rivera, Sallie Robertson, Michel White, Roxanne Taylor, all of Snyder. Cheyenne Vasquez of Mertzon, and Mario Gonzales of Hermleigh.

The candidates for graduation and pinning were presented by their instructors Diane Beard, Carol Watkins and Donna Robinson. Mike Thornton, dean of Continuing Education, provided the invocation, welcome and benedition. Speaker for the event was John Gibson, dean of Vocational Instructional. Carmen Timora provided musical entertainment.

Fatal gene therapy work violated the rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration says in a letter that a University of Pennsylvania researcher violated safety regulations in a gene therapy experiment in which a patient died.

In the stern warning letter, the FDA said that Dr. James M. Wilson of the University of Pennsylvania "violated regulations governing the proper conduct of clinical studies" in a series of gene therapy experiments designed to correct a liver disease.

Wilson headed a gene therapy experimental study that was halted after the death of 18-year-old Jesse Gelsinger of Tucson, Ariz. The teen-ager is the first patient known to have died as a direct result of a gene therapy experiment.

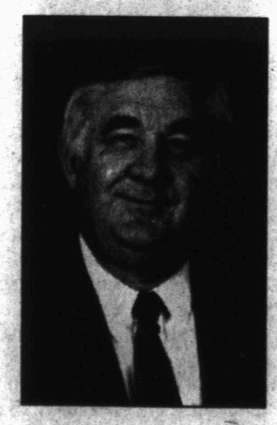
The teen-ager died last September just four days after he was injected with the gene therapy drug. An autopsy report blamed his death on the effects of the experiment.

In its letter on Friday, the FDA ordered Wilson and the University of Pennsylvania's Institute for Human Gene Therapy to continue cessation of all current human experimental drug trials and not to apply for new studies until "corrective actions have been implemented."

A warning letter is an FDA procedure that notifies a researcher or institution of what the agency considers to be violations of federal law. It means that unless the offending actions are corrected, the agency can take some enforcement action without further notice. The warning letter said the university had 15 days to report on steps it plans to correct the violations.

The University of Pennsylvania said in a statement that it takes the FDA letter "extremely seriously."

The statement said the university had already answered many of the allegations contained in the letter and was "disappointed" that the FDA discounted or rejected those earlier responses.

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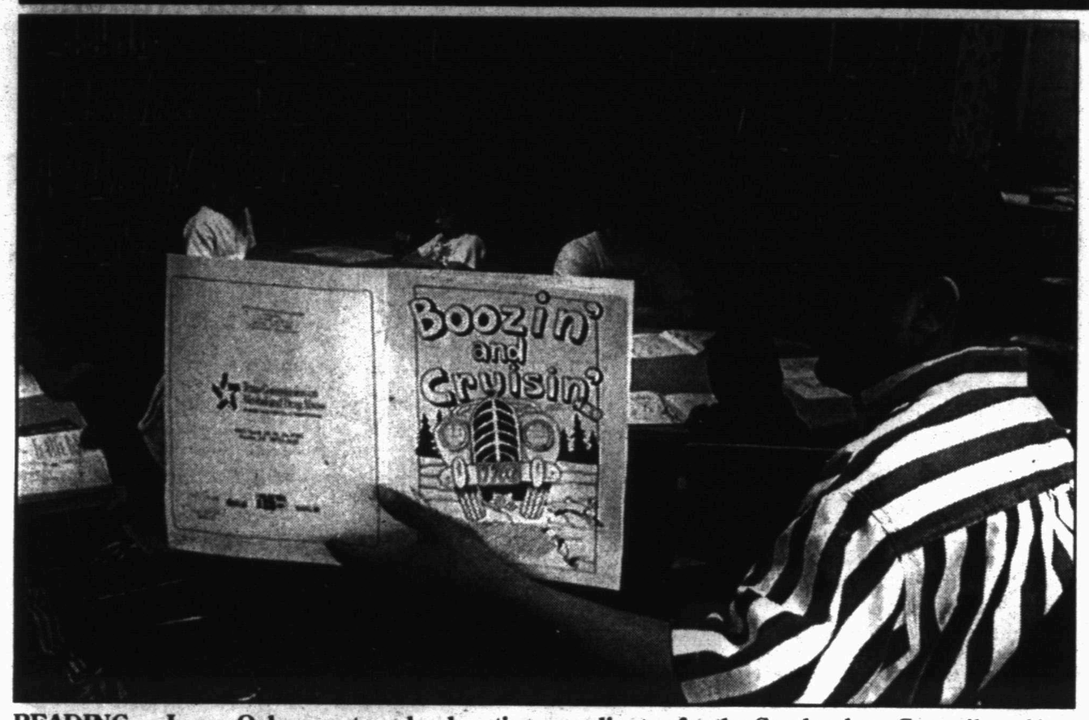
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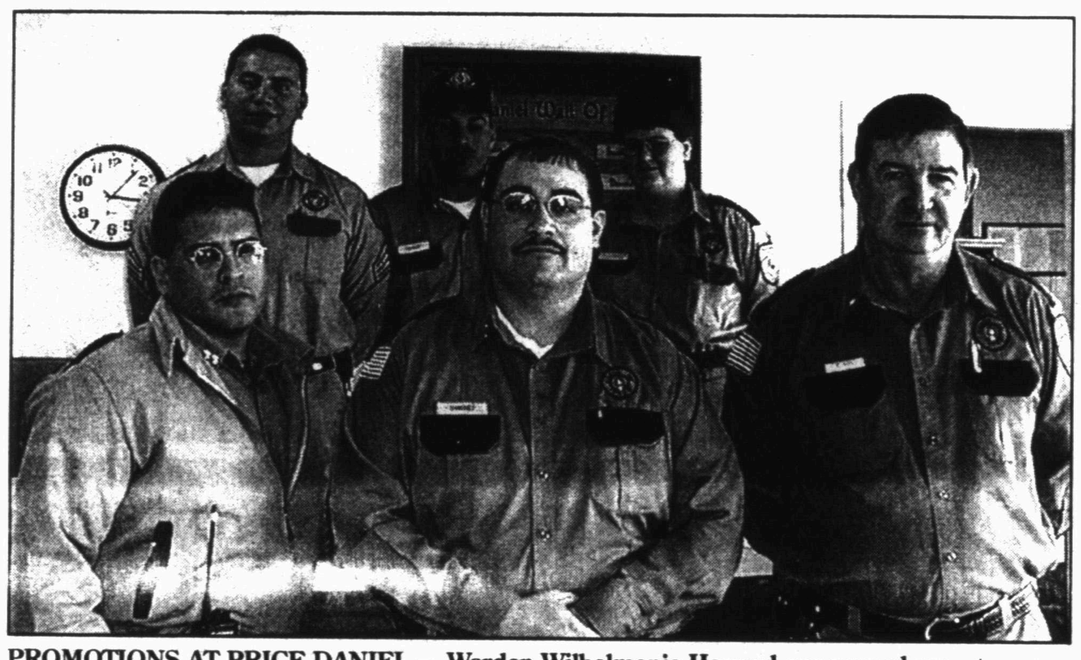
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READING — Leroy Ochoa, outreach education coordinator for the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, discussed the dangers of drinking and driving with Northeast Elementary fifth graders Thursday. Ochoa also read the coloring book "Being Me and Drug Free" to kindergarten and first grade students. Pizza Hut donated crayons to the kindergarten and first grade students. (SDN Staff Photo)



PROMOTIONS AT PRICE DANIEL — Warden Wilhelmenia Howard announced recent promotions at the TDJC Price Daniel Unit. They include (from left) front row, Captain Edwin Mendez, Lieutenant Frank Sanchez, Lieutenant Ed Foree; back row, Sergeant Larry Jaramillo, Sergeant Luis Aguilar and Sergeant Tracie Yount. Capt. Mendez comes from the J.B. Wheeler/Marshall Formby Complex in Plainview and Lt. Foree comes from the John Wallace Unit in Colorado City. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



MOM'S GIFT OF CIGARETTES GETS WIFE ALL FIRED UP

DEAR ABBY: I have a different kind of problem for you. My husband, "Bill," is a smoker, and I'm a nonsmoker. He knows that his habit is bad for him and has expressed his desire to quit on countless occasions. He has tried to quit a few times without success.

Here's my problem. My mother-in-law, "Mary" (also a smoker), gives Bill packs of cigarettes as gifts. I told Bill long ago that I understand his addiction (I used to smoke years ago), but that he should never ask me to buy cigarettes for him because I cannot in good conscience assist him in destroying his health.

I know that Mary is a grown woman and it is not my place to tell her what she can and cannot do for her only son, but I want to scream every time I see her handing Bill a pack of cigarettes and saying, "Here, Sweetie, I got these for you." I feel like I'm watching someone slowly kill him.

Yes, I realize that the ultimate responsibility lies with Bill because he's the one who lights the cigarettes and inhales the smoke, but what mental deficiency must Mary have to, in effect, kill her own son? Is there anything I can do to get her to stop giving him cigarettes? Bill would never ask her to stop because his take on the situation is that he's going to smoke anyway — and cigarettes are expensive — so she's doing us both a favor and saving us some money.

By the way, Mary is a serious control freak, and the last time Bill and I attempted to speak with her about something that was very important, she didn't speak to us for a year, which hurt Bill immeasurably. I don't want to have to deal with that again. Can you help? — FRUSTRATED NONSMOKER IN L.A.

DEAR FRUSTRATED: It is hard to imagine parents doing something that is harmful to their children — but every now and then we hear about ignorant people who feed alcohol to a small child, or minimize illicit drug use in teenagers when they should be helping and educating them.

Bill's mother is a classic enabler. And your husband has somehow confused her feeding his addiction with showing love for him. Both of them are to be pitied.

Unfortunately, there is nothing I — or you — can do to help Bill overcome his addiction to tobacco. Only he can do that. And the first step is admitting he has an addiction he cannot control and seeking help from his doctor. There are medications available today that can help people overcome their nicotine addiction and ease the withdrawal for those who cannot face going "cold turkey." However, they are available by prescription only.

Unfortunately, there is no medication that can cure what is wrong with Bill's mother.

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DEAR ABBY: One of my co-workers has a terrible habit — she continually chews and cracks her gum. Abby, this is a professional office, not a truck stop. Not only does she look like a cow that's chewing her cud, the sound is extremely annoying. How can we get her to stop without offending her? — NEEDS TO KNOW IN SHERWOOD, ARK.

DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW: If the gum-cracker is not aware that she is offending others, you or one of her other co-workers should tell her privately in a friendly way. If she is aware and doesn't care, her supervisor should be told.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a concerned parent. My daughter's best friend here in California has been writing and receiving mail from a prisoner in San Quentin. She is 14, and the young man she's corresponding with is 17. Worse yet, she wants to marry him. She had him living with her for two weeks last November when he got out of prison.

My husband learned the young man was breaking probation, and he was sent back to prison. How do you deal with teen-aged girls writing and visiting men in prison? — CONCERNED PARENT IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CONCERNED: Were I the girl's parent, I would have notified the warden at San Quentin that one of his "guests" was corresponding with an underage girl and I wanted it stopped! Frankly, I am shocked that the parents of your daughter's friend would allow such a living arrangement. A 14-year-old girl is too easily manipulated. Read on for a letter from a woman who was older — and should have been wiser:

DEAR ABBY: Not long ago I began seeing a man who seemed to be the most caring, generous person. The relationship moved quickly, and we began to discuss moving in together. Friends expressed concern about the speed of events, but I felt it was love at first sight. This in itself was exciting, as I have always been a bit overweight and this nice-looking man was showing a great deal of interest in me.

A few things kept this from being absolutely perfect: He owned few possessions other than clothes, he

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Bribed juror gets 171/2 years

MIAMI (AP) — A juror who pocketed nearly $500,000 in bribes for a vote to acquit two reputed drug kingpins in a 1996 federal trial was sentenced to 171/2 years in prison Friday.

Miguel Moya was on the jury that acquitted Augusto "Willie" Falcon and Salvador Magluta of charges they smuggled 75 tons of cocaine from Colombia and made $2 billion. Prosecutors said Moya accepted money for his vote and for persuading the panel to acquit Falcon and Magluta.

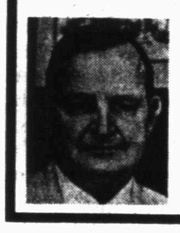
Saying the obstruction case strikes "at the very heart of all we hold dear," U.S. District Judge James Lawrence King rejected a defense request to use two years as the starting point for considering the sentence.

Defense attorney Thomas Sclafani argued 11 other jurors reached independent decisions for acquittal. But the judge said Moya's statement during deliberations that he could wait forever to deliver an acquittal must have influenced others.

Federal prosecutors had asked for a 20-year sentence.

Moya was convicted in July of money laundering, witness tampering conspiracy, bribery, obstruction of justice and filing a false tax return.

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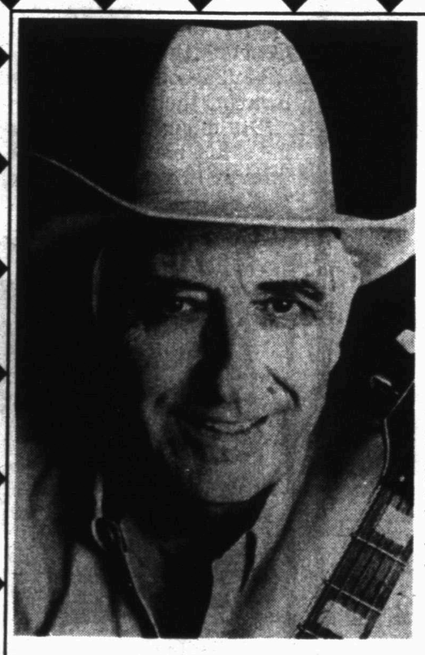
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5th Circuit will not free death row inmate

AUSTIN (AP) — An appeals court ruling Friday will keep Calvin Burdine on death row, two days after a federal judge ordered him released because state lawyers missed a deadline to retry him.

Burdine, 46, has been imprisoned since 1984 for killing W.T. Wise, 50, a night supervisor at a Houston security service.

Wise was stabbed to death in April 1983 in the Houston-area trailer where he and Burdine lived. Burdine told police he was enraged because Wise asked him to prostitute himself for extra household cash.

The conviction was thrown out last year because of allegations that defense attorney Joe Cannon slept through long segments of the trial. The attorney claimed he was not sleeping, but was closing his eyes to concentrate.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner gave the state 120 days to give Burdine a new trial or set him free. That time ran out in late January and Hittner said Wednesday that Burdine was being held unconstitutionally.

But state lawyers asked the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans to stay Burdine's release until their appeal could be heard. Without the stay, Burdine could have been free by Monday.

"Based upon our review of pertinent portions of the record, including of the trial transcript ... we conclude that Burdine should not be released pending appeal," Friday's ruling said.

"The 5th Circuit Court has agreed with us that this confessed murderer should remain behind bars pending the appeal of Judge Hittner's ruling," said Andrea Horton, a spokeswoman for Attorney General John Cornyn. "We believe this is the correct decision."

Burdine's lawyers have asked the 5th Circuit for a rehearing. Robert McGlasson, one of the inmate's lawyers, said they may appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court if that doesn't work.

McGlasson said Burdine was handling the news well.

"He thought he was going to get to hug his mother for the first time in 16 years, so he's disappointed," McGlasson said.

American balloonist gives up

CHICAGO (AP) — American balloonist Kevin Uliassi's attempt to make history by circling the globe alone ended in disappointment Friday in a field in the Southeast Asian nation of Myanmar, more than 13,000 miles from liftoff.

Uliassi, 36, brought his balloon down safely 10 days after beginning his journey from a quarry in northern Illinois. Uliassi ended up about 1,200 miles short of the solo long-distance record.

Flight spokesman Bo Kemper said he didn't know why Uliassi decided to come down, but Uliassi had said he was unsure whether he had enough fuel and supplies to make it across the Pacific.

Todd Little, a member of the flight crew, said the Myanmar military sent a message to the command center through the State Department that Uliassi was not injured in the landing.

Uliassi later was able to leave a brief message on his parents' answering machine that he was "A-OK."

Uliassi was taken to a hospital, where an examination found that he suffered only a few bruises, Little said. Uliassi was to spend the night at the hospital, where he hoped to get his first full night of sleep since the balloon lifted off.

Uliassi last communicated with his flight crew in the Chicago suburb of Homewood 13 hours before he landed, when he told them he was going to sleep.

When Uliassi's flight command center noticed he was descending, the crew sought assistance from the State Department, which had the Myanmar government initiate a search and rescue mission.

Kemper said officials in Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, told him Uliassi touched down around 4:30 a.m. Chicago time near some railroad tracks and a road. Authorities said Uliassi landed 310 miles north of the capital, Yangon.

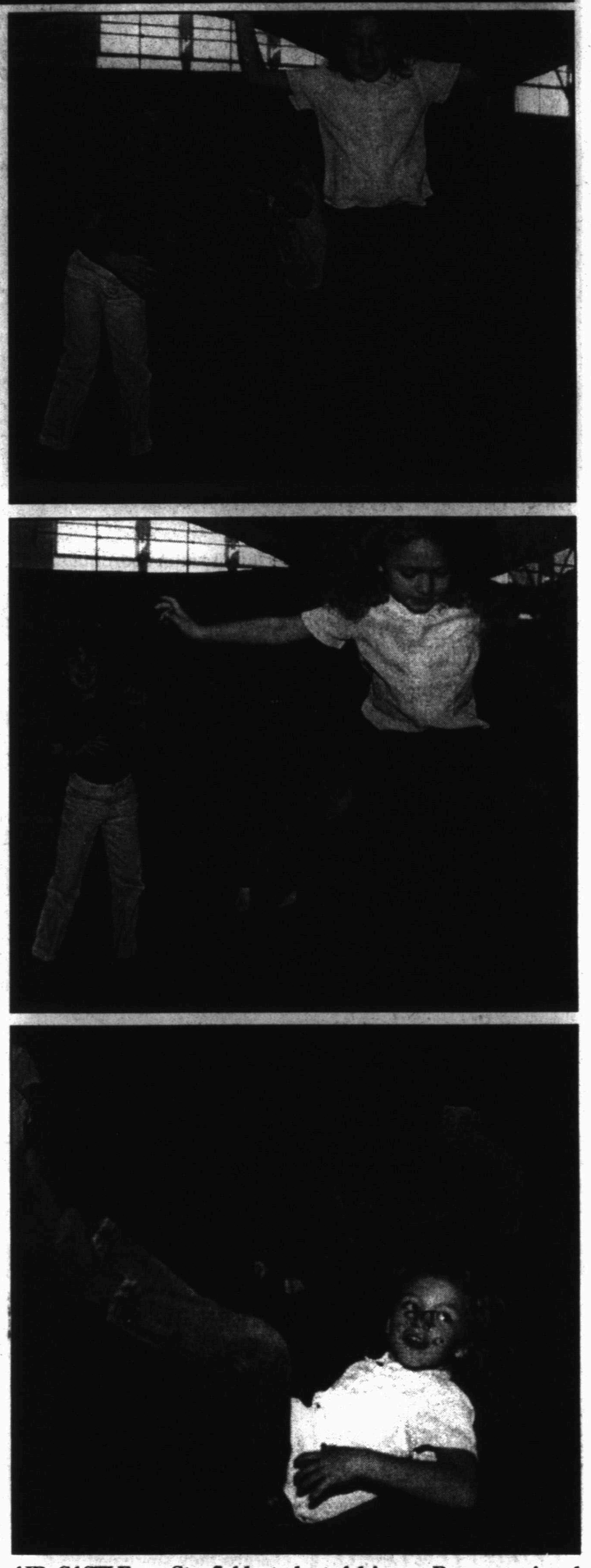
"It was a controlled descent," Kemper said. "It was a nice, normal landing."

Myanmar, one of the world's poorest nations, is controlled by its military. Foreign donors, including the United States, have restricted aid since a 1988 crackdown on a pro-democracy uprising in which thousands of protesters were gunned down.

Uliassi's flight crew spent much of Friday trying establish phone contact with him. They were also making plans to possibly send a relative to Myanmar to help bring Uliassi home. Although the crew didn't know exactly where Uliassi was, they could still keep tabs on him because he was carrying equipment that tracks his location.

Last March, Swiss psychiatrist Bertrand Piccard and English balloon instructor Brian Jones became the first people to circle the world nonstop in a hot air balloon, landing safely in Egypt.

This was Uliassi's second try at becoming the first person to circle the globe alone.



AIR CASTLE — Stanfield student Adrianna Rascon enjoyed jumping in this air castle. Lyndsie Dunson, pictured in the first and second photo, also had fun. The air castle was a special treat because the school exceeded its goal during its annual fund-raiser. Students who helped sell bath products and candy for Valentine gifts were allowed extra time in the Air Castle and an ice cream treat. Sales totaled $17,000, of which the school's share was approximately $6,500. The proceeds will be used by teachers to purchase items to enhance the new Math Program Technology, updating classrooms and new sand for the playground area. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

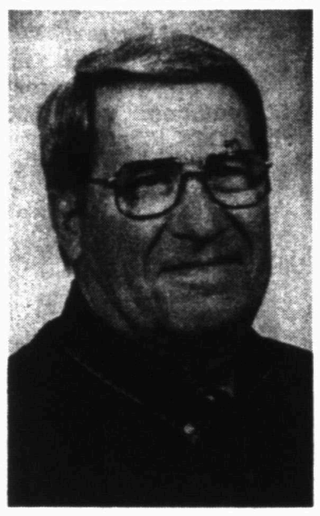
Two teens charged in beating deaths

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A Durant teen-ager acquitted of capital murder five years ago is one of two teens facing charges in the fatal beating of a Texas teen-ager.

Elliot Culp, 17, and Travis Lowe, 15, are accused of capital murder, kidnapping, assault, armed robbery and rape.

Authorities said Culp and Lowe severely beat Allen Scott, 17, of Saginaw, Texas, and a 15-year-old girl on Monday. They were found near a rural road near Durant, Miss., about 60 miles north of Jackson, MIss.

Scott died Thursday afternoon at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson.



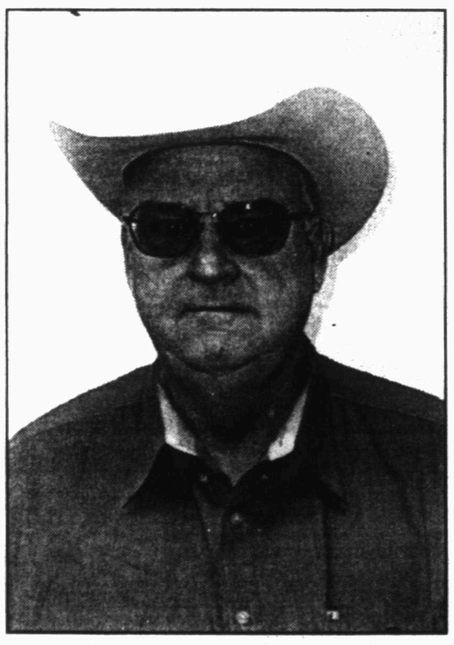
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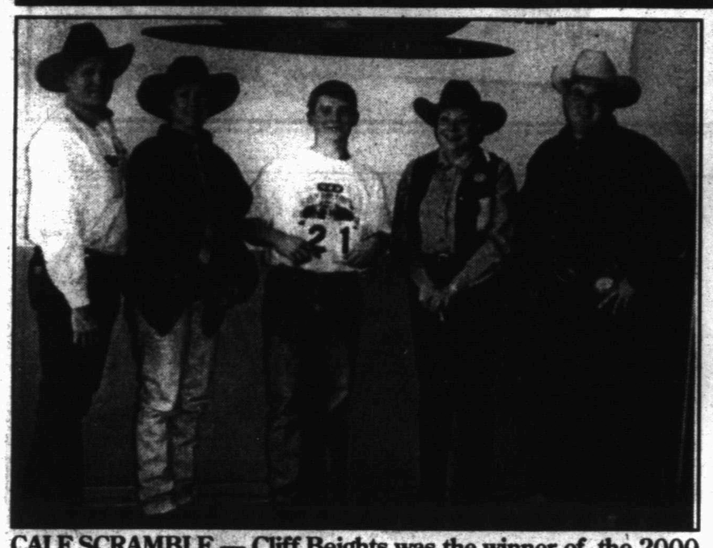
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CALF SCRAMBLE — Cliff Beights was the winner of the 2000 Calf Scramble at the 51st Annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. H-E-B, along with the Calf Scramble Committee, sponsored the event. Pictured are Larry and Diane Smidovec, Beights, Mary Riha and Travis Tausch. (Contributed Photo)

Bone marrow transplants questioned

BOSTON (AP) — A new study casts doubt on the value of bone marrow transplants for women with advanced breast cancer and one noted breast cancer expert is recommending that it be abandoned.

Researchers found that among women whose breast cancer had spread, patients who received bone marrow transplants and received high doses of chemotherapy "do not survive longer or have a longer time to progression of the disease" than patients who get just regular chemotherapy over a two-year period.

The study was set to be published in the New England Journal of Medicine on April 13. The journal released it Friday on its Web site Friday.

Dr. Marcia Angell, the journal's editor-in-chief, said a report out of South Africa that showed some benefit in the procedure later turned out to be fraudulent.

She said the journal made its report available early because the South African study "left a lot of concern and confusion among women and insurers who weren't sure whether to cover it."

A total of 199 patients took part in the study, and after three years, there was no significant difference in the survival of the groups.

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DRUM EARNS AWARD — Karomy Drum of Snyder recently won first prize at Hardin-Simmons University's Piano Concerto Awards. Drum performed the first movements of the Ravel G. major Concerto, Mendelsohn G minor Concerto and Mozart D major Concerto, K 537. Drum was awarded $300, which was given by HSU graduate and piano teacher Lynn Bethel-Baldwin of Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

Two guards killed in heist

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Authorities scoured the Las Vegas Valley and neighboring states in search of three men who pulled off a well-orchestrated armored car heist that left two security guards dead.

"It obviously was not your run-of-the-mill robbery," Henderson police Chief Michael Mayberry said. "This was well-planned."

At least four vans and cars with Texas license plates were involved in the heist.

Mayberry said the guards were attempting to take bags of money into a Ross Dress For Less store in a strip mall in Henderson, 10 miles southeast of Las Vegas, when they were ambushed about 11:25 a.m. Friday.

Two masked gunmen carrying assault rifles gunned down the first guard as he walked toward the store with a bag of money. The second guard, the driver, was shot when he heard the shooting and went to investigate, police Capt. Richard Perkins said.

Police believe one of the guards exchanged gunfire with a robber and wounded him, possibly in the leg.

Senior Center News

The volunteer recognition banquet for the Senior Citizens Center is set for 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Senior Center.

Seniors are asked to pre-register by 5 p.m. Monday, and the Friday dinner will be the congregate meal for the day,so there will be no noon meal.

To pre-register or arrange for transportation to the banquet, call 573-4035.

Happy Interneting to all seniors who have registered for the "Just for Seniors" computer classes offered by WTC. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 390.

Monday

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11a.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 meets at noon. Social Security representatives will be at the center from 10 a.m. until noon and from 1-2 p.m. Swimnastics at Western Texas Colllege is from 2-3p.m.

Wednesday

The Kitchen Band will entertain at Snyder Oaks at 11 a.m. Anne Gregory will entertain the the dining room at 11:30 a.m. The Senior Center advisory board will also meet at 11:30. A volunteer will be available from 9 a.m. until noon to help senior citizens with income tax filing. Call 573-4035 for additional information.

Thursday

The Sunshine Choir will entertain at Snyder Healthcare Center at 10 a.m. Swimnastics at WTC is stet from 2-3 p.m. The Senior Center will open at 6 p.m. for game night, and newcomers are welcome.

Friday

The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m.

"88" play follow at 10. There will be no sing-along or other activities in the dining room since staff will be preparing for the recognition banquet.

Volunteers are needed to help set tables and decorate for the banquet staring at 9 a.m. Line dancing and clogging is cancelled for the week.

A reminder: It is only nine weeks until May Day, our major fundraiser. It is scheduled May 6. Mark your calendars.

New offier named

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston-based Marathon Oil Co. has named Texaco executive Clarence P. Cazalot Jr. as its new president, replacing the retired Victor Beghini.

Cazalot, 49, will also serve as vice president of Marathon's parent company, Pittsburgh-based USX Corp.

Senior Centr Menu

March 6-10

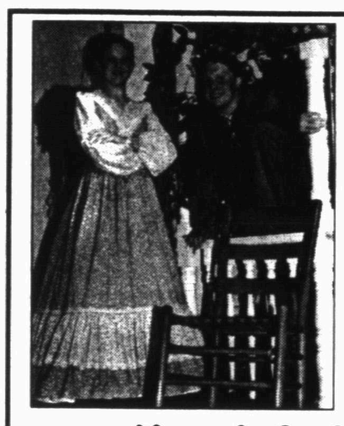
Monday
Chicken Pot Pie
Harvard Beets
Vegetable Sticks
Tossed Salad
Chocolate Chip Cookie

Tuesday
Braised Ham
Golden Carrots
Potatoes Au Gratin
Sliced Pineapple w/Cheese
Chocolate Pudding

Wednesday
Chicken Spoon Bread w/Giblet Gravy
Sweet Potatoes
Herbed Green Beans
Cucumber Onion Salad
Pecan Pie

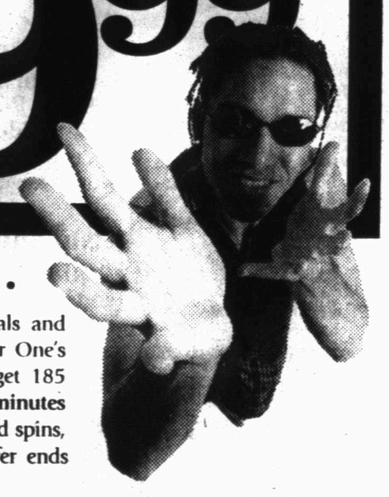
Thursday
Boneless BBQ Rib
Black-eyed Peas
Boiled Okra
Chilled Apricots
Apple Cutie Pie

Friday
Recognition Banquet
Rib-eye Steak
Baked Potato
Broccoli-Corn Casserole
Tossed Salad
Apple Cobbler
Hot Rolls



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SPORTS

Lady Tigers blast Badgers, 10-0

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

The Snyder Lady Tigers seem to be rounding into shape, and it's just in time for the district race.

Snyder dominated Merkel in its final non-district tune-up Friday night, surrendering only one hit and playing error-free to chalk up a 10-0 victory in five innings.

The win sends the Lady Tigers into Tuesday's 5-4A opener with a mark of 8-7, and Head Coach Robbie Dickenson believes it will only get better from there.

"We're pretty much where we need to be, right now," said Dickenson. "We're really starting to play some good defense on a consistent basis. We played well in the field in the tournament, and then again on Tuesday, and again tonight."

It didn't hurt that senior pitcher Courtney Rinehart was on top of her game. Rinehart took care of nine Badgers with strikeouts, and walked only two. She struck out the side in the fifth to end the game.


Dickenson

Merkel's lone base hit was a double in the gap to lead off the fourth inning, but the Badgers couldn't capitalize. After a fly ball , a strikeout, and a walk, Snyder's freshman catcher Chaelyn Robinson gunned down Lauren Armstrong on an attempted steal to end the threat.

"We had three freshman starters tonight, and all three of them played well," Dickenson stated. "They're inexperienced, but their getting better and better. I want them to have that killer instinct, and they're getting it."

Kira Diaz at third base, and Shelley Fisk at short stop, joined Robinson as freshman starters.

The Lady Tigers sparkling effort in the field, was matched by their solid performance at the plate. Snyder pounded Merkel for 10 hits, five of them for extra bases.

Snyder opened a 3-0 lead in the second when Kristin Martinez and Fisk led off with back-to-back doubles to left field. Diaz then singled, before Jennifer Newman drove in Fisk with a liner to center field. Newman scored three batters later on a ground ball off the bat of Whitney Webb.

The Lady Tigers added three more runs in the third on base hits by Diaz and Cameron Mackey, and two Merkel errors.

Snyder put the game out of reach in the fourth inning, using their power and speed to post three more runs. Webb laced a triple to right field to lead off, and Mackey and Diaz added doubles for a 9-0 Lady Tiger lead.

Rinehart drove in Newman in the bottom of the fifth to end the contest on the 10-run mercy rule.

"We made solid contact tonight," said Dickenson. "And really, we've been doing that all year, we just haven't always hit it in the gaps like we did tonight. We have a lot of team speed and that always helps. And if we can cut down on our base-running mistakes, we'll be even better."

The Lady Tigers open district play Tuesday with a visit to Lake View at 6 o'clock. Snyder secured a playoff berth last year, and Dickenson believes it's anybody's race again this season.

"I think it's going to be pretty wide open," the new SHS coach remarked. "Lake View is improved from last year, and Andrews always fields a competitive team. I think Fort Stockton will be tough, and so will Big Spring, because of its pitching.

"The only team that's kind of down is Sweetwater. They have some of their pitchers hurt, and they're going to struggle until their pitchers heal, but other than that, everybody else will be pretty good."

Following Tuesday's matchup with the Maidens, the Lady Tigers return home Friday to host Andrews.

Merkel	ab	r	h	bi
Garrett c	2	0	0	0
Hobbs lf	2	0	1	0
Vaughn ss	2	0	0	0
Whitehead 2b	2	0	0	0
Armstrong 3b	1	0	0	0
Cherry 1b	2	0	0	0
Mackey cf	2	0	0	0
Goldsmith rf	2	0	0	0
Hernandez dh	0	0	0	0
Totals	**15**	**0**	**1**	**0**

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Webb lf	3	1	1	1
Robinson c	3	0	0	0
Mackey cf	3	2	2	0
Martinez dh	3	1	1	2
Fisk ss	2	2	1	1
Diaz 3b	3	1	3	1
Newman 1b	3	3	1	1
Haarmeyer 2b	2	0	0	0
Rinehart p	3	0	1	1
Totals	**25**	**10**	**10**	**7**

Merkel	0	0	0	0	0—	0 1 5
Snyder	0	3	3	3	1—	0 0 0

None out when winning run scored.
LOB - Merkel 2, Snyder 3. 2B - Hobbs; Mackey, Martinez, Fisk, Diaz. 3B - Webb.

Merkel	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Hewitt	4+	10	10	7	3	1
Snyder	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Rinehart	5	1	0	0	2	9

At San Anontio baseball tourney...

Coin flip costs SHS berth in semifinals

SAN ANTONIO — Snyder matched San Antonio Burbank on the diamond, but the Bulldogs had the lucky coin.

And in the end, the coin proved mightier than the bat.

Burbank stalled for the last half-inning, then broke a 5-5 tie by winning a coin toss to deny Snyder a spot in the semifinals of the San Antonio Baseball Tournament.


Herrera

The Tigers tied the score in the top of the fifth, but fell victim to the time limit when the Bulldogs delayed the game in the bottom of the frame.

"There was enough time left to play another inning," said Snyder coach Roland Herrera. "But after we got the first out, they started stalling.

"Their next batter called timeout, then untied his shoe and retied it. Then he called timeout again and did the same thing with the other shoe. Then he called timeout, and went back to the dugout to change bats.

"After he gets on base. They call time out to put in a courtesy runner. Then the next batter calls timeout twice to untie and tie his shoes. Then their coach calls timeout to send in a pinch runner for the courtesy runner, and he has to have time to warm up.

"Finally, we get the next two batters to fly out, but the time limit had already expired."

Josh Ward pitched all five innings for Snyder, surrendering nine hits, five of which came in the Bulldogs' four-run fourth inning. Ward also walked three batters and struck out five.

The Tigers played error free, but mustered only five hits on the night. Collin Jones belted a triple, with Ralph Ramon and Sonny Cumbie slapping a single and a double apiece. A single by Adam Beck in the fourth was Snyder's only other hit.

"We should have never been in the position to lose on a coin flip to begin with," Herrera stated. "But we're not getting enough hits and we're not holding onto leads like we need to."

The Tigers stranded a runner on third in one frame, before leaving two men in scoring position in the next.

Snyder was to have faced San Antonio Jefferson on Saturday in their final game of the tournament. Sonny Cumbie was expected to draw the start on the mound.

The Tigers will be in action again Tuesday when they host San Angelo Central at 4:30.

Griffey makes Reds' debut; Rangers fall to Twins, 10-9

By The Associated Press

Ken Griffey Jr.'s first game in a Cincinnati Reds' uniform was somewhat underwhelming.

Griffey singled and struck out twice as the Minnesota Twins beat the Reds 5-3 on Friday in a split-squad game in Sarasota, Fla. And just 3,439 showed up at 7,500-seat Ed Smith Stadium on a sunny afternoon to watch Griffey's debut. Many fans wore Junior's No. 30 jersey.

"It was fine," said Griffey, acquired from Seattle on Feb. 10. "I got my two or three at-bats like everyone else."

"It shouldn't be that big of a deal," he said, his cap backward and arms folded across his chest. "I don't want to sit there under a microscope every day. I just want to play ball and be part of this team, that's it."

Andres Galarraga, hardly looking like he missed an entire season, had two hits and two RBIs.

"I told myself when I got my first hit of the spring, I would be ready," said Galarraga. "I got two hits, so I guess I'm ready."

In other games:

Twins (ss) 10, Rangers 9

At Fort Myers, Fla., Jon Schaeffer singled home the winning run off Chuck Smith in the ninth. It was the first win of any kind for Minnesota against Texas in two years. The Twins lost all 13 meetings with the Rangers last year, going 0-9 during the regular season.

Angels 8, Mariners 5

Mo Vaughn, who needed 57 at-bats to hit his first home run last spring, connected on his first pitch this year.

Local Sports Schedule

SATURDAY

Baseball: Snyder varsity at San Antonio tourney

Softball: Snyder JV hosts Snyder tourney

Golf: Snyder varsity boys at Andrews Invitational

Golf: Snyder JV girls at Midland Invitational

Track: Snyder girls at Fort Stockton's Panther Relays

Track: Snyder boys at Abilene Wylie's Bulldog Relays

MONDAY

Golf: WTC at Galveston tourney

Baseball: San Angelo Central at Snyder varsity, 4:30

Baseball: Snyder JV at Merkel, 4:30

Baseball: Snyder 9th at Lake View, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY

Golf: WTC at Galveston tourney

Softball: Snyder JV and varsity at Lake View, 4 and 6 p.m.

JV mauls Merkel, 13-4

The Snyder Lady Tigers made short work of the Lady Badgers.

Snyder registered 11 runs in a two-inning span to power it past Merkel, 13-4, Friday night in junior varsity softball action.

The game never made it to the bottom of the fifth inning, with the Lady Tigers in control from the opening pitch.

Snyder held a 1-0 lead after the first inning, before scoring five runs in the second, and six more in the third. The Lady Tigers added their final run in the fourth.

Vanessa Freeman blasted a home run to fuel Snyder's offensive outburst.

Chastity Perales and Melissa Jones belted two singles apiece, with Dara Chambers and Bianca Hernandez slapping one single each.

The Lady Tigers were to have squared off with Midland Lee in doubleheader Saturday morning.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Miami	37	21	.638	—
New York	35	22	.614	1½
Philadelphia	32	25	.561	4½
Orlando	27	31	.466	10
New Jersey	24	34	.414	13
Boston	23	35	.397	14
Washington	17	41	.293	20
Central Division				
Indiana	39	19	.672	—
Toronto	32	25	.561	6½
Charlotte	31	27	.534	8
Detroit	28	29	.491	10½
Milwaukee	28	30	.483	11
Atlanta	23	33	.411	15
Cleveland	23	34	.404	15½
Chicago	12	44	.214	26
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	37	20	.649	—
San Antonio	37	21	.638	½
Minnesota	33	24	.579	4
Denver	26	31	.456	11
Dallas	24	33	.421	13
Houston	23	35	.397	14½
Vancouver	18	40	.310	19½
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	48	11	.814	—
Portland	46	12	.793	1½
Phoenix	36	21	.632	11
Seattle	35	24	.593	13
Sacramento	32	25	.561	15
Golden State	16	41	.281	31
L.A. Clippers	12	46	.207	35½

Friday's Games

Toronto 114, Boston 104
Atlanta 83, New York 70
Utah 89, Charlotte 87
Denver 122, Golden State 88
Portland 101, Vancouver 91
L.A. Lakers 107, Indiana 92

Saturday's Games

New Jersey at Houston, 2:30 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
Sacramento at San Antonio, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Washington, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Utah at New York, 12:30 p.m.
Orlando at Boston, 3 p.m.
Toronto at Vancouver, 3 p.m.
Miami at L.A. Lakers, 6 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 9 p.m.
Indiana at Golden State, 9 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Track volunteers needed

Snyder High School needs volunteers for the Canyon Reef Relays, to be held next Saturday.

Anyone interested should contact Tommy Doyle at 574-6039.

Softball boosters to meet

The Lady Tiger Softball Booster Club will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. at the West Elementary cafeteria.

Softball umps needed

Snyder Girls' Softball Association needs umpires for the upcoming fast-pitch softball season. No previous experience is necessary. Training and certification will be provided by the league.

For more information, call Dave or LaDonna Hanes at 573-3127.

Pitching clinics held weekly

Fastpitch softball pitching clinics will be held every Wednesday. Class size is limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Teen activities scheduled

The Smart Moves Spring Teen Basketball League, for ages 14-19 will be taking entries through Friday. Registration fee is $10 per player, and includes a new mesh jersey. The league will be limited to eight teams.

For more information on either event, call the Boys and Girls Club at 573-3344.

A's re-sign Grieve for $13 million

PHOENIX (AP) — Oakland outfielder Ben Grieve wanted some long-term financial security, and the Athletics sought to lock up the 1998 AL Rookie of the Year and gain a measure of cost certainty.

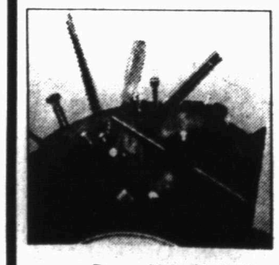
Both sides said they got what they were looking for when Grieve agreed to a four-year, $13 million contract. The 23-year-old Grieve would have been eligible for arbitration after this season.

Langham takes lead at Doral

MIAMI (AP) — Franklin Langham shot a 9-under 63 for the 15-under 129 total and a three-stroke lead after the second round of the Doral-Ryder Open. Langham's total is the lowest 36-hole total in the 39-year-history of the tournament, breaking the mark of 133 set by Paul Azinger and Greg Norman in 1993.

Stephen Ames broke the course record with a bogey-free 61 that left him tied for second with Shigeki Maruyama (65), Jim Furyk (67) and Vijay Singh (67). Brad Faxon (68), Bob Tway (68) and Bob May (66) were in a group at 134.

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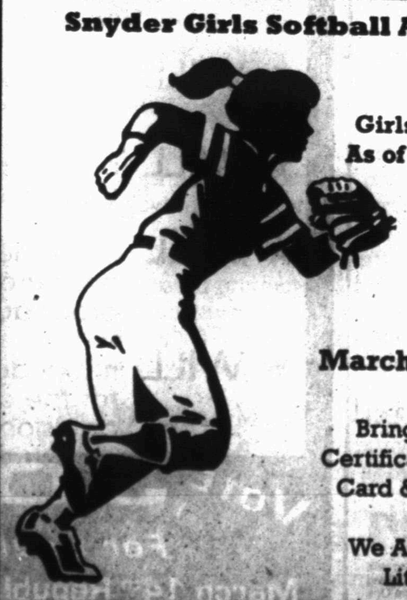
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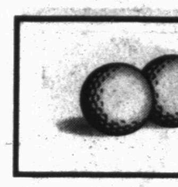
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SPORTS



A RECORD CATCH — Allan Hill, of Lubbock, holds up the largemouth bass he reeled in Feb. 20 at Lake Alan Henry. The fish was 25 inches in length and weighed in at 13.43 pounds, setting a lake record. (Contributed Photo)

Despite minimal rainfall...

Lake Alan Henry prospering

By James Shew
Special to the SDN

With summer in near sight, plans for fun in the sun seem to be minimal in a small West Texas town, such as Snyder, but don't be too certain about that. Only 30 miles away, east of Highway 84 is Lake Allen Henry, a man-made lake which covers 2,880 acres.

The lake, which has a 40 billion gallon capacity is currently about two-thirds full. The water contained in the lake is mainly from rainfall with the help of a 400 square mile watershed, said Lake Manager Joe Smith.

Lake Allen Henry, which is home of the John T. Montford Dam, was developed to provide Lubbock with a future water source, as well as many recreational activities, such as fishing, swimming, and water skiing.

The idea for the water source lake was born about twenty years ago. Construction of the dam began in 1991 and was completed in August, 1993.

"Recreation is not the primary reason for having the lake, but anytime in West Texas you have a puddle of water people want to congregate," said Smith.

The canyon-type lake boasts a four-lane boat ramp, large parking area, primitive camp grounds, and is home of several game fish species, such as Blue Catfish, Channel Catfish, Bluegill, Gizzard Shad, Crappie, Florida Largemouth Bass, and Smallmouth Bass.

"We are very happy with the rate in growth of the fish. There's plenty of spawning evidence so there is no need to restock," said Lake Coordinator Diane Locknane. "This year the fishing should be really good."

Because the shoreline is rocky and undeveloped, most fishing must be done by boat, but boat ramp accessibility has been made easier due to a 14-foot rise in water level last June, according to Smith.

Laughing, Smith said, "We had a boat house that was being jeopardized. The house was not anchored down, only in a pole-in-pole mechanism. When the water rose too high the house lifted right out of the poles and floated away."

"Every time we get an increase in water level it attracts more visitors. We enjoy a 20-30 percent increase in visitors each year," Locknane said.

Plans for further developing the lake are being taken into consideration by the city of Lubbock and a master plan should be completed by January 2001.

The ideas in this plan will be taken into consideration and prioritized according to importance. Plans include additional boat ramps, improved campgrounds with R.V. hookups, and more accessible shorelines.

Although the cost of the project has yet to be determined the project will take three years before getting off the ground, Locknane said.

Those interested in skiing and swimming can be assured the waters are safe to do so. The City of Lubbock Water Utilities monitors the water very closely, and are very pleased with the quality of the water, added Locknane.

Need not worry about forgetting bait, food or drink, because Grubs Bait N Grill and Backside Beverage are conveniently located nearby.

The Lake Alan Henry Wildlife Habitat Area will also be sponsoring a public hunting program this year with dove hunts in September, archery deer hunts in October, Whitetail buck and quail hunts in November, and Mule deer buck and quail hunts in December.

Hunting permits can be purchased at The City of Lubbock Water Utilities at 600 Municipal Drive in Lubbock, and hunters must bring their driver's license, 2000 hunting license, and the exact amount in cash or check in order to obtain a hunting permit.

Lake Allen Henry annual permits can also be purchased there or by mail. General access permits can be purchased at the entrance of the lake. For further inquiries contact Locknane at (806) 775-2602.

Lubbock angler reels in record catch at local lake

A record was set at Lake Alan Henry last month when Lubbock's Alan Hill reeled in largemouth bass weighing 13.43 pounds and measuring 25 inches.

Hill, who made his catch in six-feet of water on a plastic worm, loaned the bass to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for entry into the ShareLunker program. The fish was transported to the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens for spawning and research purposes, before it will be released back into Alan Henry at a later date.

The ShareLunker program runs from Oct. 1 through April 30, and is a venture among businesses, state government and anglers to preserve and enhance Texas' bass fisheries.

Through the program, anglers loan largemouth bass weighing 13 pounds or more to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Some of the fingerlings produced from the bass will be used as a base for broodfish, or for research, while a large percentage of them will be stocked into the lakes from which their mothers were caught.

In return for their cooperation, anglers receive a free fiberglass replica of their catch, and ShareLunker clothing.

This year, the program is also offering a $600 Lifetime Resident Fishing License to Texas residents who participate. Non-resident anglers will have $600 donated in their name to the Parks and Wildlife's ShareLunker endowment fund.

Astros 6, Dodgers 2...

Alou homers in return

VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Moises Alou returned with a bang.

Playing in his first game in 17 months, Alou homered on the first pitch he saw Friday as the Houston Astros beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 6-2 in the exhibition opener for both teams.

Leading off the second, Alou drove a fastball from loser Mike Judd over the right-center field fence, the first of four Houston homers.

Alou, who hit .312 with 38 homers and 124 RBIs with the Astros in 1998, missed all of last year after falling off a treadmill and tearing the interior cruciate ligament in his left knee. He had surgery exactly a year ago Friday.

"Like I told Baggy on the ride here, it was a special day for me today," Alou said, referring to teammate Jeff Bagwell. "A year ago, I was in surgery.

"I look back on all the hard work I did in the offseason, it paid off. I've been swinging the bat pretty good this spring. My knee feels good. I am satisfied with the results so far, maybe a little surprised."

Astros manager Larry Dierker said he wasn't surprised at all.

"He's been hitting the ball like that all spring," Dierker said. "He hit a couple of home runs in intrasquad games. It looks like he's ready."

Alou wasn't originally scheduled to make the trip to Holman Stadium from Kissimmee, Fla., where the Astros train, for the game.

"But he wanted to come, he wanted to break the ice," Dierker said.

Alou also struck out twice before leaving in the fifth.

College Basketball Tourney Scores

MEN
EAST
Dartmouth 68, Cornell 62
Harvard 61, Columbia 59
Penn 85, Brown 62
Princeton 56, Yale 46
SOUTH
Coppin St. 108, Howard 65
Morgan St. 86, Delaware St. 77
MIDWEST
No major team scores reported from the MIDWEST.
SOUTHWEST
Alabama A&M 95, Ark.-Pine Bluff 74
TCU 85, Rice 62
FAR WEST
Weber St. 84, N. Arizona 73
TOURNAMENT
America East Conference
First Round
Boston U. 83, Northeastern 57
Hartford 117, New Hampshire 88
Big South Conference
Semifinals
N.C.-Asheville 78, Radford 71
Winthrop 90, Charleston Southern 65
Colonial Athletic Association
First Round
American U. 74, East Carolina 54
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
First Round
Canisius 83, Loyola, Md. 69
Rider 73, St. Peter's 58
Missouri Valley Conference
First Round
Drake 58, N. Iowa 57
Wichita St. 70, Illinois St. 55
Northeast Conference
First Round
Cent. Connecticut St. 63, UMBC 55
Mount St. Mary's, Md. 73, Fairleigh Dickinson 68
Robert Morris 72, St. Francis, Pa. 52
St. Francis, NY 86, Monmouth, N.J. 70
Southern Conference
Quarterfinals
Appalachian St. 88, Chattanooga 66
Coll. of Charleston 65, ETSU 51
Furman 68, Georgia Southern 54
Wofford 65, Davidson 64
Trans America Athletic Tournament
Semifinals
Cent. Florida 84, Mercer 79
Samford 83, Georgia St. 80

WOMEN
EAST
Brown 92, Penn 83, OT
Columbia 62, Harvard 56
Dartmouth 88, Cornell 45
Princeton 57, Yale 46
SOUTHWEST
Ark.-Pine Bluff 77, Alabama A&M 76
FAR WEST
Southern Cal 81, California 78
UCLA 64, Stanford 61
TOURNAMENT
Atlantic 10 Conference
First Round
Dayton 89, Fordham 51
La Salle 63, Temple 49
St. Bonaventure 67, Duquesne 63
Virginia Tech 68, Rhode Island 37
Atlantic Coast Conference
First Round
Florida St. 65, Maryland 60
Virginia 72, Wake Forest 47
Big South Conference
Semifinals
Coastal Carolina 73, Charleston Southern 62
Liberty 68, Elon 51
Big Ten Conference
Quarterfinals
Illinois 72, Michigan St. 67
Michigan 72, Northwestern 39
Penn St. 64, Ohio St. 48
Purdue 74, Wisconsin 65
Conference USA
First Round
Cincinnati 65, Houston 59
N.C. Charlotte 75, Louisville 62
South Florida 82, DePaul 69
UAB 68, Saint Louis 50
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference
Quarterfinals
Fairfield 77, Canisius 54
Loyola, Md. 77, Niagara 44
Siena 86, Rider 79
St. Peter's 70, Manhattan 52
Mid-American Conference
Semifinals
Kent 96, E. Michigan 94, 2OT
Toledo 64, W. Michigan 55
Northeast Conference
First Round
Long Island U. 78, Monmouth, N.J. 69, OT
Mount St. Mary's, Md. 69, Fairleigh Dickinson 52
St. Francis, Pa. 89, Robert Morris 71
Wagner 59, Sacred Heart 56
Patriot League
First Round
Bucknell 62, Navy 43
Colgate 59, Army 49
Lafayette 85, Lehigh 75
Southeastern Conference
Quarterfinals
Georgia 63, Kentucky 45
Mississippi St. 66, Auburn 56
Tennessee 91, Florida 79
Vanderbilt 59, LSU 46
Southern Conference
Quarterfinals
Chattanooga 77, Wofford 46
ETSU 82, Georgia Southern 73
Furman 73, Davidson 56
UNC-Greensboro 92, Appalachian St. 75
West Coast Conference
Semifinals
Pepperdine 68, Portland 49
San Diego 61, Santa Clara 56

National Hockey League

All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	38	20	7	5	88	198	156
Philadelphia	33	19	11	1	78	184	145
N.Y. Rangers	27	29	10	3	67	187	185
Pittsburgh	26	30	8	6	66	189	187
N.Y. Islanders	17	39	8	1	43	147	211

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	34	23	7	3	78	191	168
Ottawa	31	22	11	2	75	185	165
Montreal	27	30	7	3	64	149	149
Buffalo	26	29	10	2	64	163	167
Boston	19	28	17	4	59	163	188

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	35	26	4	5	79	195	161
Washington	33	21	11	1	78	174	155
Carolina	27	29	9	0	63	168	181
Tampa Bay	15	41	7	6	43	160	238
Atlanta	12	45	6	4	34	136	236

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	42	16	6	0	90	200	132
Detroit	38	20	7	1	84	217	170
Chicago	23	34	7	2	55	186	204
Nashville	22	36	6	5	55	165	193

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	25	25	15	8	73	183	170
Colorado	29	27	10	1	69	179	170
Calgary	28	30	7	5	68	174	195
Vancouver	22	30	12	6	62	165	185

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	36	23	6	3	81	160	139
Phoenix	33	24	7	1	74	189	173
Los Angeles	30	26	8	3	71	204	186
San Jose	27	31	8	7	69	182	172
Anaheim	27	29	10	1	65	176	185

Overtime losses count as a loss and a tie.

Thursday's Games
Montreal 5, Boston 2
St. Louis 5, Atlanta 2
Ottawa 5, N.Y. Islanders 5, tie
Colorado 5, New Jersey 0
Vancouver 3, Anaheim 1
San Jose 4, Nashville 3
Carolina 5, Los Angeles 2
Friday's Games
Detroit 2, Washington 2, tie
N.Y. Rangers 4, Florida 2
Dallas 4, Phoenix 1
Chicago 5, Tampa Bay 1
Calgary 4, Anaheim 1
Saturday's Games
Buffalo at N.Y. Islanders, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Boston, 1:30 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Colorado, 9 p.m.
New Jersey at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Nashville at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Carolina at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Buffalo at Washington, 1 p.m.
Phoenix at Chicago, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Anaheim, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Calgary, 9 p.m.

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Organic food labeling mulled

WASHINGTON (AP) — Genetically engineered grains will be banned from foods labeled "organic" under a new Clinton administration proposal that sets standards for everything from the treatment of animals to what constitutes organic manure, according to a published report.

The more than 600 pages of new regulations are expected to be formally announced next week by the Agriculture Department, The Washington Post said today, quoting unidentified sources.

The guidelines would also ban pesticides on crops labeled organic, bar the use of sewage sludge as fertilizer, prohibit irradiation and tightly restrict the use of antibiotics in farm animals.

The administration had no comment on the report, White House spokesman Jake Siewert said.

Agriculture Department officials would say only that officials had "finalized a revised proposed rule on organics, and hope to get it out as soon as possible," the Post said.

The newspaper quoted Michael Sligh of the Rural Advancement Foundation International as saying that the administration's first proposals two years ago were too lax and became an international embarrassment.

"This time, from what they have said to us, we think they know what an organic program should be," he said.

The proposed regulations could become law within six months, but they will first be subject to a 90-day public comment period and could be modified.

European governments have banned some of the same controversial farming practices that will be prohibited by the proposed organic rules. The rules may be a way out of a trade conflict with Europe by offering grains free of genetic engineering and beef free of hormones and antibiotics.

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$4.2 million paid to HMO patients

WASHINGTON (AP) — Medicare has paid $4.2 million to HMOs for patients who were dead, according to a new report federal auditors.

About $1.2 million of the misspent money so far has been recovered by the program, said Health and Human Services Department Inspector General June Gibbs Brown, in a report released Thursday.

Medicare pays HMOs a monthly fee for each beneficiary enrolled. The fees are supposed to stop with the month following the month in which someone dies.

Financial Focus

When do you plan on retiring? You might have said "65" -- if the question had been asked a generation ago. At that time, most Americans did work until 65 -- or beyond. But now, just one in six of us will work until 65, according to the 1995 Advisory Council on Social Security. We're also living longer than ever. Taken together, these two factors mean that many of us will spend one-third of our lives in retirement.

That's a long time -- and it's a lot of years to pay for. To achieve a financially secure retirement, you will need to plan ahead and take appropriate action. You can start by looking at all your sources of retirement income -- Social Security, retirement plans, personal savings and investments -- and projecting how much each will provide you with during retirement.

Social Security -- Thanks to a recent change in Social Security Administration policy, you can expect to receive annual statements of earnings and projected benefits. You also can call your local Social Security office to request this information. Keep in mind that the earlier you start receiving benefits, the lower your monthly payments will be.

Retirement plans -- Over the past decade or so, we've seen a steady movement away from "defined benefit" retirement plans, including the traditional pension plan, in which retired employees could expect to receive a specified amount, based on salary history and years of service. Companies are now more likely to offer "defined contribution plans," such as a 401(k). Because these types of plans contain variable investments, such as stocks, it is impossible to predict exactly how much you can count on during retirement. However, you can make some reasonable estimates based on projected rates of return. A financial professional may be able to provide valuable assistance in this area.

Personal savings and investments -- Assuming you have some variable investments, you can't predict exactly how much you'll accumulate for retirement. However, as was the case with your 401(k), you can make some solid projections. Again, a financial professional can help.

Once you have an idea of how much money you're likely to have during retirement, you need to determine how long that retirement will be. And that depends, of course, on how long you're going to live. That's not something you can predict, but you can make a guess, based on your family's health history and your current health. It's a good idea to add on five or 10 years to your projection; this will help you plan on the "safe side."

Finally, you need to match your retirement income with your vision for retirement. How do you plan on spending your retirement years? Many people want to consult or open a small business. Others plan on going back to school. And still others want to travel, golf or pursue hobbies.

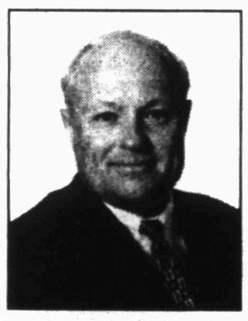
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Astro-graph

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Your Birthday

Sunday, March 5, 2000

What transpires for you in the year ahead could set the scene for years to come. Fortunately, this development is good and will be authored and initiated by you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There is a possibility of some kind of promotion for you stirring about at this time. It could have something to do with your acquiring new knowledge that others find helpful. Pisces, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A hard fought financial change you've been hoping would come through for you could show the first signs of coming to fruition. Enjoy it; you've earned it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A number of new friendships could be in the offing for you, beginning today. It will have something to do with a change within a large group or organization in which you're involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today could mark the beginning of a new achievement cycle you've initiated for yourself. An ambition you've coveted and kept secret from others may be at its core.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Faith in your abilities, coupled with hope and anticipation, will be the foundation for things working more to your advantage today. Keep this going for weeks.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Some shifts in conditions could prove to be to your ultimate benefit today, even though you might not have been responsible for bringing them about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Starting today but continuing over the next few weeks, any partnership arrangement into which you enter will have a better than average chance of working out advantageously. Get teamed up.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Additional benefits could be produced today through the initiation of new measures taken within the work force. This development could help your career a great deal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Something interesting is in the winds today that could bring you in contact with a new social group. Chances are it'll contain the types of people you like.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Finally, something you've been anxious to terminate is beginning to look like it is on its last legs. Make some plans to move in a new direction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you've got the desire, interests and time, start to develop more expertise in your favorite sport or activity. You'll learn quite easily during this period.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be alert for some fresh new ways to increase your earnings or add to your resources. There are more than a few opportunities lurking about at this time.

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Monday, March 6, 2000

Changes are in the wind for the year ahead, which may cause you to shed your more timid side and let the real you emerge. Although this might happen subtly, the effects will be dynamic.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Even though you usually prefer to let someone else take the lead, you'll be a far better leader today than you will be a follower. Step in and take charge where others are fumbling. Major changes are ahead for Pisces in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You might not be in your usual blithe spirit today, but it won't be because you're down in the dumps. You'll be in an introspective mood, deep in thought.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) People who are too intense or domineering could bug you today, so be selective about with whom you pal around. The easy-going types will better suit your style.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) As you attempt to climb the ladder of success today, do so cautiously, unobtrusively and one step at a time. If you're too anxious, you could slip on a rung.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Let your ideology serve as a motivator today in all your dealings with others. Who you are and what makes you tick will be well received by those with whom you get involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be certain you thoroughly understand all the ramifications today before committing yourself in a business situation. Little hidden points can be uncovered by asking probing questions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Subdue any tendencies to operate independently because you'll be more successful today acting in concert with others. Also, try to yield to the will of the majority as much as possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Forego the ordinary today and deal in the creative. Whenever and wherever you can put your keen imagination into play, things tend to work out especially well for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Whether they be mental games or something that requires a bit of athleticism, what will be the most appealing or satisfying for you today will be activities that possess elements of competition.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Even though there will be plenty of things vying for your attention today, your real interests will tend to be centered around your family and loved ones.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Problems that confront you today should not be viewed timidly, because once you face up to them, you'll quickly discover that they're merely paper **dragons.**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It would be wise to be watchful of your possessions today. Take special care to secure them. and don't be afraid to say no to someone who asks for something you'd rather not lend out.

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Realtors warn house hunters to be careful searching online

AUSTIN (AP) — House hunters surfing the Web should exercise caution because much of the real estate information found online is inaccurate or deceiving, a group representing Texas realtors said Friday.

"In many cases, people who know technology — but very little about real estate — are attempting to deliver complex information to consumers," said John Eckstrum, chairman-elect of the 50,000-member Texas Association of Realtors.

The group's parent, the National Association of Realtors, runs its own Web site that contains more than 1.3 million properties gathered from about 900 multiple listing services.

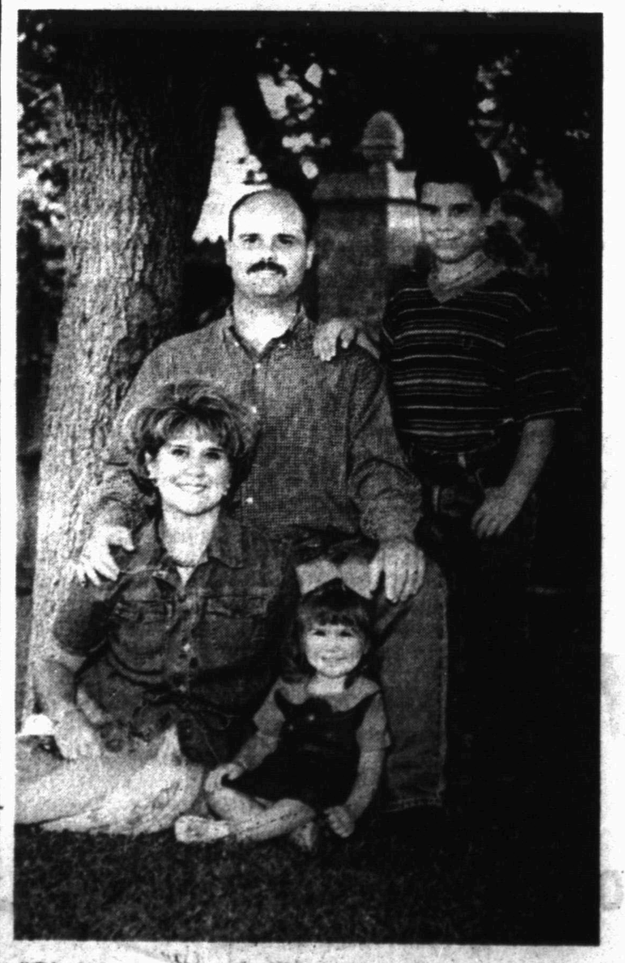
Other sites may not have accurate data and often do not offer the services of licensed realtors, the group said.

"Almost anyone can find a fairly detailed description of how to wire your house for electricity, but very few people would actually try it themselves with no professional help. The same principle holds true when it comes to real estate information on the World Wide Web," said Louise Hull, current chairwoman of the Texas group.

"Consumers can learn a great deal by conducting their own research online, but they still need a realtor to interpret the data and provide sound advice," she said.

Amanda Hannah of Alvin has been using the Web for two months to search for a home in Clear Lake, southeast of Houston. She said that while the Internet has been helpful for other tasks, house hunting online hasn't gone so well.

The realtors' warning came after the Texas group met in Austin last month and discussed the need to educate themselves house hunting on the Web.



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Executed this 2nd day of March, 2000.

(s)JANE SCOTT
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Cogdell Memorial Hospital is accepting sealed bids for linen services for our 99-bed licensed hospital. Additional information is available upon request. Bids are due by 5:00P.M. on Friday, March 17, 2000 at D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital, Administration Office, 1700 Cogdell Blvd., Snyder, Texas 79549. For bid specifications contact Jay Wesson, Director of Plant Operations, 1700 Cogdell Blvd., Snyder, Texas 79549, (915) 574-7371. Cogdell Memorial Hospital reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all bids.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



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was living with a relative at no cost, he didn't own a vehicle, he was having to spend quite a bit of time in court, and he drank a bit more than I normally felt comfortable with. He attributed all of this to his ex-fiance, who, he explained, had set him up on false charges. (I had offered to accompany him to court for moral support, but he didn't want me exposed to this "vicious woman.")

I believed him because what would this sweet man possibly have done to deserve any of what he had gone through? It also would have meant that I wasn't as desirable as I had been feeling lately.

Had someone told me what I heard for myself, I would never have believed him capable of such ruthlessness. One evening, I overheard him tell a "bar buddy" that he was looking at some serious jail time, and he needed someone to make deposits into his jail account and to visit him. He also commented that he didn't have a lot of time and he couldn't be as selective as he would like. I was devastated — for what did that say about me?

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This man chose me because of my lack of self-esteem. The most important thing people — especially women — need to work toward is knowing what we are worth and not accepting less. It will make us far less vulnerable to con men such as the one with whom I was involved. — **NICK OF TIME IN DENVER**

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Diallo cops to get their turn with the Justice Department; meeting set Monday

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawyers for the four New York City police officers acquitted in the fatal shooting of a black man said they will meet with Attorney General Janet Reno's top deputy Monday and urge him not to pursue civil rights charges.

John Patten, who represents Officer Sean Carroll, said Friday there is no basis for federal prosecutors to prosecute such a case.

"There's no civil rights violation," Patten said in a telephone interview. "It was a fair trial."

President Clinton, in his first public comment on the case, told a Democratic fund-raiser in San Francisco Friday night that he believes the race of the victim, Amadou Diallo, was a factor.

"I don't pretend for a moment to second-guess the jury," Clinton said. "But I know most people in America of all races believe that if it had been a young white man in a young all-white neighborhood, it probably wouldn't have happened."

On Thursday, Diallo's parents and black activists met for almost two hours with Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder. They pressed him to have the Justice Department take on the case and to bring attention to the broader issue of police brutality.

Among those at the meeting were the Rev. Al Sharpton, NAACP leader Kweisi Mfume and former New York City Mayor David Dinkins. Afterward, nearly 2,000 demonstrators marched around the Justice Department chanting and waving placards.

Holder made no guarantee that charges would be sought.

"I indicated that the review is a priority, that we have not ruled anything out and that it will be conducted as thoroughly and expeditiously as possible," Holder said.

To gain a conviction, federal prosecutors would have to prove the officers — Carroll, Edward McMellon, Richard Murphy and Kenneth Boss — intentionally violated Diallo's civil rights.

The officers fired 41 shots at Diallo in the early hours of Feb. 4, 1999, as the West African immigrant stood in the vestibule of his Bronx apartment building. The officers testified they fired at Diallo when he reached for what they thought was a gun. It turned out to be his wallet.

Last week, a jury of eight whites and four blacks acquitted the officers of all charges, which ranged from second-degree murder to reckless endangerment.

"It was a mixed jury. That in itself is a powerful statement," Patten said. He added there was no intent to kill Diallo and said that even the jury agreed there were no racial overtones.

"Just because Al Sharpton is in the streets saying it's about race doesn't make it about race," he said.

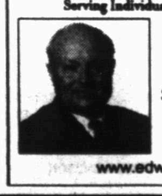
Boss' attorney, Steven Brounstein, said he hoped the matter could be resolved quickly. "We don't want this hanging over anyone's head," he said.

Patrick Lynch, president of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, and Tom Scotto, president of the Detectives Endowment Association and of the Washington-based National Association of Police Organizations, also plan to attend Monday's meeting.

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Compac	27 7/8	+1 3/16
Dol. Gen.	20 7/16	-5/16
GTE	65 1/2	-43/256
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COUNTY OF SCURRY

CAUSE NO. 19,311
SCURRY COUNTY
vs.
PIONEER EXPLORATION COMPANY

ORIGINAL PETITION FILED: 12/27/1995
CITATION BY PUBLICATION RETURN DATE: APRIL 3, 2000
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: TRACT #1, 0.750000 WUI, SW/4 of NE/4 of Section 598, H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, as described in Volume 285, Page 893, Oil & Gas Records, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N6998)

DEFENDANTS CITED BY PUBLICATION: UNKNOWN STOCKHOLDERS OF BRAZOS PETROLEUM, INC., A DEFUNCT, TEXAS CORPORATION
DEFENDANTS PERSONALLY SERVED: PIONEER EXPLORATION COMPANY & WOLF PRODUCTION, INC.
TAXES, PENALTIES & INTEREST DUE PLAINTIFF: $3,644.20
(IF PAID IN February, 2000)

CAUSE NO. 19,359
SCURRY COUNTY
vs.
L.E. MCCOLLUM

ORIGINAL PETITION FILED: 01/31/1996
CITATION BY PUBLICATION RETURN DATE: APRIL 3, 2000
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: TRACT #1, Lot 7, Creswell Subdivision of Block 1, Marshall's Survey in the Scarborough Addition, as described in Volume 96, Page 63, of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R4028)

DEFENDANTS CITED BY PUBLICATION: L. E. MCCOLLUM
DEFENDANTS PERSONALLY SERVED: PEDRO JALOMOS
TAXES, PENALTIES & INTEREST DUE PLAINTIFF: $3,900.52
(IF PAID IN February, 2000)

CAUSE NO. 19,360
SCURRY COUNTY
vs.
GOLDEN BRANDON F.S., ET AL

ORIGINAL PETITION FILED: 01/31/1996
CITATION BY PUBLICATION RETURN DATE: APRIL 3, 2000
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: TRACT #1, The South 65 feet of the West 85 feet of Lot 3, Block 7, T.N. Nunn Addition, as described in Volume 211, Page 467, of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R3064)

DEFENDANTS CITED BY PUBLICATION: GOLDEN BRANDON F. S. & DORIS JAMES
DEFENDANTS PERSONALLY SERVED: NONE
TAXES, PENALTIES & INTEREST DUE PLAINTIFF: $2,952.17

(IF PAID IN February, 2000)

CAUSE NO. 19,363
SCURRY COUNTY
vs.
LUPE SURITA ZAMORA, ET AL

ORIGINAL PETITION FILED: 01/31/1996
CITATION BY PUBLICATION RETURN DATE: APRIL 3, 2000
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: TRACT #1, The West 50 feet by South 150 feet of Block 58, Cody Heights Addition, as described in Volume 286, Page 491, of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R3972)

DEFENDANTS CITED BY PUBLICATION: NELLIE ZAMORA
DEFENDANTS PERSONALLY SERVED: LUPE SURITA ZAMORA
TAXES, PENALTIES & INTEREST DUE PLAINTIFF: $515.05
(IF PAID IN February, 2000)

CAUSE NO. 19,419
SCURRY COUNTY
vs.
VALERIANO OZUNA, ET AL

ORIGINAL PETITION FILED: 03/28/1996
CITATION BY PUBLICATION RETURN DATE: APRIL 3, 2000
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: TRACT #1, All of Lots 4,5,6, and 10, in Block 6, of the D.N. Price Subdivision of Block No. 11 of the Cody Addition to the City of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, as the same appears on the map or plat of said Subdivision which is of record in the office of the County Clerk of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R5044)
TRACT #2, Being a 140' x 100' tract of land out of the Southwest corner of Block 6, of the D.N. Price Subdivision of Block 11, of the Cody Addition to the City of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, as the same appears on the map or plat of said Subdivision which is of record in the office of the County Clerk of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R5048)

DEFENDANTS CITED BY PUBLICATION: VALERIANO OZUNA & DORA OZUNA
DEFENDANTS PERSONALLY SERVED: NONE
TAXES, PENALTIES & INTEREST DUE PLAINTIFF: $2,214.47
(IF PAID IN February, 2000)

CAUSE NO. 19,549
SCURRY COUNTY
vs.
WYNETTE SUE THREATT, ET AL

FIRST AMENDED PETITION FILED: 11/12/1998
CITATION BY PUBLICATION RETURN DATE: APRIL 3, 2000
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: TRACT #1, A 50' X 465' tract of land containing .52 acre, more or less, NW 1/4 of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN RR Co. Survey, City of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, as described in Volume 309, Page 123, Deed Records of said County. (Account No. R1355)

DEFENDANTS CITED BY PUBLICATION: WYNETTE SUE THREATT & SUE THREATT CARLISLE
DEFENDANTS PERSONALLY SERVED: NONE

TAXES, PENALTIES & INTEREST DUE PLAINTIFF: $2,539.14
(IF PAID IN February, 2000)

CAUSE NO. 19,940
SCURRY COUNTY
vs.
STEVE CONLEY D/B/A UNITED FUELS, ET AL

ORIGINAL PETITION FILED: 10/24/1997
CITATION BY PUBLICATION RETURN DATE: APRIL 3, 2000
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: TRACT #1, A 5 acre tract of land, more or less, out of Tract 66, Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of Grimes Ranch Land Survey of Section 38, Block 1, Kirkland and Fields Survey, Scurry County, Texas, or as more particularly described in Volume 398, page 833 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R1541)

DEFENDANTS CITED BY PUBLICATION: STEVE CONLEY
DEFENDANTS PERSONALLY SERVED: WEST TEXAS STATE BANK
TAXES, PENALTIES & INTEREST DUE PLAINTIFF: $5,796.63
(IF PAID IN February, 2000)

CAUSE NO. 20,073
SCURRY COUNTY
vs.
PAUL LAWSON

ORIGINAL PETITION FILED: 04/17/1998
CITATION BY PUBLICATION RETURN DATE: APRIL 3, 2000
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: TRACT #1, East 50 feet of lot No. 2, Block 20, Adams Addition to the City of Snyder, or as more fully described in Volume 363, Page 692 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R5378)

DEFENDANTS CITED BY PUBLICATION: PAUL LAWSON, BETTY LOU BUTLER, ANDREW DAVID BJORN & MERLON PAUL BJORN
DEFENDANTS PERSONALLY SERVED: NONE
TAXES, PENALTIES & INTEREST DUE PLAINTIFF: $1,278.51
(IF PAID IN February, 2000)

CAUSE NO. 20,154
SCURRY COUNTY
vs.
BEVERLY B. BECKWITH

ORIGINAL PETITION FILED: 07/22/1998
CITATION BY PUBLICATION RETURN DATE: APRIL 3, 2000
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: TRACT #1, 0.005252 RIU, Sacroc Unit Tract 260, 160 acres, Northeast one-fourth of Section 211, Blcok 97, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N1507)

DEFENDANTS CITED BY PUBLICATION: BEVERLY B. BECKWITH
DEFENDANTS PERSONALLY SERVED: NONE
TAXES, PENALTIES & INTEREST DUE PLAINTIFF: $1,512.59
(IF PAID IN February, 2000)

CAUSE NO. 20,166
SCURRY COUNTY
vs.
CAROLINE BLUNDY

ORIGINAL PETITION FILED: 07/28/1998
CITATION BY PUBLICATION RETURN DATE: APRIL 3, 2000
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: TRACT #1, 0.002604 RIU, Sacroc Unit, Tracts 225-226, 20 acres, Southwest one-fourth and South 40 acres, Northwest one-fourth Section 248, Block 97, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N1363)

DEFENDANTS CITED BY PUBLICATION: CAROLINE BLUNDY
DEFENDANTS PERSONALLY SERVED: NONE
TAXES, PENALTIES & INTEREST DUE PLAINTIFF: $1,753.61
(IF PAID IN February, 2000)

CAUSE NO. 20,215
SCURRY COUNTY
vs.
UNKNOWN SHAREHOLDERS OF MID CONTINENT CRUDE MARKETING, INC.

FIRST AMENDED PETITION FILED: 02/03/2000
CITATION BY PUBLICATION RETURN DATE: APRIL 3, 2000
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: TRACT #1, A tract of land containing 5.58 acres, more or less, out of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 338, Block 97, H & T C Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas, or as more fully described in Volume 399, Page 473 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R1989)

DEFENDANTS CITED BY PUBLICATION: UNKNOWN SHAREHOLDERS OF MID CONTINENT CRUDE MARKETING, INC.
DEFENDANTS PERSONALLY SERVED: JACKSON ENTERPRISES, INC. DBA AMERICAN RENTAL CENTER
TAXES, PENALTIES & INTEREST DUE PLAINTIFF: $2,417.39
(IF PAID IN February, 2000)

CAUSE NO. 20,222
SCURRY COUNTY
vs.
MARGUERITE F. BOYD

ORIGINAL PETITION FILED: 09/22/1998
CITATION BY PUBLICATION RETURN DATE: APRIL 3, 2000
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: TRACT #1, A 0.031250 R.I.U., Doris Cole -C-, H & G N Survey, Block 3, Section 141, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N6161)

DEFENDANTS CITED BY PUBLICATION: MARGUERITE F. BOYD
DEFENDANTS PERSONALLY SERVED: NONE
TAXES, PENALTIES & INTEREST DUE PLAINTIFF: $1,368.38
(IF PAID IN February, 2000)

CAUSE NO. 20,224
SCURRY COUNTY
vs.
J. M. ODOM, ET AL

FIRST AMENDED PETITION FILED: 11/13/1998
CITATION BY PUBLICATION RETURN DATE: APRIL 3, 2000
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: TRACT #1, A 0.002929 RIU, Sacroc Unit Tract 73, SE4 of Block 1, Section 19, J.P. Smith Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N5264)
TRACT #2, A 0.015625 ORU, Sacroc Unit Tract 76, H & T C / JPS / H & G N along P & S F Row, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N5422)

DEFENDANTS CITED BY PUBLICATION: J. M. ODOM & VOLA MAE ODOM
DEFENDANTS PERSONALLY SERVED: NONE
TAXES, PENALTIES & INTEREST DUE PLAINTIFF: $4,681.82
(IF PAID IN February, 2000)

CAUSE NO. 20,321
SCURRY COUNTY
vs.
O.H. ANDERSON

ORIGINAL PETITION FILED: 01/22/1999
CITATION BY PUBLICATION RETURN DATE: APRIL 3, 2000
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: TRACT #1, Lot 4, Block 1, Helms Heights Subdivision, City of Snyder, or as more fully described in Volume 129, Page 303 of the Deed Records of Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. R7224)

DEFENDANTS CITED BY PUBLICATION: O. H. ANDERSON
DEFENDANTS PERSONALLY SERVED: NONE
TAXES, PENALTIES & INTEREST DUE PLAINTIFF: $308.95
(IF PAID IN February, 2000)

CAUSE NO. 20,448
SCURRY COUNTY
vs.
UNKNOWN STOCKHOLDERS OF PARAGON ROYALTY, INC.

FIRST AMENDED PETITION FILED: 10/21/1999
CITATION BY PUBLICATION RETURN DATE: APRIL 3, 2000
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: TRACT #1, 0.002894 RIU, Sacroc Unit, Tract 148, 160 acres, Section 293, Block 97, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. NC59167)

DEFENDANTS CITED BY PUBLICATION: UNKNOWN STOCKHOLDERS OF PARAGON ROYALTY, INC.
DEFENDANTS PERSONALLY SERVED: NONE
TAXES, PENALTIES & INTEREST DUE PLAINTIFF: $2,538.02
(IF PAID IN February, 2000)

CAUSE NO. 20,481
SCURRY COUNTY
vs.
CHARLOTTE ROMAINE REHMEYER A/K/A CHARLOTTE REHMEYER ODELL

ORIGINAL PETITION FILED: 05/22/1999
CITATION BY PUBLICATION RETURN DATE: APRIL 3, 2000
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: TRACT #1, 0.025477 RIU, SE 1/4 of Section 62, Block 3, H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas. (Account No. N7355)

DEFENDANTS CITED BY PUBLICATION: CHARLOTTE ROMAINE REHMEYER AKA CHARLOTTE REHMEYER ODELL
DEFENDANTS PERSONALLY SERVED: NONE
TAXES, PENALTIES & INTEREST DUE PLAINTIFF: $1,267.09
(IF PAID IN February, 2000)

CAUSE NO. 20,538
SCURRY COUNTY
vs.
MARIS ENERGY, INC., ET AL

ORIGINAL PETITION FILED: 09/01/1999
CITATION BY PUBLICATION RETURN DATE: APRIL 3, 2000
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: TRACT #1, Being a 0.820000 net working interest in the Gilbert Richter Lease situated in the SE/4 of NW/4 of Section 97, in Block 25, H&TC Ry Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas from the surface to the top of the Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit's unitized formation. (Account No. N1136)
TRACT #2, Being a 0.8200 net working interest in the J.E. Sorrells Lease situated in the N\2 NE/4 NE/4 of Section 100, in Block 25, H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas, from the surface to the top of the Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit's unitized formation. (Account No. N2021)
TRACT #3, Being a 0.8200 net working interest in the J.E. Sorrells-B-Lease situated in the SW/4 NE/4 of Section 97, in Block 25, H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas from the surface to the top of the Sharon Ridge Canyon Unit's unitized formation. (Account No. N2022)

DEFENDANTS CITED BY PUBLICATION: NORAM INTERNATIONAL CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES FUND
DEFENDANTS PERSONALLY SERVED: MARIS ENERGY, INC., CARRLAND OIL & GAS, INC. & BAYRIDGE RESOURCES, LTD.
TAXES, PENALTIES & INTEREST DUE PLAINTIFF: $18,182.74
(IF PAID IN February, 2000)

CAUSE NO. 20,579
SCURRY COUNTY
vs.
PATRA LOUISE BROCKMAN, ET AL

ORIGINAL PETITION FILED: 11/01/1999
CITATION BY PUBLICATION RETURN DATE: APRIL 3, 2000
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: TRACT #1, 1.0 acre, NW/4 of Section 209, Block 97, H&TC Ry. Co. Survey, Scurry County, Texas, being the remainder of that 2.0 acre tract described in Volume 113, Page 161 after the conveyance therefrom of that 1.0 acre tract described in Volume 113, Page 167, Deed Records of said County. (Account No. R10684)

DEFENDANTS CITED BY PUBLICATION: PATRA LOUISE BROCKMAN & FLORENCE H. CRAWFORD
DEFENDANTS PERSONALLY SERVED: GYTHA P. BINDEL
TAXES, PENALTIES & INTEREST DUE PLAINTIFF: $1,041.34
(IF PAID IN February, 2000)

Although this is a combined Citation by Publication for the delinquent tax suits listed above, there is no consolidation of these suits, and each and every suit remains separate and is to be treated as such for all purposes.

Listed in the caption above are separate suits, now pending, in which Petitions have been filed to collect delinquent property taxes and to foreclose applicable liens. The listing for each suit sets out: (1) the cause number; (2) the Plaintiff Tax Unit; (3) the Defendants cited by publication and the Defendants personally served; (4) the date the petition was filed; (5) the return date of this Citation; (6) the property description; and, (7) the total amount of taxes, penalties and interest due the Plaintiff if payment is made during the month this Citation by Publication is issued.

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: All Defendants named above.

EACH SUIT IS FOR: (1) Delinquent property taxes owed to Plaintiff on each property described above, the amounts shown above also include penalties and interest due Plaintiff up to the time of this Publication; and (2) all delinquent property taxes, penalties, interest and costs which may be proved by any taxing units.

COPIES OF PLEADINGS: Filed with the District clerk (Rule 72, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure). A copy of the Petition with citation is not required (Rule 117a, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure).

ADDITIONAL NOTICE: No further notice or citation to you is required on claims of Plaintiff and other taxing units, including additional taxes which may be shown to be delinquent up to the date of judgment. Parties to this suit must take notice of and answer to all claims and pleadings filed by other parties hereto.

This citation lists the Defendants in each separate suit whose names are known, the descriptions of the properties in each suit on which property taxes owed to Plaintiff are delinquent, due and unpaid, and the amounts of such delinquent taxes now due on each property, inclusive of penalty, interest and costs. When attached to any pleading in each suit, this citation is made a part of each such pleading for all pertinent purposes.

In addition to the Defendants listed by name above, whether the same be persons, corporations, trustees, joint stock associations or other legal entities or juristic persons, they are also made Defendants in each suit with regard to each property where applicable:

Group 1. Any and all undetermined, unnamed and/or unknown persons, proprietors, corporations, trustees, partnerships, joint stock associations and other legal entities or juristic persons owning all or any part of the properties described in this citation, or having or claiming any interest, legal or equitable, in and to all or any part of said properties, or liens thereon, including adverse claimants;

Group 2. Undetermined, unnamed and/or unknown stockholders of all Defendant corporations;

Group 3. Undetermined, unnamed and/or unknown members of all partnerships, joint stock associations and other legal entities which are Defendants;

Group 4. Undetermined, unnamed and/or unknown spouses of all named individual Defendants and all individual Defendants designated in Groups 1 through 3; and

Group 5. Undetermined, unnamed and/or unknown successors in title (of whatsoever nature and by whatsoever means), heirs, assigns, devisees and legal representatives of all named Defendants and Defendants designated in Groups 1through 4, whether or not such Defendants be deceased or under some legal disability.

For the purposes of citation, if and when the names of the foregoing designated Defendants can be determined and made certain, each such Defendant may be cited by name when such information becomes available, together with a brief description of the capacity in which each name has been made certain.

Defendants, properties and taxes involved are listed separately for each suit in this citation under separate cause numbers, the Defendants named under each cause number being those who own the property described under that same cause number or have or claim some interest, legal or equitable, in and to said property, or liens thereon, or interest in property comprising all or part of pooled and/or unitized tracts and mutations of such property. Taxes shown due under each cause number are those delinquent on the property described under that same cause number.

All lot, block, survey and group numbers, etc., herein are inclusive of all numbers appearing. All property herein was located within or had a taxable situs within the County named above and also within the geographical boundaries of the Plaintiff tax unit at the time taxes were assessed. Where descriptions herein refer to Deed Records of other records, such references are to volume and pages in the specified records of the County named in the caption hereof, and reference is made to such records referred to herein for all purposes.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and defend each suit listed herein in which you are named as a Defendant on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days after the date of issuance of this citation, which date is set out above, before said honorable District Court in the courthouse of said County, then and there to show cause why judgment should not be rendered for such taxes, interest, penalties, attorney fees and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff, and other taxing units and those others who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, attorney fees and costs allowed by law up to and including the date of judgment herein.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT on the 17th day of February, 2000.

Trina Rodgers
Clerk of the District Court
SCURRY County, Texas

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Women join Bush as he battles McCain

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — In a none-too-subtle attempt to close his party's gender gap, George W. Bush is surrounding himself with women and talking up their issues as he and Republican presidential opponent John McCain head into their Super Tuesday showdown.

"I'm going to predict that that traditional old gender gap that we've heard so much about is going to turn itself inside out," Elizabeth Dole — a former GOP rival not seen by Bush's side in a month — said Friday in Syracuse, joining Bush in barnstorming New York from Long Island to the Canadian border. She appeared with the Texas governor at a breast cancer research center.

McCain complained Bush had gone too far with a radio ad criticizing one of the Arizona senator's votes to cut federal funding for breast cancer research. McCain also said third parties were attacking his environmental record on TV at Bush's behest. Bush denied the charge, although Texas investors Sam and Charles Wyly, prominent Bush donors, were behind the spots.

"Somebody is putting in $2 million to try to hijack the campaign here in New York," McCain said. "It's everything I've been fighting against. Two million dollars in the last few days in this campaign can make a difference in a race that is a statistical dead heat."

New York is one of the biggest prizes at stake Tuesday, when 13 states — with nearly 60 percent of the delegates needed for the Republican presidential nomination — go to the polls.

The ferocity of the fighting underscored the stakes. Polls have shown Bush with a lead in California and Ohio — two other Super Tuesday prizes — while New York is close.

Local educator attends annual TCTA Convention

HOUSTON — Snyder ISD educator Charlotte Clifton was among 600 teaching professionals from across the state who gathered in Houston on Feb. 25-26 for the Texas Classroom Teachers Association's 2000 Annual Convention.

TCTA is a nonprofit, nonunion professional education association with 43,000 members across the state. TCTA President Gilbert Galvan of Weslaco was the presiding officer of the convention.

The local teacher is an elected delegate of Snyder, a local affiliate of TCTA. Delegates heard a keynote address from Texas Commissioner of Education James E. Nelson, who shared his vision for the future of public education in the state.

Delegates to the convention discussed such topics as special education inclusion issues, new considerations in dealing with sexual harassment complaints, school law, and accountability implementation issues. They elected the Association's 2000-2001 statewide officers and district directors, and they made policy decisions for the 43,000-member nonprofit organization.

Delegates also honored winners in TCTA's annual awards program, including Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Carole Keeton Rylander, who was named TCTA Friend of Education in the public official category.

She was recognized during convention opening ceremonies and briefly addressed TCTA members. Other award winners who were recognied included Stephanie Rhode of Lubbock, Friend of Education in the private citizen category; Samuel J. Ayers of Lubbock, Richard Molina of Lubbock and James H. Smith of Angleton, Administrator of the Year award winners; Bruce Bennett of the North East ISD in San Antonio, named School Board trustee of the Year; Reynaldo C. Gonzales of San Benito, named TCTA Retiree of the Year; and awards for media excellence were presented to the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal* and former reporter Elaine Gibbs, the *Bryan-College Station Eagle* and reporter Kelli Levey; and Midland's, KMID-TV and managing editor/anchor Mike Barker.

TCTA was founded in 1927 and is the only statewide teacher's association that limits active memberships to educational professionals directly involved in classroom teaching or teaching support.

More 'super delegates' supporting VP Al Gore

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al Gore is the overwhelming choice among Democratic Party leaders and elected officials heading to the national convention as delegates, according to an Associated Press survey. More than 400 "superdelegates" have pledged their support to Gore, drawing him closer to the 2,170 delegates he needs to win the nomination.

Gore has won 42 delegates in presidential contests so far. Rival Bill Bradley, who has picked up 27 delegates from races so far this year, has less than three dozen superdelegates in the AP survey. The candidates are competing for 1,315 delegates next Tuesday in contests in 15 states and American Samoa.

Gore said he isn't taking anything for granted.

"I don't think that superdelegate support is worth much unless you have a lot of support at the grass roots," the vice president said Friday in an interview. "But combined with grass-roots support, it can help a great deal to have superdelegates speaking for you and endorsing your campaign."

An AP survey conducted over the past few weeks found 418 delegates said they were committed to Gore. Three more said they were leaning toward voting for him. Bradley was the choice of 29 delegates, and he had one leaner. Some 117 delegates said they were uncommitted or had no preference.

The remainder of the 752 superdelegates named so far by the DNC had not returned calls or been located for the survey.

Five jailed Friday on various charges

Five people were taken into custody Friday as the weekend got underway.

Officers arrested a 21-year-old male at 9:35 p.m. in the 1600 block of Huffman for no driver's license and failure to identify. The subject was also put on hold for Midland Border Patrol.

Department of Public Safety troopers took a 48-year-old male into custody at 10:55 p.m. on a Lubbock County warrant for driving while intoxicated.

Three subjects were taken into custody at 11 p.m. in the 2300 block of 30th Street. Officers arrested a 19-year-old female for driving while intoxicated and two males, ages 19 and 20, for public intoxication.

In other activity, Robert Don England requested an officer at B&F Well Service at 7:30 a.m. Friday in reference to someone stealing his bicycle. An offense report for Class C theft was taken. The bicycle was located and returned to England at 10:46 a.m.

At 11:25 p.m. Friday, Ronn Rinehart contacted deputies in reference to damages done to his vehicle while his son had it at the Sonic. An offense report was filed for Class B criminal mischief.

A woman requested an attempt to locate on her 16-year-old daughter at 12:04 a.m. Saturday in reference to the girl leaving home without permission and not returning. An offense report for runaway was taken.

Officers submitted an offense report for family violence at 1:02 a.m. Saturday.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: March 3-C.W. Addison, John D. Curtis Jr., Don Duncan, Albert Kuss Jr. of Hermleigh, Barbara Leatherwood, Overhulser boy, Walter Thompson and Roy McCloskey.

DISMISSALS: Johnny Lopez and Opal Minton.

CENSUS: 40 (Med./Surg.-13, Long-term Care-25, OB-1 and Nursery-1)

Births

Terry and Barbara Leatherwood are parents of a son, Jake Ryan, born on March 3 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Jake weighed seven pounds, seven ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Lonnie and Karen Terry of Hawley, and Jean and Linda Chapman of Ardmore, Okla. Paternal grandparents are Jackie and Phillis Leatherwood of Snyder. Great-grandmother is Mary Leatherwood of Snyder and great-great-grandmother is Essie Bell Wood of Big Spring.

Obituaries

Ollie Stephens

1906-2000

Ollie Stephens of Snyder died Friday, March 3, in Snyder Oaks Care Center after a lengthy illness.

Graveside service for Mrs. Stephens, 93, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Poteau, Okla., directed by Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Born on Aug. 16, 1906 in Hartford, Ark., she married Wilburn M. Stephens on Dec. 24, 1924 in Huntington, Ark. He died in 1956. Mrs. Stephens was a longtime resident of Poteau, moving to Snyder in 1996 .

She was also preceded in death by a son, W.M. Stephens Jr., nine sisters and one brother.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Sam and Kathy Stephens and Bill and Joyce Stephens, all of Snyder; a daughter-in-law and her husband, Virginia and Charles Fulks; eight grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Mr. Rodriquez

1979-2000

Cornelius Rodriquez, a former Snyder resident, died Tuesday, Feb. 22, in University Medical Center in Loma Linda, Calif., from injuries sustained in a snow boarding accident.

Funeral service for Mr. Rodriquez, 20, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Lionzo Soria, Church of Christ minister from Phoenix, Ariz., will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.

Born Dec. 7, 1979 in Snyder, Mr. Rodriquez had been a resident of Twentynine Palms, Calif., for the past 15 years.

Survivors include his mother, Amanda Hernandez of Snyder; his father, Frank Rodriquez of Twentynine Palms; six sisters, Crystal Rodriquez and Laurie Ann White, both of Snyder, Isabel Rodriquez, Raquel Rodriquez, Rosa Linda Rodriquez and Amelinda Rodriquez, all of Twentynine Palms; three brothers, Frank Rodriquez Jr., Fernando Rodriquez and Mauricio Rodriquez, all of Twentynine Palms; and a step brother, Michael Hernandez of Snyder.

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Schools set activities next week

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along with current staff will serve as hosts.

*A large banner recognizing Central's 50 years has been placed in the school's main entrance foyer.

*A large oak tree was donated and planted at Central courtesy of Patterson Petroleum.

*Central's Parent Council will conclude the week with a 1950s dress party on Friday.

Central's parents are invited to eat lunch with their children anytime during the week. Everyone is asked to call the school at 573-8592 before 9 a.m. on the date you plan to eat.

Northeast Elementary

Fifth graders will be singing in "The World's Largest Concert" at 2:45 p.m. Thursday in the auditorium. Parents and guests are invited.

Parents are also invited to come any day during the week and eat with their student.

West Elementary

A book fair is planned for Monday through Thursday. Muffins with Mom can be enjoyed from 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Donuts with Dad is set for the same time and place on Wednesday.

Parents and family members are encouraged to visit the classrooms on Thursday and to stay for lunch.

Snyder Junior High School

The final performance for *Seven Brides For Seven Brothers* will be at 7 p.m. Monday in the school's auditorium.

On Tuesday, eighth grade parents are invited to have lunch with their student.

Seventh grade parents may eat with their student on Wednesday.

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NEWS FROM FLUVANNA

Last Sunday at Jumbo, while Rev. W.W. Werner was preaching, fire started on the prairie. Nearly all of the men ran from the meeting to fight the fire, but one Mr. Griffith ran away with Miss Lelia Wilson, to Snyder to be married. They were all smiles as they returned in the evening.

We wish the young couple a safe and pleasant journey as they glide down Life's stream together.

The Fluvanna homecoming is set for June 9 and 10.

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Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury will convene at 9 a.m Monday in 132nd District Court to consider approximately six felony cases.

Snyder Junior High musical

"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" continues at 7 p.m. Saturday and Monday. Tickets are on sale now at the school.

WTC to present 'Odd Couple'

Western Texas College's Drama Department will present "The Odd Couple" (Unabridged) by Neil Simon as a dinner theatre at 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the college cafeteria. Tickets are $15 for adults; students and senior citizens 62 and older are $13. A $2 discount for prepaid tickets is also available.

Last call for recipes

All recipes for Northeast Elementary's cookbook will be due no later than Tuesday.

Fluvanna homecoming committee

The Fluvanna homecoming planning committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Fluvanna Community Center.

Hermleigh pancake supper

The Hermleigh Masonic Lodge will host the annual pancake supper from 6-8 p.m. Monday in the Hermleigh school cafeteria in conjunction with Public School Week.

Band boosters

SHS band boosters will not meet Monday. Meetings will resume April 3. For more information, call 573-3251.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The videos to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "A Sure-fire Recipe for Happiness," followed by "Historical Christian Evidences, Lesson 3."

Social Security reps

Social Security representatives will be the at the Senior Citizens Center Tuesday, from 10 a.m.-noon and from 1-2 p.m.

Parent education class

East Elementary is hosting a series of parent education classes from 6-7 p.m. on Tuesdays in the school library. Refreshments are served. For more information, call 573-1769.

Northeast parent council

The Northeast Elementary parent council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the school auditorium.

AARP board meeting

The AARP board of directors will meet at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the Senior Center.

Golden Apple banquet

The Snyder ISD Golden Apple awards banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday at Snyder Country Club. School volunteers will be recognized, and featured s[illegible] will be Riney Jordan of Hamilton.

..unization clinic

Scurry County Health unit today is immunization clinics this month. March dates are Tuesday, Thursday, March 23rd and 30th. April dates are 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. Hours are 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m.

Snyder Wheels car show

The Snyder Wheels annual car show and swap meet will be held next Friday and Saturday at the Scurry County Coliseum. The swap meet will be held both days, while the car show is next Saturday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information call 573-2171 or 573-3188.

Fish fry

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church will sponsor a fish fry from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday in the parish center at 30th and Ave. A. Tickets are $6 per person and $4 for children 6-12. Tickets are available at the door and proceeds will benefit the Men's and Women's Association scholarship fund.

Senior Citizens swimnastics

Swimnastics for senior citizens is held from 2-3 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at the WTC pool. For more information, call 573-4035.

Free tax help

There is free tax help for low income and elderly people each Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Center by an IRS-trained counselor. Times are from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for additional information.

WTC basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at Western Texas College are taught Tuesday and Thursday from 8-11 a.m., and from 6-9 p.m. Classes include G.E.D. and E.S.L. refresher courses. For additional information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Snyder Neighbors Sharing

SNS is in need of workers and monetary donations for the April 29 work day. For more information, contact Thomas Fogleman at 573-3538, or Sam Robertson at 573-4053.

Pick 3

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

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
5-26-0-12

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Date Book

Saturday, March 4, 2000
Today is the 64th day of 2000 and the 74th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1634, the first tavern in North America opened, in Boston.

On this day in 1877, Emile Berliner invented the microphone.

On this day in 1982, Bertha Wilson became the first woman to be appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741), composer; Casimir Pulaski (1747-1779), American Revolutionary hero; Knute Rockne (1888-1931), football coach; Charles H. Goren (1901-1991), bridge expert; Miriam Makeba (1932-), singer, is 68; Jane Goodall (1934-), ethologist, is 66; Kevin Johnson (1966-), basketball player, is 34; Evan Dando (1967-), musician, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1941, Sam LoPresti of the Chicago Black Hawks stopped 80 shots in a game against Boston, setting an NHL record.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I leave out the parts that people skip." — Elmore Leonard, when asked to explain the popularity of his detective novels

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Feb. 26) and new moon (March 6).

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Sunday, March 5, 2000
Today is the 65th day of 2000 and the 75th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1766, Don Antonio De Ulloa arrived in New Orleans to take possession of the Louisiana Territory from France.

On this day in 1770, five people were killed by British troops in Boston. The event became known as the Boston Massacre.

On this day in 1960, Elvis Presley was discharged from the Army.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Frank Norris (1870-1902), novelist; Lady Isabella Augusta Gregory (1852-1932), playwright; Rex Harrison (1908-1990), actor; Laurence A. Tisch (1923-), CBS chief, is 77; Dean Stockwell (1936-), actor, is 64; Penn Jillette (1955-), magician, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1988, Evonne Goolagong Cawley was elected to the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The very essence of a free government consists in considering offices as public trusts, bestowed for the good of the country, and not for the benefit of an individual or a party." — John Caldwell Calhoun

TODAY'S MOON: Day before new moon (March 6).

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Helicopter crashes

MIAMI (AP) — A television news helicopter crashed and burned in a suburban neighborhood Friday, killing the pilot and cameraman.

The WTVJ-TV helicopter was returning to the station from a school bus accident. The helicopter was about 50 feet from another helicopter when it appeared the pilot attempted to make a high-bank turn, said Sonny Bushnell, who was playing golf nearby.

"Then the tail ... just snapped off," Bushnell said.

Al McGuire, a ramp agent at Tamiami Airport, where the helicopter was based, said witnesses heard a popping sound before the craft plunged straight down and exploded.

It crashed into a small traffic circle in a residential neighborhood in southwest Miami-Dade County. No injuries were reported on the ground.

Old South and civil rights to cross paths

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The Civil War collides with the civil rights movement in Alabama this weekend.

A group that wants the South to once again split from the United States will hold a rally Saturday at the Capitol amid waving Confederate flags, a day before President Clinton visits Selma to commemorate a landmark civil rights event.

As much as ever, the regionalism and rebellion symbolized by the Confederate battle flag will be juxtaposed against the dogged determination expressed in the old civil rights song "We Shall Overcome."

In a way, the two sides may feed off each other.

"Extremists on one end of the political spectrum sort of need extremists on the other end," said Jess Brown, a historian at Athens State University.

The NAACP and other black groups contend the flag is a racist symbol of oppression and slavery. Supporters say it honors their Southern heritage.

For Saturday's rally at the Statehouse, bagpipers will join Civil War re-enactors dressed in woolly gray uniforms to parade up historic Dexter Avenue.

The rally was organized by the Tuscaloosa-based League of the South. The group, which claims as many as 10,000 members, will issue a "Declaration of Southern Cultural Independence" as part of its call for the South to become a separate nation.

"What we're doing here is stating that we don't like the modern culture that is being forced upon us. We are declaring war on that," said John Cripps, a rally organizer and League chairman in Mississippi.

Organizers say at least 20 of the League's 27 state chapters will be represented to the Alabama Capitol, where Jefferson Davis took the oath as president of the Confederacy.

"I think it's important that we get out the truth about what the war for Southern independence was about," said Mac Watters of Panama City, Fla. "The war was about states' rights."

Meanwhile, on Sunday, Clinton will lead marchers across Selma's Edmund Pettus Bridge to mark the 35th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday," when state troopers and sheriff's officers used clubs and tear gas to turn back voting rights demonstrators trying to march to Montgomery, 54 miles to the east.

Two weeks later, under the protection of a federal court, the Rev. Martin Luther King led hundreds of people on the long walk to the capital.

Images of the ugly violence of Bloody Sunday and the eventual Selma-to-Montgomery march aroused the nation and helped spur passage of the Voting Rights Act.

Showing how much things have changed in 35 years, longtime Selma Mayor Joe Smitherman — a former segregationist — is distancing himself from the Confederates and embracing Clinton's visit.

Smitherman has never participated in a "Bloody Sunday" commemorative walk across the bridge, but said he wouldn't mind joining the president during the crossing Sunday.

"Whatever they want me to do I'll participate in," he said.

Clinton is the first president to come to Selma for the commemoration, organized in part by the National Voting Rights Museum, which he will tour.

"This is important enough for the most powerful person in the world to come," said Democratic state Sen. Hank Sanders, of Selma.

U.S. Rep. John Lewis, a Georgia Democrat who suffered a fractured skull during the Bloody Sunday fracas on March 7, 1965, will lead a delegation of at least 16 members of Congress attending the event.

Lewis' group, including clergy and other civil rights figures, planned tours of civil rights sites in Montgomery and Birmingham over the weekend.

The League of the South, meanwhile, encouraged members and supporters to attend the Capitol rally in opposition to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The civil rights group and other activists have organized a tourism boycott against South Carolina until the state removes the flag from atop the Statehouse dome. South Carolina is the only state that still flies the flag.

Rwandan minister faces genocide charges

LAREDO (AP) — There are no legal roadblocks to the deportation later this month of a Rwandan minister charged with participating in the 1994 genocide in his homeland, a federal prosecutor said Friday.

Elizaphan Ntakirutimana, 75, should be deported from this Texas border city on March 14 or shortly thereafter, Assistant U.S. Attorney Don DeGabrielle said.

Ntakirutimana must remain in the United States for the next 10 days to allow required innoculations to take hold before he can safely return to the International Tribunal for Rwanda in Arusha, Tanzania, DeGabrielle added.

Ntakirutimana, a former Seventh Day Adventist pastor, has been detained for some time at a federal detention center here. The U.S. State Department signed off on his deportation after his appeals were exhausted.

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Selecting baby's genes could become option

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
AP Medical Editor

Suppose parents-to-be could guarantee their children will grow up to be unusually healthy. Or extra smart. Or maybe just a little better looking than mom and dad.

Sound pretty good?

Now, suppose that guarantee requires a level of planning that goes way beyond the usual prenatal care. Suppose it requires some fiddling with the future kids' DNA, adding a few genes here and there to slow down aging or rev up the brain circuitry or lock in resistance to viruses.

Still sound good?

Even if your answer is a definite no, some scientists believe many parents will find this an attractive option. For now, the choice is science fiction.

The time is coming, many scientists say, when parents will pick their children's genes.

From the menu of possibilities, parents might select genes to make their babies resist common diseases and infections, things like cancer, AIDS, heart attacks and Alzheimer's disease. Maybe they would like their children to have fabulous memories or winning personalities or a talent for playing the piano.

A couple of extra inches of height and a thick head of hair could be nice, too.

To hear these scientists talk, all of this and much more will be possible in the not-so-distant future. "There's nothing beyond tinkering," says Lee Silver, a Princeton biologist.

Not this year or next, probably, and maybe not in the next 10 or even 20 years. But these scientists predict the amazing breakthroughs in genetically engineering lab mice and farm critters will eventually be applied to the animals at the top of the food chain, us.

"It's not a question of 'if' but 'when' and 'how' this will occur," says Gregory Stock, head of the Program on Medicine, Technology and Society at UCLA's School of Medicine.

Stock and Silver are visionaries in their field, men who enjoy painting the big picture of an over-the-horizon science called human germline engineering. Germline refers to the sperm and egg. These scientists are talking about changing the genetic makeup of a person-to-be at the moment of conception.

Something like this: Insert a block of new genes into a freshly fertilized egg. The one cell becomes two, then four, then eight. Each new version carries the extra information. In nine months, a baby is born. Every cell in his or her body contains the extra genes.

The child grows up. Marries. Passes the extra genes on to the next generation of babies. And they on to theirs. And so on. Or maybe not. The unsettling prospect of handing these genetic fixes down the generations is just one of the many controversies of this obviously hot-button field.

"The reason people are fascinated by this whole area is that it will challenge our fundamental thinking about who we are and what it means to be human," says Stock. "We are talking about remaking human biology."

What part of biology to remake first? Typically the answer is to reduce our tendency to get sick.

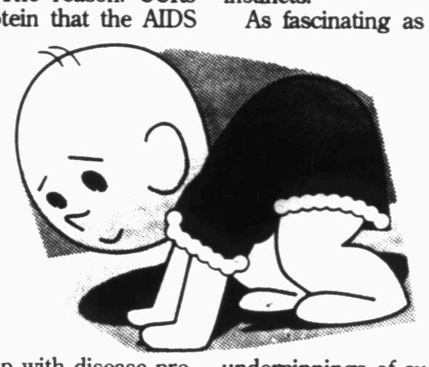
While personal habits and medical care play an obvious role in health, inheriting good genes gives some folks a powerful edge. Scientists already know some of the combinations of genes that help people resist some big-ticket illnesses. So one goal of human germline engineering could be to help the genetically less fortunate share these built-in health advantages.

The risk of heart disease depends in part on the levels of HDL, the good cholesterol. More is clearly better. In the human body, a gene called apO-A1 makes a major piece of HDL. The same is true in mice, whose biology, scientists love to point out, is not so different from ours.

"It's possible in mice to dial in virtually any HDL level you want by introducing more copies of this gene," says Dr. R. Sanders Williams, a cardiologist at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

So why not add some extra apO-A1 genes to one-cell persons-to-be and reduce their chance of dying from humanity's leading killer?

Perhaps resistance to the AIDS virus would also appeal to gene-shopping parents. Scientists can imagine a way to do that. Those who are born with two defective copies of a gene called CCR5 can escape HIV infection despite thousands or risky sexual encounters. The reason: CCR5 makes a protein that the AIDS virus locks onto when it invades white blood cells. So, no CCR5 protein on the surface of a cell — no infection.



Of course, there is no reason to stop with disease protection, the visionaries say. Many genetic "enhancements," as they are called, can also be imagined.

One obvious enhancement is extra brain power. At Princeton, scientists have already created mice — nicknamed "Doogie" after TV's physician prodigy — that are rodent geniuses. They learn faster, remember longer and adapt to changes better than any ordinary mouse.

What makes these mice unique is an extra copy of a gene that produces a brain chemical called NR2B. This stuff boosts the cellular switches that help the brain store associations. (When you remember the name that goes with a face, that's an association.) While a human brain is more complex than a mouse's, the basic machinery of learning may be pretty much the same in both.

Even selecting a child's personality in advance might be possible. Experts believe that half of people's personality traits are hard-wired by their genes. Of course, lots of genes combine to create any individual's melange of quirks and temperament. So building a child with, say, David Letterman wit, Mother Theresa compassion and Warren Buffett business sense may not be real easy at first.

Scientists are laying the foundation. In mice, at least, they have already tracked down genes that influence many habits, including aggressiveness, overeating and mothering instincts.

As fascinating as mouse personalities may be to scientists, soon there should be much more information about the genetic underpinnings of such things in larger, less furry creatures. The federal Human Genome Project is deciphering the 100,000 or so genes spelled out by the 3 billion letters of the human DNA library.

Actually, there is no single genetic blueprint, because genes come in many variations. Otherwise everyone would look exactly alike. In time, scientists will try to see how the assorted flavors of genes separate the smart from the slow, the handsome from the homely.

How do the genes of a sharp and fit 95-year-old differ from the rest? What is genetically different about people endowed with unusual strength, muscle tone or endurance? What's special about concert bassoonists, about silver-tongued litigators, about people who drop out of college and found gazillion dollar software companies?

Eventually, the thinking goes, scientists will figure out which genes bestow prized talents and characteristics. These, too, could go on the menu of genetic possibilities browsed by parents who are designing their babies.

This idea brings up just one of a very long list of technical obstacles. Everyone reading this article already owns two copies of every standard-issue gene. In most cases, just dropping in another really good one is unlikely to do much. So engineers will have to figure out some way to reliably shut down the existing so-so genes so the supergenes can take over.

The field's visionaries toss off sweep-of-the-hand solutions for this and many other problems and predict the science fiction will become science within a generation.

"I think it could occur 10 years from whenever we decide it should," says John Campbell, a UCLA neurobiologist. "It depends a lot on motivation. It won't be limited by science."

Human germline engineering will require refining the gene transfer methods that have been worked out in animals. The basic tools are already in place, Campbell and others say, the result of the revolution in genetic technology over the past 20 years.

In 1980, Yale scientists created the first transgenic mouse, an animal with a gene from the herpes virus in every cell. Now all manner of genes are added or deleted or changed at the start of life in the lab. Mice carry whale genes; goats with people genes make useful human proteins in their milk. While this sort of thing has grown routine, it has never exactly become easy.

Even in the best of hands, only a small percentage of attempts to create genetically manipulated animals actually succeeds. Huntington F. Willard, chairman of genetics at Case Western Reserve University, says human germline engineering will never be accepted until the process is foolproof.

"By foolproof I mean with very high efficiency and very low error rate," he says. "When we go in to fix a gene, we will fix it. There is no chance of doing harm."

The thing that sets the animal experiments apart from anything possible in people, says Dr. Theodore Friedmann, is "the whoops factor," the luxury of discarding one's mistakes.

Friedmann, a pediatrician at the University of California, San Diego, cochairs a committee looking into human germline engineering for the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He doubts the technology will leap ahead with anything like the ease predicted by the visionaries.

"The technical issues are not minor details," he says. "They are major problems."

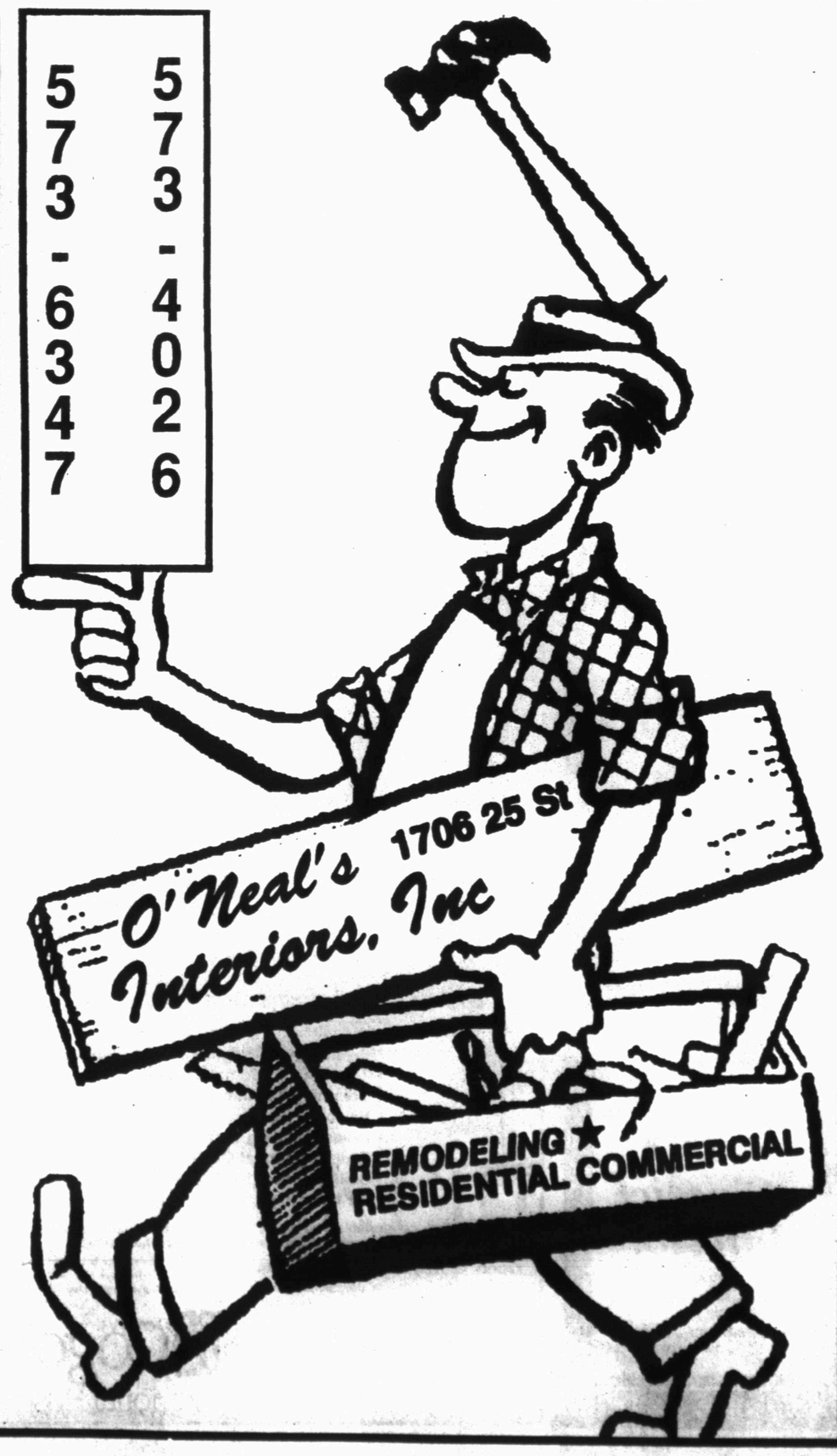
In experimental animals, the simplest way of adding genes is to microscopically inject DNA into a one-cell embryo. While it gets the job done, this approach has big drawbacks, including its unpredictability. The genes land randomly along the cell's chromosomes. In the wrong place, they work poorly or not at all, or they fall disastrously into the middle of some essential gene, crippling it.

Another method is a kind of cut-and-paste approach to swap ordinary genes for upgraded ones. Scientists add DNA to a plate of embryonic cells. When all goes well, the new genetic material lines itself up beside the similar-looking stretch of DNA it needs to replace, then makes the switch.

The idea of actually changing a human's inborn genes gives many scientists the willies. They would rather talk about adding extra genes and leaving the original set alone.

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Anderson, Johnston exchange wedding vows in garden setting

TYLER — Jami L. Anderson and Richard F. Johnston III exchanged wedding vows in a garden setting at 2 p.m., Sept. 25, at the home of Iva Stiefer Jones in Tyler.

James T. Walker of Arlington officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. James P. Anderson of Snyder and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Johnston Jr. of Tyler.

Vinita Walker, a friend and 1982 co-graduate of Snyder High School greeted guests at the registry table. Guests were ushered by Marcus Alexander, Scott Sawyer and Jason Willis of Tyler.

Gary Messick coordinated recorded wedding music. The couple's parents were seated to Bob Carlisle's "Butterfly Kisses." Sister of the bride and matron of honor, Carla Frederick, and best man, Mark Crispin, walked down the aisle to Patsy Cline's "Always."

Flower girl Courtney Johnston and ring bearer Jamie Johnston, children of the groom, walked down the aisle to Dixie Cups, "Chapel of Love."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was escorted down the aisle to Bobby Vinton's "I Love How You Love Me."

Wedding colors were black and white. Vows were pledged and rings were exchanged before an archway of sheer black draping covered with white dogwoods, gardenias and morning glories.

The bride's gown was an off-the-shoulder neckline with short sleeves and a bodice that was detailed with simple pearls and beads. The straight skirt was of white satin, the back had a row of Victorian buttons, and a small mermaid-style sweep train was detailed with pearls and beads matching the bodice.

She wore fishnet gloves accented with iridescent sequins. The bride's hair was swept up with loose curls hanging down into a crown of pearls and sequins with strands of ribbons and pearls flowing down the back.

She carried a bridal bouquet of white lilies, roses and delphiniums, designed by the bride.

For something old, the bride placed a nickel in her shoe given to her at age 7 by the late Daphene Anderson; something new was a pearl V-shaped choker necklace with matching earrings; something borrowed was a tiny silver shoe that was attached to the bow in the bridal bouquet. It had decorated the groom's parents' wedding cake 37 years prior. Something blue was the traditional bridal garter.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Johnston III
(Contributed Photo)

The ceremony closed with the music of Tymes, "So Much in Love." A reception followed with Betty O'Steen, Laurie Kelly and Mindy Hammond serving at the bride's table. Melanie Crispin attended the groom's table.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston are making their home in Tyler where they are both employed by Trinity Mother Frances Hospital.

Pastries cause stir

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — A former employee caused a stir at his old office by dropping off a box of pastries for his ex-boss.

For a while on Monday, the box of sticky buns was mistaken for a possible bomb.

Officials said the man had been fired from the Lunaire Ltd. factory, and took no chances by clearing the area for two hours as a bomb squad rolled to the scene.

When police located the man, he told them his mother was starting a bakery business. No ill will was intended, he explained; he was just trying to give some free samples to his former employer.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 NT	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 NT	Pass
4 ♣	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
6 ♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 5

Take your time, or have a radar gun

One afternoon, I was passed by a van doing about 80 mph in a 55-mph zone. Its plate read "HI OFFCR" — how appropriate.

If you are going to drive well over the limit, it is a logical safety-play to use a radar detector. At the bridge table, if you are going to overbid, have a declarer-play wizard at the wheel.

One person who rarely drops a trick is the colorful Billy Eisenberg. He has won the Bermuda Bowl five times, with four different partners.

Eisenberg was written up everywhere for his line of play in this 1976-vintage deal. How would you try to garage six clubs? West leads the diamond five. (East-West was using the popular tournament agreement of third- or fifth-highest from a long suit.).

Two diamonds was a transfer bid, showing five-plus hearts. The rest of the auction was natural, the six-club raise being slightly optimistic — though what red-blooded player wouldn't make the bid?

Eisenberg looks booked to lose a spade and a heart. Yet he found a clever ruse: At trick one, he played dummy's diamond two. (Most would insert the jack, hoping West had led from the queen.) Now, East — a national champion — could cover with the seven, but nervously he played the queen.

Eisenberg ruffed, led a trump to the ace, and asked for the diamond king. After ruffing away East's ace, declarer returned to dummy with a trump and discarded his spade queen on the diamond jack. Eisenberg then had no trouble holding his heart losers to one.

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Bridge Scoreboard

Duplicate Bridge Club meets three times a week at the Snyder Country Club. Monte West directed Friday, and Jane Hinton directed Sunday and Tuesday.

Friday, Feb. 25

1. Ann Davis, Monte West.
2. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen tied with Louise Thompson, Durelle Gorman.
3. Robbie Floyd, Pat Floyd tied with Margaret Presswood, Nona Morrison.

Sunday, Feb. 27

1. Pat Floyd, Margaret Presswood.
2. Dora Blakey, Shirley Stewart.
3. Tizzy Hall, Jane Hinton.

Tuesday, Feb. 29

1. Dora Blakey, Nina Nesbit.
2. Mippy Brownlee, Christine Stuard tied with Jane Hinton, Billisue Stuard.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Maribeth Vestal.

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The state bird of Texas is the mockingbird.

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The state flower of Maryland is the black-eyed Susan.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Mr. and Mrs. David Powell of McCaulley announces the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amanda Michelle Keils, to Charles Heath Porter. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Porter of Snyder. A 2 p.m. ceremony is being planned for March 18 in the McCaulley United Methodist Church. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Promoter's stunt got a little too wild

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Promoters say it was just a stunt to plug the movie "Wild Wild West." Critics say it got a little bit too wild.

Nine people are suing the Rancho Santa Fe movie theater, saying they were terrorized and injured in a stampede sparked by a fake gunfight at the theater in July.

According to a police report, theater managers said they hired men to dress as cowboys and stage a mock gunfight outside the theater as patrons left the building.

The resulting terror prompted patrons to hide in empty theaters, scale walls and hide under vehicles, according to a lawsuit filed Tuesday in state District Court.

Even the police were suckered, responding to the scene after reports of multiple calls of shots being fired. The plaintiffs contend they were given no notice of the mock shootout.

"Individuals were heard on 911 tape to believe themselves to be in danger of being killed and begged for immediate assistance," the lawsuit said.

The plaintiffs — who are seeking damages of at least $40,000 — say they were hurt in the melee.

Wedding Anniversary Announcement

An anniversary celebration for the 25th, 50th, 60th, 70th and 75th will be published free. Announcements of celebrations in other years are published only in advertisement form - please contact a sales representative since advertising deadlines differ from editorial deadlines. Forms are available at SDN office.

Only one picture will be printed for the 25th anniversary. The picture and information deadline is noon Wednesday for Sunday publication, space permitting.

Snyder Daily News
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JUNE NUPTIAL PLANNED — Weldon and Denise Beck of Snyder announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Jackie Beck, to Eric Roberson, son of Jim Bob and Penny Roberson of Snyder. They are planning a ceremony in the bride's parents' home on June 24. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)



BASS-SCHLUMPF, JUNE VOWS — Joe and Carol Bass of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jamie J. Bass of San Angelo, to Daniel A. Schlumpf Jr. He is the son of Danny and Bonnie Schlumpf of Windthorst. A 4 p.m. ceremony is being planned for June 17 in St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Snyder. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)



FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT SPEAKS — Morton Edzards, Rotary sponsored foreign exchange student from Germany, was guest speaker at the Beta Sigma Phi meeting held Feb. 28 at the Snyder Country Club. Morton made a slide presentation of his hometown and shared his experiences and views on his time in the states. Morton stands with Kim Kreuger, his host "mom."

School Menu

Ira menu

All meals are served with choice of milk.

Monday
Chicken Nuggets
Parsley Potatoes
Green Beans
Bread
Cookies
Tuesday
Patti Melts
French Fries
Ranch Style Beans
Applesauce
Wednesday
Steak Fingers
Creamed Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Hot Rolls
Peaches
Thursday
Sandwiches
Chips
Yogurt
Friday
Student Holiday

Snyder menu

All meals are served with choice of milk. The breakfast menu has a choice of assorted dry cereal, toast w/jelly and juice.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Pancakes w/Syrup
Tuesday
Cinnamon Toast
Wednesday
Donut
Thursday
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
Friday
Cinnamon Roll
BREAKFAST
Monday
Hamburger on a Bun or
Soft Chicken Tacos
Refried Beans
Spanish Rice
Fruit Cocktail
Tuesday
Chili Dog on a Bun or
Spaghetti & Meat Sauce w/Garlic Bread
Tossed Salad
Corn on the Cob
Chilled Fruit
Wednesday
Pizza or
Fish Nuggets w/Roll
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Fruited Gelatin
Thursday
Burrito or
Taco Salad
Pinto Beans
Fresh Apple
Cookie
Friday
Corn Dog or
Sloppy Joe on a Bun or
PBJ Sandwich
Potato Puffs
Mixed Vegetables
Ice Cream

Hermleigh menu

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST
Monday
Fruit
Fried Ham
Toast
Tuesday
Juice
Kolaches
Wednesday
Fruit
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
Thursday
Juice
French Toast Stocks
Friday
Student Holiday
LUNCH
Monday
Oven Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Hot Rolls
Peaches/Whipped Topping
Tuesday
Pepper Steak
Steamed Rice
Buttered Carrots
Hot Rolls
Pink Applesauce
Wednesday
Beef & Noodle Casserole
Buttered Corn
Pickled Beets
Hot Rolls
Chocolate Pudding
Thursday
Sausage Pizza
Tossed Salad
Potato Wedges
Baked Apples

Garth Brooks didn't make the CMA list

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The biggest surprise at the nominations for the Academy of Country Music Awards may have been who didn't make the list: Garth Brooks.

Tim McGraw was nominated for seven awards Wednesday, while Brooks was shut out the year after earning the honor of top country music artist of the 1990s.

Brooks was possibly overlooked because he was promoting a pop music album he recorded.

SC Library News & Views

Don't forget the upcoming book sale this month.

Scurry County Library will have a variety of hardback and paperback books available for purchase. Also, if you have some materials to donate, please contact the library staff.

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS

"William Shakespeare and the Globe," by Aliki

"Harry McNairy, Tooth Fairy," by Ann Alper.

"Billy and the Big New School," by Laurence Anholt.

"When Agnes Caws," by Candace Fleming.

"Horace and Morris But Mostly Dolores," by James Howe.

"Hooway for Wodney Wat," by Helen Lester.

"The Huckabuck Family and How They Raised Popcorn in Nebraska...," by Carl Sandburg.

"Challenger Disaster; Tragic Space Flight," by Carmen Bredeson.

"Alcohol Drug Dangers," by Lawrence Clayton.

"King of Shadows," by Susan Cooper.

LIBRARY HOURS

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

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

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Sat.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information, call 573-8268, 573-9458 or 574-1292, 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Scurry County Chapter of American Heart Association; The Shack; noon.

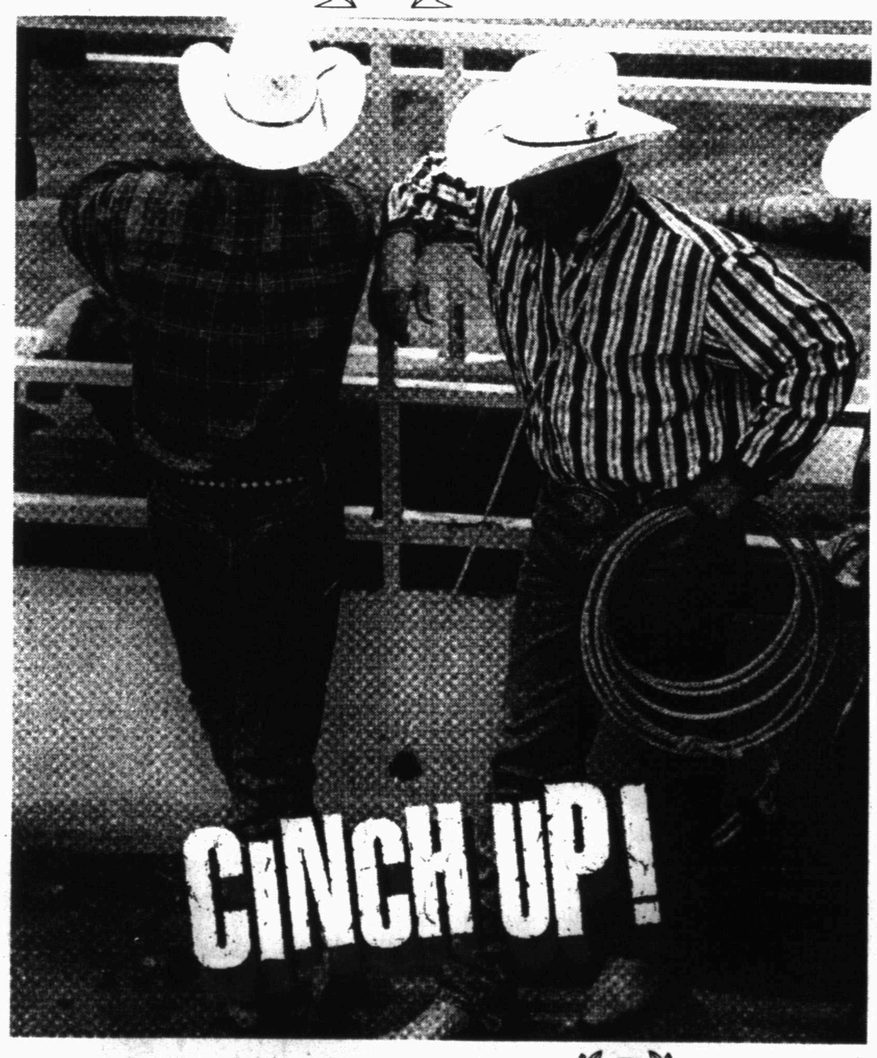
Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

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

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

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

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Bush hopes foes underestimate

By NANCY BENAC
Associated Press Writer

His speeches are sure to be sound Republican doctrine, the campaign trimmings just right for whatever the occasion. And yet there is a hint of irreverence to George W. Bush.

The two-term Texas governor, the multimillionaire businessman, the son who would follow his father's footsteps to the Oval Office is single-minded in his quest — but never "too serious," in the words of wife, Laura.

If that leads some people to underestimate him, all the better, says Bush.

Over the past 25 years, he has transformed modest oil-business profits into an eye-popping $15 million payoff on his ownership of the Texas Rangers baseball team. And his high-profile baseball niche — along with that famous Bush name — stood him in good stead as he defeated popular Democratic incumbent Ann Richards for the Texas governor's seat in 1994.

Now 53 and midway through his second term, Bush offers himself as a governor who has gotten results and the man to restore "honor and dignity" to the post-Clinton White House.

Serious talk for the man known as "life of the party" since his frat-boy days at Yale. And from a man whose critics question whether he has the intelligence to be president.

"I've got confidence in my capabilities," Bush retorts. "I love to be underestimated."

After his graduation from Yale came a stint in the Texas Air National Guard. No Vietnam. He recalls it as a "nomadic period" in which he tried to "reconcile who I was and who my dad was, to establish my own identity in my own way." After a series of jobs, Bush went east to claim an MBA from Harvard. Then it was back to Texas, a 29-year-old looking to find his way and his fortune.

His marriage to Laura Welch, a librarian, provided a steadying influence. But his first foray into politics proved a disappointment when he lost a 1978 bid for an open congressional seat. Through the ups and downs of those volatile years in the oil business, Bush was an enthusiastic social drinker.

In the hangover after a boisterous 40th birthday party in 1986, Bush decided to give up drinking as part of what he describes as a broader and more gradual spiritual awakening.

"Drinking began to compete with my energy," he recalls in his autobiography. "I'd be a step slower getting up." He has been less precise about whether he ever used illegal drugs, denying any use in the past 25 years.

This is not his first presidential campaign. In 1988, he moved to Washington to aid his father's winning campaign and served as the senior Bush's self-described "loyalty thermometer." He also helped in 1992 but to a lesser extent.

FAMILY

Bush and his wife, Laura, have twin 18-year-old daughters, Barbara and Jenna. Mrs. Bush, still described as a stabilizer to her husband, says she often keeps the TV off to avoid seeing hurtful things about her husband. The Bushes have tried to keep their daughters out of the hurly burly of the campaign and out of the public spotlight that shines on the Texas governor, safeguarding their "private family life," as Mrs. Bush puts it.

Bush is the oldest of five children of former President Bush and wife Barbara. A brother, Jeb, is governor of Florida.

ISSUES

Bush calls himself a "compassionate conservative," and defines the term to include favoring broad tax cuts, improved schools and a strengthened military. He points to his Texas record as evidence of his ability to govern, although critics say he hewed to popular initiatives and avoided political risks. His tenure has been marked by pragmatism in working with Democrats to push education reforms and tax cuts through the Legislature.

Some of his policy positions:

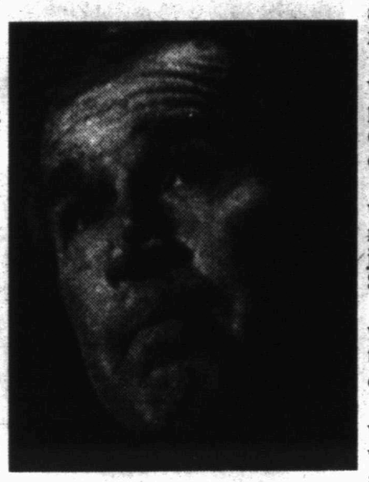
—Abortion: Supports abortion only in cases of rape, incest or when a woman's life is in jeopardy from pregnancy. Would not make anti-abortion constitutional amendment a priority.

—Campaign reform: Would ban unlimited "soft money" contributions from corporations and unions to political parties but not from other groups. Would raise the limit on individual campaign contributions.

—Military: Wants to increase weapons research and development spending by $20 billion over five years, spend an extra $1 billion a year to raise military salaries, build missile defense systems for deployment inside and outside United States.

—Education: Wants scholarships of $1,500 a year for children in public schools that fail state testing for three years. Proposes $300 million over five years to reward states that improve student performance. Wants loan guarantees for charter schools. Would allow families to put $5,000 per year into education savings accounts from which money could be withdrawn tax-free for K-12 expenses.

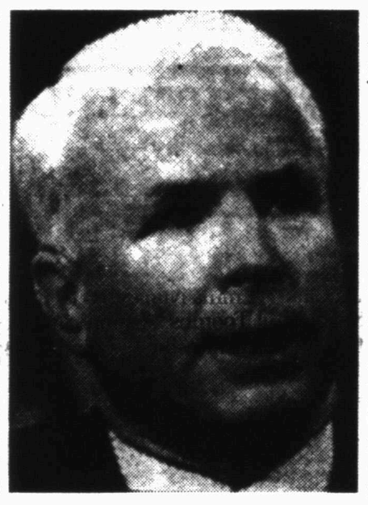
—Gun Control: Stresses enforcing existing laws.



George W. Bush

Would raise age for handgun purchases to 21; backs instant background checks at gun shows; opposes universal gun registration. Signed laws in Texas permitting carrying of concealed weapons and protecting gun makers from lawsuits filed by cities.

—Taxes: Proposes $483 billion, five-year plan to gradually cut all tax rates. Current child tax credit to be doubled to $1,000 and income ceiling for getting the credit to be doubled to $200,000. Extends charitable deduction to non-itemizers.



John McCain

Scurry County Court

Twenty-five persons entered guilty pleas in Scurry County Court in February.

The cases include a 48-year-old male charged with DWI with blood alcohol of .145 percent. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, probated for 1 year, DWI school and court costs of $235.25 and a fine of $500.

A 19-year-old male charged with driving with license suspended received six months deferred probation, $235. 25 in court costs and a $300 fine.

A 19-year-old male charged with possession of marijuana received 60 days in the county jail, and court costs totaling $235.25 and a $250 fine.

A 23-year-old male charged with resisting arrest was sentenced to 30 days in jail and court costs of $210.25.

A 26-year-old male charged with public intoxication, Class B was sentenced to 20 days in jail and $210.25 in court costs.

A 37-year-old male who was charged with DWI and who had a blood alcohol level of .151, was sentenced to 160 days in county jail probated for two years. His driver's license was also suspended for 180 days. He was assessed court costs of $235.25 and a $1,000 fine.

A 24-year-old male was charged with driving while license suspended and was given six months deferred probation, $235.25 in court costs and a fine of $500.

A 20-year-old male was charged with possession of marijuana. He received one-year deferred probation and a fine of $750 and court costs of $235.25.

The guilty pleas also included a 19-year-old male charged with Class A criminal mischief. He was sentenced to three days in jail and $210.25 court costs.

A 20-year-old male was charged with deadly conduct. He was given one year deferred probation, $235.25 in court costs and fined $1,000.

A 20-year-old male charged with deadly conduct received a one-year deferred probated sentence, along with court costs of $235.25 and a fine of $1,000.

47-year-old male was charged with DWI with a blood alcohol level of .123 percent. He was sentenced to 60 days in jail, probated for one year, he must attend DWI school and pay court costs of $235.25 and a fine of $300.

An 18-year-old male was charged with evading arrest, a Class B misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail and must pay $210.25 court costs.

A 29-year-old male was charged with DWI with a blood alcohol level of .089 percent. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail and must pay court costs of $200.25.

A 29-year-old male pleaded guilty of driving with license suspended. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail, and court costs of $200.25.

A 29-year-old male pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail, and court costs of $200.25.

A 31-year-old male charged with DWI, who refused to take a breath test, received 90 days jail time, 90 days driver's license suspension and court costs of $210.25.

A 48-year-old female charged with DWI with a blood alcohol level of .245 percent, received 30 days jail time, 90 days driver's license suspension and court costs of $210.25.

An 18-year-old male was charged with assault/family violence. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail with the sentence adjudicated, plus court costs of $235.25.

Other cases include a 69-year-old male charged with DWI who refused a breath test He was sentenced to DWI school, 90 days in jail which was probated for 18 months, $235.25 in court costs and a $500 fine.

A 30-year-old male who was charged with DWI with a blood alcohol level of .231, was sentenced to 180 days driver's license suspension, 180 days in jail - probated for two years, plus $235.25 in court costs and a $750 fine.

A 21-year-old male was charged with public intoxication. He was sentenced to 120 days in jail, probated for one year and he must pay court costs totaling $235.25.

A 17-year-old male was charged with possession of marijuana. He received one year deferred probation, $235.25 in court costs and a $500 fine.

A 29-year-old male was charged with Class A assault/family violence. He was sentenced to 20 days in jail and $200.25 court costs.

A 23-year-old male was charged with driving with license suspended. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail, $210.25 in court costs and a fine of $100.

Vietnam war experience was defining moment for McCain

By MIKE GLOVER
Associated Press Writer

WESTMINSTER, Calif. (AP) — For Hinh Nong, gazing at John McCain's speech to more than 1,000 other Vietnamese, the choice of who to back in the GOP presidential race was pretty simple.

"We would still be in North Vietnam without him," said Nong, who spent 18 years as a prisoner.

In what he said was an emotional reunion, McCain held a colorful rally in a large and friendly Vietnamese community that harkened back to McCain's term as prisoner of war.

"It was my experience with you that was the defining period of my life," McCain said.

The rally was rich in ethnic color, with snake dances twisting through the streets, youngsters in colorful native garb prancing about and colorful fans and balloons everywhere.

Dominating the event were scores of middle-aged Vietnamese men wearing their military uniforms, many veterans of that conflict and prisoners of the victorious north.

"There's a bond," said Tam Ngoc Ho, a prisoner for 13 years. "He was a prisoner like we were."

Not mentioned by McCain, or anyone in his boisterous audience, was controversy that's swirled around McCain among some in the Asian community because of racially charged language McCain has used to describe the guards at the prison camp where he was held for more than five years.

McCain has conceded he has used the term "gooks" to refer to those guards, and that's sparked criticism from those who argue that's a racially insensitive reference.

"It's a slang word we used in prison all the time," said McCain. "Our captors were bad people and that's what we called them in prison."

McCain has acknowledged that the term could be offensive to some.

"If I offended anybody I apologize," said McCain. "I will not use the word again."

McCain and his aides argue that few in the Vietnamese community take offense at his use of the term, arguing that many who fled Vietnam share his distaste for the North Vietnamese.

While there has been criticism, McCain said that's not the dominant view.

In his speech, McCain talked of how he occasionally takes an early-morning stroll to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington. Though more than 50,000 Americans died in that war, far more Vietnamese suffered.

"We will never forget their service, their sacrifice," said McCain. "Someday outside of Saigon, there's going to be another memorial."

Thanks

The Fiesta Committee of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church would like to express their thanks and appreciation to the following for their support and help with all the festivities they have had:

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The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an accreditation survey of D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital, D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital Long Term Care Unit, and D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital Home Health on April 11-13, 2000. The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

Division of Accreditation Operations
Organization Liaison
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
One Renaissance Boulevard
Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests in writing or by telephone and will inform the organization of the request for any interview. The organization will, in turn, notify the interviewee of the date, time, and place of the meeting.

This notice was posted in accordance with the Joint Commission's requirements.

Date Posted:
2/29/00

GOLDEN TERRACE Village IV — Resident of the Month



Perry & Sue Penny

Perry and Sue Penny moved to Snyder in December, 1999 from Corpus Christi in search of a dryer climate. They are among the first tenants in our new Phase IV.

Perry and Sue did educational work with law enforcement in areas where they did not have funds to set up programs for drug and alcohol prevention for young people. Perry became interested in the education of young people many years ago and started this work after leaving an Agency that booked Country and Western music groups.

Since moving to Snyder they have been over-whelmed by the friendly atmosphere and all the help they have received. Their hobby is "talking" to their bird GiGi.

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RELAY FOR LIFE

The Scurry County Health Unit wants to encourage everyone to support the American Cancer Society's **RELAY FOR LIFE**. This is to be held April 28 and 29th at the Snyder High School Football Stadium. It takes the efforts of everyone to raise much needed monies for Cancer Research and patient assistance, not to mention public awareness. The **RELAY FOR LIFE** is a fun way for friends, businesses, and families to get involved and at the same time enhance their own health by walking. So get off the couch, call your friends, then form a team for the **RELAY FOR LIFE**. This is your chance to be an important part for this Community event.

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By Don T

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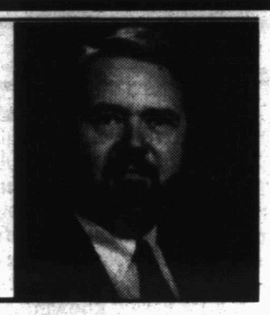
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Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



A Decade Down and a Couple to Go

When I started writing this column 10 years ago, I had no long-term plan for it. I wanted to help small business owners find solutions for problems, but hadn't really thought about where that first column might take me.

I never dreamed that some day I would be writing to more than a million and a half readers in more than 100 newspapers and would squeeze a couple of business books in between. It has been a fast and furious decade, and outside of feeling the pressure of an occasional deadline, I've enjoyed writing the columns.

For those of you who enjoy trivia, here are a few tidbits of useless information. This is column number 522. The word count total stands at 322,832. The columns average about 620 words each. It only takes an average reader three to four minutes to read it. It takes me about eight hours to outline, research, write and edit each column.

The most commonly asked question is, "Where do you come up with the topics you write about?" The answer is, "Various sources." The most common sources include: your letters and suggestions, my clients' problems and successes, business books and articles, my own experiences and my family

It begins with an Idea

All columns begin with an idea. I often jot them down and throw them in a file of ideas. I review that file from time-to-time and add thoughts or notes from different sources. Often, I combine three or four ideas that have a central theme into one column.

When I'm ready to write a column, I usually create a rough outline of major points or thoughts to include. I still write every column in long hand. We make changes on the computer, but I prefer to edit hard copy.

I still read every letter you write but have given up trying to answer that volume of mail. I hope you understand.

Times are Changing

We now distribute the column mostly via e-mail. We still send paper copies to a few newspapers. We now have distribution in all 50 states and 40 countries outside the U.S.

In 1990, when we first began to write, Wal-Mart's effect on small business was the hot media topic. Wal-Mart has since grown to become the world's largest retailer - from $26 billion in 1990 to $165 billion this year. Wal-Mart's retail dominance is now back page news.

As we roll through 2000 and beyond, the red-hot business topic is E-commerce. The big question is: "Will E-tailing send retailing high tailing?" The answer is: "Not likely."

Technology is changing the way we think about and do business.

E-commerce is driving government agencies nuts. How can they tax this moving media? It's about as easy as nailing Jello on the wall. However, I'll bet on the government. They will find ways to tax Internet sales and use, and I wouldn't be too surprised to see a property tax assigned to Web sites.

Wall Street had a busy decade, too. The Dow-Jones Industrial Average opened the 1990's at just over the 2,800 mark, and recent closes have been above 11,000. It was a good decade for the U.S. economy.

There have been a few changes at home, too. I'm now married to a Ph.D. No, not a new wife - just a new degree. Sue received her Doctor of Philosophy degree from Texas A&M University last August. Our daughter, Christi, now 23, is working on her first degree. She is nearly there.

Thank you for sharing this decade with us. If you will keep reading, I'll keep writing.

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

West students get recognition

These students at West Elementary received the following awards for the fourth six weeks.

Citizenship

Early childhood: Maria Campos.

Kindergarten: Carson Covey, Christina Herrera, Tommy Stanley, C.J. Casas.

First Grade: Jessica Ibarra, Crystal Rodriguez, Michaela Jaramillo, Steven Jaramillo.

Sixth Grade

English: Jamie Putnam, Megan McCormick, Andy Campos.

Math: Jay Weaver, Josh Simmons, Bianca Gonzales.

Music: Betty Guerrero, Aubrey Jones, Amber Luecke.

Reading: Aubrey Jones, Amelia Lopez.

Science: Ofelia Zamora, Noe Ruiz, Teddi Crenwelge.

Social Studies: Jamie Putnam, Aubrey Jones.

Band: Amber Luecke.

Most Improved

Early childhood: Nathan Mayo, Leon Torres.

Self-contained: C.J. Casas, Dominick Escobedo.

Kindergarten: Ryanna Martinez, Carlos Landa, Alexis Barrera, Manuel Benitez, Dashay Smith.

First Grade: Samantha Rogers, Taylar Presley, Chris Aguilar, Amanda Daves.

Sixth Grade

Band: Sergio Sarabia, Wendy Reed.

English: Laura Zamora, Jeanette Castaneda, R.J. Ornelas.

Math: Whitney Parks.

Music: Gabrielle Ivey, Caleb Gutierrez, Andrew Chavez.

Reading: Bianca Carrisalez, Anthony Duckworth.

Science: Nikki Howell, Steven Martinez.

Social Studies: Ginelda Lopez.

Outstanding Students

Early childhood: Priscilla Guzman, Tyler Mayes.

Kindergarten: Amber Steelman, Ashley Black, Damien Donaldson.

First Grade: Garrett Snyder, Karissa Medina, Skye Moffett.

Sixth Grade

Band: Tyler Zalman, Katie Curry.

English: William Floyd, Blake Scott, Caliber Vigneau.

Math: Morgan Bilderback, Jeanette Castaneda, Chase Ashworth.

Music: Joe Garza, Calvin Nobles, Merissa Dekeyser.

Reading: Barrett Bowlin, Bryan Clifton, Jana Lewis, Tara Kubena (highest point average), Tyler Ezzell (highest point average).

Science: Chase Ashworth, Dustyn Williams, Bryan Clifton.

Social studies: Megan McCormick, Emily Jones.

Physical education: Keenon Garcia (participation), Whitney Kinney (participation).

Computer keyboarding: Jessica Robbins, Wendy Reed, Katie Curry, Shaela Thompson, Elizabeth Dominguez, Seth Cooper, Teddi Crenwelge, Samantha Pena.

Stanfield honor pupils

Outstanding students and perfect attendance awards for the fourth six weeks.

Outsanding Students

Haley Beall, Justice Terrazas, Devin Collier, Nikki Hicks, Robby Luna, Bridgette Davis, Timothy Iglehart, Taylor Duzan, Kimberly Halkowitz, Michelle Flores, Sydney Glass, Robert Velasquez, Leslie Rosas, JDee Early, Laura Ortega, Daniel Escobedo, Wendy Moran, Antonio Estrada, Anthony Segura, Taylor Tyrelle, Kayli Brewster, Javier Esparza, Hilary Villarreal, Danny Clawson, Debyn DeLorea, Chance Kelly, Cody Davis, Allison Swigert, Tayla Wesson, Nick Zajicek, Colton Curry, Quintin Bass, Kimberly Dolan, Tanner Bragg.

Perfect Attendance

Breanna Benitez, Darren Escobedo, Justice Terrazas, Ashten Wilkinson, Joe Garza, Nikki Hicks, Staci Kenner, Robby Luna, Shelby Ezzell, Kristal Gomez, Thayer Groat, Jordan Peoples, Keenon Ward, Brady Williams, Kyler Billingsley, Hunter Cox, Kelsey Davis, Jentri Driggers, Nolan Duzan, timothy Iglehart, Mallorie Warren, Cody Ducan, Michelle Flores, Christopher Johnson, Kaylee Lord, Kaden McCarter, Emma Nunley, Nelson Sears, Will Toombs, Ashton Burton, Krysha Burleson.

Also Sydney Glass, Freddy Lopez, Ozzy Rains, Brianna Rose, Blaire Toombs, Robert Velasquez, Dillon West, Lyndsie Dunson, Alex Hook, Ashley Kenner, Zalee Northcut, Chance Young, J.C. Arellano, Andrew Collier, Daniel Escobedo, Robert Lopez, Elizabeth McDaniel, Amanda Midwell, Baily Minor, Laura Ortega, Micayla Redman, Eduardo Arellano, Amanda Browning, Meagan Downing, Shane Hicks, Michael Marcon, Andie Martinez, Joshua Taylor, Clint Wall, Andrew Zapata, Bianca Cabrera, Jose Ferrusca, Juan Martinez, Alexander Rios, Samuel Rubio, Samana Arizmendi, Tye Holley, L.A. Jaramillo, La Tekka Richardson, Anthony Segura, Taylor Tyrrell, Jonathan Verduzco, Kayli Brewster, Alicia Chaidez, Cassie Cochran, Jake Crenwelge, Rachael Dupree, Raven Luna, Annie Stribling, Benjamin Alfaro, Loretta Jaramillo, Michael Perez, Michael Redman, Jake Riley, Hilary Villarreal, Jose Aguirre, Robert Aguirre, Matthew Daniell, Heather Newton, Tiffany Roemer.

Also Justin Rivera, David Sosa, Jake Strickland, Kelcey Stafford, Zackery Ball, Kelsi Fulford, Cindy Garza, Cassie Gunset, Amber Gutierrez, Lee McGinty, Tosha McClouthin, Matthew Rios, Kaden Seale, Marcos Aguilar, Eleanor Ashley, Angie Hernandez, Jacob Kemp, Aryn May, Eva Torres, T.J. Wright, Colton Curry, Kenyon Gafford, Yvette Hernandez, Tyler Irwin, Kenny Kincaid, Rainie Moore, Colton Lane, Jessica West, Tanner Bragg, Brittni Chaidez, Becky Evans, Stephen Kelley, Samantha Medrano, Kylie Moreland, Veronica Morin, Bruce Scott, Terrence Williams, Kimberly Nolan, Matthew Stansell.

Drug, alcohol Q&A

This column is devoted to questions about substance abuse.

"Can Drinking Alcohol Affect My Baby?"

Drinking alcohol while you are pregnant can hurt your baby. The alcohol in your blood is carried into the baby's bloodstream. Because the baby is still developing, your consuming alcohol can lead to a miscarriage or birth defects.

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) refers to a set of physical and mental birth defects found in babies whose mothers drank alcohol regularly during pregnancy.

Fetal Alcohol Effect (FAE) is a milder version of birth defects found in some babies of women who drank less during pregnancy.

What kinds of problems can alcohol cause?

Some effects include small size/low birth weight, brain damage, mental retardation, behavioral problems, facial abnormalities, and heart, lung and kidney defects. Women who drink are also at higher risk for miscarriage.

Nobody knows how much alcohol it takes to harm a baby or at what time during a pregnancy alcohol is dangerous. It's best for you and your baby to avoid drinking if you are pregnant, if you are trying to get pregnant, or if you are breast-feeding.

Remember:

One 12-ounce bottle of beer, one 5-ounce glass of wine and one 1.5-ounce shot of liquor all contain about the same amount of alcohol.

Every women wants her baby to be healthy. Avoiding alcohol during pregnancy is one of the most important steps you can take to give your baby the gift of good health.

Even if you drank alcohol earlier in your pregnancy, stopping now can increase your chances of having a healthy baby.

Above information was provided by Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board

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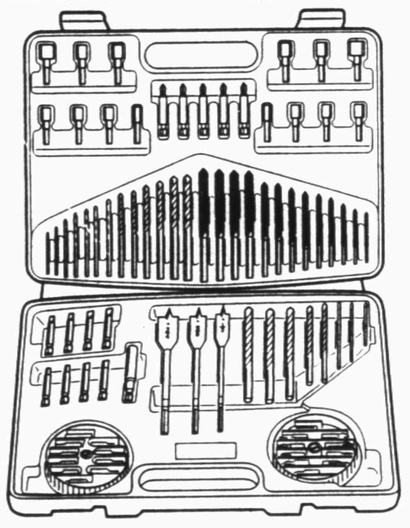
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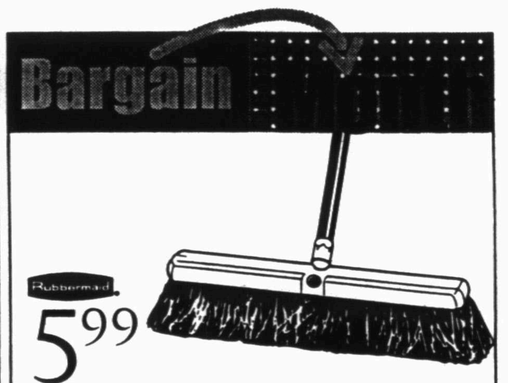
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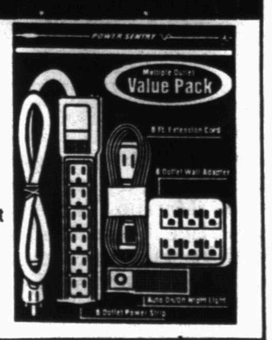
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Letters to the Editor

Mistakes happen

Dear Editor:

Did I read in the SDN column where a stone was hurled at the abilene paper for a headline that could have had a double meaning?

Most of the comments in this column have to do with other newspapers within about a hundred mile radius of Snyder. I would like to point out to Mr. McQueen, if that is the type reading he likes, he should put the Snyder Daily News on his reading list. Just in case he missed it, last week there was a headline on an article that read "FDA to inspect aircraft jackscrews" and two days later, recall on dishwater. Both of these would suggest that the Food and Drug Administration has gone into the mechanics of air safety, and some child must have strangled on some dishwater.

Yesterday's paper, 2/23, on the front page was another indication the printer's devil is in Snyder also. In the Kiwanis pancake supper, it read "Pancake Feast is set ford March 4. Why Ford" Why not Chevy? And just below that was Area lake gets CRMWD water, this article ended with, The water district operates Lake Thomas, the Spence — the Spence what?

I have said before, there is a lot of humor in the SDN. Try reading it Mr. McQueen. I think you will enjoy it as much as those other papers.

Omer Pointer

Western Swing missing out

Dear Editor:

I have just received a copy of the program from Western Swing Promotions, which decided to have their next festival in Wichita Falls instead of Snyder.

The festival fans liked Snyder very much and came from many places to see it. It would have been smart for Western Swing Promotions to leave the festival in Snyder. Comparing this program with the list of our May Swing Festival entertainers, I think we have the best that can be obtained for the occasion.

They will not be having one crowd-pleaser that we will. He is truly liked very much by Swing fans, but I won't name him right now. At least seven of the bands, I had never heard of before, were on Swing Promotions list. The festivals have dancing, but not drinking.

Now we know that the festival brings fans to Snyder and that helps our motels, cafes and other businesses. We need especially the retired people of Snyder to enjoy the festival, but there is the age-old question — can you enjoy country music without drinking or dancing?

Many people in Scurry County will say 'yes,' that is the way we were brought up, you did not dance, you did not drink, but you could enjoy country music.

The only dancing we ever did was at home with our husband or wife and we are proud that we can make that statement. Because we did not attend nightclubs, most of our listening to music was our stereos and later watching it on television.

Then in about 1996, we had our first Swing Festival and we were introduced to a new way, for Snyder, of watching country music bands perform. No drinking, no loud talk, just hundreds of people, mostly retired age, sitting and listening to country music.

It is true that there will be many you don't know, they are the ones that help business in Snyder. Some older people just do not know what fun it is to just set aside some days and say 'that is going to be my vacation' and just spend a lot of time at the festival. You will see people from all churches at it. It is just clean fun and we need more of it. Many of these people are fans who just like old country music from the 40s, 50s and 60s, so they really enjoy the festival very much.

If we don't support this festival, we may be back to having to listen year-around to our records and television and a lot of business for Snyder will be lost.

Thanks,
Betty Boyd

What about safety?

Dear Editor:

Question #2: What about safety?

The recent Carlsbad, N.M. crash brings to six (6) the total number of disasters involving the German Air Force since they began flying in Southern New Mexico. The crash nearly caused a disaster for the entire area and all of its residents. One burning jet passed dangerously close to a gas processing plant, which produces explosive vapors, always carefully maintained. Unfortunately, all safety precautions are no match for a crashing burning jet.

According to J. Zana Walley of Lincoln, N.M., his teenage son and his hiking partner were climbing up a steep arroyo in the Capitan Mountains near Arabella, N.M. It was so loud it momentarily deafened and scared them witless. "The canyon was so narrow that the plane was flying sideways to keep from scraping its wings on the walls. It was so close we could see the pilot."

The youngsters were shaken by the experience.

"We were sure it was going to crash right on top of us."

Of course, blitzkriegs like this are nothing new, rather, they are very, very common. Dozens of pages could be filled with experiences of citizens being deafened, scared, blown-off horses, run off highways and just plain angered by the callous disdain exhibited by foreign and domestic pilots practicing low-level flying. However, according to official documents from American and foreign sources, these traumatic experiences are not necessary because in actual combat situations, low-level, high-speed flying is an obsolete and dangerous tactic.

Ask the citizens of tiny historic Lincoln, N.M. what they think of low-level bomber training flights — before you get what you're asking for.

Susan Spires Ruch

Hearfelt thanks to all who helped

Dear Editor:

We would like to express our heartfelt thank you to all who helped us with the grass fire on the Johnson Ranch.

The fire department responded quickly and efficiently. Scurry County is lucky to have such a department.

We would also like to thank Ralph Trevey, our commissioner, and Jim Robinson, who brought equipment to build fire guards. They worked hard and diligently until the fire was under control.

Mr. Trevey and Tommy Guynes (assistant fire chief) came back to the ranch several times after the fire to make sure no further assistance was needed.

A special thanks to all the neighbors and friends who responded. Especially Glenn and Eddie Thompson and Steve York Transport water truck.

Thanks to all of you again.

Sincerely,
Joe and Mary Jane Hamlett
John and Luann Walker

Situation different

Dear Editor:

My situation is very different than the normal citizen; I have been locked up for 7 years for DWI.

I'm not proud of my past by any means, yet what I have learned dearly, the last 2 years of my incarceration, is that so many people such as your friends, acquaintances or people who know you will say hello to you when you run into them.

Yet, when problems start occurring in your life, and things start going very bad in your life, they won't turn their back on you, yet in some sense, some people say he has been given many opportunities and has not wanted to change his life, so why should we even care if he does not care enough to want to change his life.

Well, to be honest with you, in the past I really had no desire to change my life, now 6 years later after my first arrest and now having been locked away, my views are different, because some people took a chance on me when everyone else wrote me off.

That is my purpose in writing this letter to thank the people in my life who have given me so much more to live for, and opportunities when many questioned their decision towards trying to stand by me or help me.

I want to thank my wife, Lisa Cain, for coming into my life. She knew my past and took a chance with me and overlooked me being in prison and married me. She has given me the desire to want to change my life and live like a normal person in society. When so many others looked down on me and talked about me, she stood by me and gave me support. She is a very special person in my life. I thank God for her!

Also to continue this letter, I want to thank Sheriff Darren Jackson for believing in me and giving me a chance while incarcerated in the Scurry County Jail. And finally my entire family who has given me so much support through this very difficult time in my life.

In closing, I know and realize when I am released it is going to be a very difficult transition back into society, yet with support from wife and family. It can make it a lot easier knowing you have someone who really cares about you and believes in you.

Jimmy Cain

Trusties discouraged

Dear Editor:

I don't know if this is a new trend created by the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, but it is sure beginning to discourage many trusties on this unit.

For many of us, the only incentive for keeping our nose clean is "parole" based on an I.T.P. (Inmate Treatment Plan) that was recommended to us by staff members.

Last year, I came up for parole and was case free after waiting 2 years (again), my 5th time up, only to be told that I was set-off until April, 2001.

Now, the "New" trend: It seems that if I were not a trusty and had at least two major disciplinary cases in the past two years, my chances would have been excellent for parole, instead here I sit.

Several years ago, I worked for an auto parts store which got their parts from NAPA Auto Parts, and delivered them to area mechanics.

It seems that the TDCJ — ID has created their own "NAPA" for spare parts by releasing (via parole board) those who show that they'll "be back," and keeping those that probably won't.

In this way, they can (1) justify the building of more prisons, and (2) show the taxpayer that they are tough on crime. There are over 130 prison units in Texas today, with a governor who will not give correctional officers a pay raise. He's out there trying to convince the other 50 states that he can be trusted with managing our country's best interest.

Doesn't he know it's not just "Don't Mess With Texas;" it's also "Don't Mess With Texans," Mr. Bush! My! Times they are a changing!

William Gomez, Jr.
Price Daniel Unit

Who could object? We could

Dear Editor:

I, too, attended the RBTI "demonstration" in Snyder and it was extremely loud. Since that time, I have heard many Snyder citizens ask, "Who could possibly object to the B1 flights over Scurry and adjoining counties with all of the benefits proposed?"

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about one small community in northern Scurry and Borden counties, which does object to those proposed flights.

We are Fluvanna and we are your neighbors. Snyder is our trade center — we buy food, clothes, vehicles, tractors and farm and ranch supplies in Snyder. We are employed in your courthouse, hospital, college, prison, banks and spinning mill, as well as many offices around town.

We utilize the contractors, doctors, lawyers and insurance companies. We teach in your schools and our young people attend those same schools and Western Texas College. We meet with you to bury friends and family, and to rejoice at weddings and the birth of babies, especially Snyder's own quints.

We have volunteered at county fairs and stock shows and assisted with the chamber of commerce banquets. We have participated as directors and as contestants in the AJRA and Scurry County rodeos. We have joined you to pray for rain, discuss politics and pay taxes. We have cheered for your athletes and your drama department. We enjoy the Ritz Theatre and think the Fourth of July celebration is great.

Snyder, you know where we are — you have fished in our tanks and hunted on our farms and ranches. Your Boys Club has spent enjoyable days as our guests while they played in the country. You have climbed about and camped on our Caprock while hunting fossils and enjoying the magnificent view.

We are patriotic! We fly our flags proudly and feel blessed to be Americans. If the sky above our small community was the only place in this great country for the USAF to train, you can believe that we would make them welcome, because that is the way we are. The Air Force has somewhere else to go. We do not! We are Fluvanna and we do not want the MOA over our homes and our small town.

Citizens of Snyder, we are not unfeeling about the stake of the economy, but no one has promised us a 5,000 foot bubble and more jobs — only the noise!

Sincerely
Nelva Jones
Fluvanna

Country Life

by Deanie Francis Mills

Pressures, problems of readymade families

Last week we talked about remarriage after divorce, the challenges peculiar to remarriage, and discussed some suggestions designed to help us avoid some of those pitfalls should we find ourselves in that situation.

We used an excellent article on the subject that was published in the April edition of *Psychology Today*, called, "Don't Even Think of Remarrying Until You Read This," by Hara Estroff Marano.

This week, we'll look at some of the pressures and problems that can be caused when readymade families are blended by the remarriage of one or more parents.

"Nothing challenges a remarriage more than the presence of children from a prior marriage," writes Marano, "and 65% of remarriage households contain kids." So intense is the pressure sometimes, that it is not unusual for a remarriage with kids to fail in the first two years.

And the guilty parties are not always the children.

"All you need is one co-conspirator," explains the article—meaning, if an ex plays on the "ambivalence or outright hostility" that the kids have for the remarriage, "an ex can have you talking about him every day."

In my opinion, few things display the human race in a worse light than ex-spouses using their own children as weapons against one another in a nasty divorce. And the children are not always complete innocents, either.

I've witnessed that first-hand, when visiting the home of my sister while a 13-year old stepdaughter pulled some truly shocking stunts—playing on her daddy's guilt for divorcing her mother in order to stir up trouble in the family. My sister is no longer married to the girl's father.

With kids present, a newly-married couple has no time to bond and to work out the normal stresses that result from new marriages, because their bond is under immediate assault by the children.

This is yet one more commonsense reason, experts agree, to prolong a courtship and not rush into marriage. It doesn't matter whether a particular spouse has legal custody or not, because legal issues do not address the *emotional* stress experienced by the non-custodial parent at the loss of a child.

Then, even when the children visit, they are separated from the other parent. So no matter where they are, somebody's missing all the time. Naturally this can contribute toward the kids displaying signs of depression, upset, and resentment of the new marriage. (As we've discussed here before, young boys, especially, often act out a depression as anger and getting into trouble rather than sadness.)

And we can't ignore the financial pressures that result from divorce, even if the non-custodial parent is making child support payments. In a remarriage, even if the couple is bringing in child support, they may also be paying it out to another spouse for another set of kids.

Or there may be no child support at all to help. In a case like that, will a step-father, say, pay for a step-child's college education over that of his own child? Again, you have legal matters that soon become emotionally wrought.

So what can be done?

Experts agree that the biggest problem between parents and children at the time of a divorce is that, many times, the kids had no idea their parents' marriage was in so much trouble. So often, we try to spare our children by arguing privately, behind closed doors or when the kids are not at home. Consequently, they may not have even witnessed the signs of trouble that broke up their parents' marriage. They may be in complete shock when the divorce happens.

Parents need to discuss, calmly and without blaming each other, where things went wrong, why the marriage failed, how contact with the biological parent will be maintained and—when remarriage is in the offing—how the adults got together and their hopes and dreams for the future.

Most children live in an egocentric world. A parent's whole life may be falling apart around their feet, but all the children really want to know is: How will this affect me? We can't expect them to be the grown-ups; that's our job. They need constant reassurance that their world will not end, and they need permission—and time—to grieve the loss of that old world.

Counseling is always a good idea, just so they can have an objective place to lay their fears and angers without worrying about hurting someone's feelings or getting into trouble.

It's a mistake to expect a child to refer to the step-parent as "Mom" or "Dad." They already have a mom and a dad, and this only forces them to feel conflicting loyalties. Let them call the step-parent by their first name. Step-parents should seek a relationship somewhere between a parent and a friend, like, say, a kindly uncle or friendly aunt. The remarrying couple should agree upfront on what those step-parenting roles should be if they want to avoid problems down the road.

The bottom line, as we mentioned last week, is that when we're trying to blend families, selfishness needs to take a back seat. We may be jealous of the position our new spouse's kids have, but we can't indulge that jealousy by trying to cut them out of his or her life.

One way or the other, it all takes time and care to build a new family out of the old one—time to grieve old ties, disconnect, and form new attachments; time for everyone to find his or her new place in that blended family; time to get to know one another. It can be done, but it can't be rushed.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

On Beijing's old tricks:

Beijing may have overplayed its hand again in Taiwan's politics.

Beijing's attempt four years ago to bully the voters of Taiwan into doing its bidding backfired in a huge way.

In reaction to the mainland's staging threatening war games and firing unarmed missiles over the Formosa Strait, the voters of the Republic of China on Taiwan overwhelming elevated Lee Teng Hui to the presidency. Lee has enraged the mainland government by his insistence that negotiations between the two Chinas on reunification be conducted on a state-to-state basis.

Now, with Taiwan's voters scheduled to go the polls in less than a month to pick a new president, Beijing is up to its old 1996 tricks. And judging by Taipei's official reaction to this latest attempt at electorate intimidation, the same kind of voter backfire is likely to occur.

In response to China's threat to launch a military attack against Taiwan if it does not return to the negotiating table, Taiwan's Council of Mainland Affairs has simply reiterated Lee's position that the two sides of the strait "have been under separate rule since 1949."

San Antonio Express-News

On water quality:

Three years of drought in the last four have Texas state officials and regional water planning groups scrambling to find a remedy.

The droughts have had a multibillion-dollar negative impact on farming and ranching and ordinary people, too. And, for better or worse, the state's population is expected to double in the next 50 years.

State Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, said recently that Texas' reservoirs are the lowest they have been in 22 years and 60 state water systems already are on mandatory water restrictions.

"Texas' future growth and prosperity depend on an available water supply," he added.

Toward that end, Wentworth said, the Edwards Aquifer Authority on March 1 will begin cloud-seeding more than 6 million acres encompassing Bexar and a swath of counties north and northwest of here.

With that and new water legislation, regional water groups hope to improve Texas' water conservation, drought management and, if cloud-seeding succeeds, its rainfall.

Superb! But what about water quality? Water managers say that is a "given," but there is some evidence that it is not.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission admitted this month that it erred in releasing 9,000 gallons of a tissue-destroying chemical into San Martin Lake in Cameron County that may have killed up to 7 million fish.

Supreme court candidates often not known

By The Associated Press

A Texas Supreme Court justice appointed by Gov. George W. Bush faces a challenge from within the Republican Party, while Democrats failed to field any candidates for the state's highest civil court bench.

Bush named Al Gonzales to the Supreme Court in January 1999 to fill the unexpired term of the nine-member court's last Democrat, Justice Raul Gonzalez.

Gonzales, who had served as Bush's general counsel and then secretary of state, will face Houston attorney Rod E. Gorman in the Place 3 GOP primary.

In the Place 1 Supreme Court race, incumbent Republican Nathan Hecht is being challenged in the primary by Valorie W. Davenport of Houston. Republican Justice Priscilla Owen is unopposed for Place 2.

A total of 16 candidates are running for three seats on the state's highest criminal court bench, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. Only two are Democrats.

Many are unknown to voters, even those who have an interest in legal affairs, such as University of Texas law professor George Dix.

Four Republicans seek to replace the retiring Mike McCormick as presiding judge. The winner faces 10th District Court of Appeals Judge Bill Vance, who is unopposed in the Democratic primary.

The candidates include Sharon Keller and Tom Price, both judges on the court who want to move up, plus J. Gary Trichter of Houston and Connie J. Kelley of Austin.

In the Place 1 race, five Republicans are seeking the nomination to replace Judge Steve Mansfield, a Republican who's not seeking re-election. No Democrat has filed.

Mansfield received probation last year after pleading no contest to a trespassing charge stemming from a 1998 incident in which the judge was arrested outside the Univeristy of Texas football stadium. UT police had asked Mansfield to leave after he was caught trying to scalp his complimentary tickets to the sold-out Texas-Texas A&M football game.

The five GOP contenders bidding to replace Mansfield are John Boston of Austin, Tom Greenwell and Guy Williams, both of Corpus Christi, Alan Curry of Houston and Charles Holcomb of Jacksonville.

In the Place 2 race, the Republican primary winner will face Democrat William R. Barr, who is unopposed in the Democratic primary.

The five GOP candidates include Barbara Parker Hervey of San Antonio; Jim Wallace and W.B. "Bennie" House, both of Houston; Sally L. Ray of Georgetown, who is attempting to join her husband, Judge Paul Womack, on the nine-member court; and Pat Barber of Colorado City, who drew attention last year when he put up a billboard in West Texas last year encouraging motorists to "Just Say No" to police searches.

No Democrats are running for the Supreme Court in 2000.

Place 1

NAME — Valorie W. Davenport.

PARTY — Republican.

AGE — 44.

EDUCATION — University of Houston; University of Houston School of Law.

EXPERIENCE — Attorney; former briefing attorney for Court of Appeals Justice Sam Bass.

FAMILY — Single, two children.

QUOTE — "I believe that the collective minds of 12 jurors are far better able to decide a case than an appellate judge who does not have the opportunity to view the credibility of the witnesses and, therefore, decide the weight to be given each witness's testimony."

NAME — Nathan Hecht.

PARTY — Republican.

AGE — 50.

EDUCATION — Yale University; Southern Methodist University School of Law.

EXPERIENCE — Supreme Court justice; served on 5th District Court of Appeals; 95th state district judge; partner in the law firm of Locke Purnell Boren Laney and Neeley.

FAMILY — Single.

QUOTE — "For the past 11 years I have worked very hard on the Supreme Court to improve court procedures to reduce the expense and delay involved in litigation."

Place 2

NAME — Priscilla Owen.

PARTY — Republican.

AGE — 45.

EDUCATION — Baylor University; Baylor University School of Law.

EXPERIENCE — Supreme Court justice; partner in Houston law firm of Andrews & Kurth.

FAMILY — Single.

QUOTE — "I believe that all people who come before our courts should be treated fairly and with respect. Judges should strive to correctly interpret and apply the law and should not legislate from the bench."

Place 3

NAME —Al Gonzales.

PARTY — Republican.

AGE — 44.

EDUCATION — Rice University; Harvard Law School.

EXPERIENCE — Supreme Court justice; secretary of state; general counsel to Gov. George W. Bush; partner in the Houston law firm of Vinson & Elkins.

FAMILY — Married.

QUOTE — "I believe judges should not legislate from the bench, but strictly interpret the law."

NAME — Rod E. Gorman.

PARTY — Republican.

AGE — 59.

EDUCATION — Tarleton State University; University of Texas at Austin; University of Texas School of Law.

EXPERIENCE — Attorney; served as assistant attorney general under John Hill; former Harris County prosecutor.

FAMILY — Single, two children.

QUOTE — "People are entitled to a judicial system that is fair, honest and predictable. That justice system must be available to all citizens and they must be assured that there is no political agenda or pre-judgments of their rights. The courts need to enforce the laws and not legislate new laws."

Commission that governs oil business has contested race

AUSTIN (AP) — A commissioner appointed by the governor faces an oilman without political experience in one of two GOP primaries for the Railroad Commission.

The second commissioner, Republican Charles Matthews, is unopposed on March 14, and no Democrats are running for the three-member panel that regulates the oil and gas industry.

The lone primary contest is for the remaining two years of the term initially won by Republican Carole Keetyon Rylander, who vacated the seat when she was elected state comptroller in 1998.

As her successor, Gov. George W. Bush picked Michael Williams, 47, a former federal assistant U.S. secretary of education and manager of Bush's unsuccessful 1978 bid for Congress. Williams faces challenger Andy Draughn, 41, an oilfield investor, in the primary.

The two men generally agree on many issues, such as reducing unnecessary regulation on the petrochemical industry, improving pipeline safety and capping more than 20,000 abandoned oil wells throughout Texas that could leak oil, natural gas or salt water into acquifers.

The differences come from their backgrounds and their campaigns.

Williams runs from a statewide post, complete with political consultants; Draughn campaigns from his $700,000 Austin home.

Williams is the first African American to hold statewide office in a non-judicial post and has the endorsement of every major Republican official in Texas. Draughn has no big-name backers.

Williams has a 20-year resume of public service starting at the district attorney's office in Midland and ending as an assistant secretary of education in President Bush's administration.

Draughn worked in the oil business since college and never held public office. After a career in the oil business, he now lives off his working interest in 63 oil wells. "I am one of the old-school Republicans that believe that you should work in business, learn something, then give something back," he said.

Both men said that if elected they would buck the trend among recent commissioners to seek higher office before their six-year terms are up.

Draughn attributed many problems at the commission to the lack of continuity at the top. "We have a revolving door government of people that do not want to make tough decisions," he said.

No Democrats filed for the 2000 elections.

Unexpired Term

NAME— Andy Draughn

AGE — 41.

EDUCATION — B.A. in management, Texas A&M University.

EXPERIENCE— Worked as scout, landman with oilman Clayton W. Williams Jr.; independent oil and gas industry consultant on acquisitions, negotiations, land management and conflict resolution; president, Draughn Oil & Gas Inc., 1992-present.

FAMILY— Married, three children.

QUOTE— "An industry of this magnitude deserves to have a person at the helm who has extensive experience and who cares about the future the Texas energy industry."

NAME— Michael Williams

AGE — 47.

EDUCATION— University of Southern California: bachelor's degree, master of public administration, law degree.

EXPERIENCE— Midland County assistant district attorney; West Texas Legal Service; Midland Chamber of Commerce; chief district attorney for Midland; assistant U.S. attorney; deputy assistant secretary for law enforcement at the U.S. Department of Treasury; assistant U.S. secretary of education for civil rights; general counsel of the Republican Party of Texas; Railroad Commission since 1998.

FAMILY— Married.

QUOTE— "I have 20 years of substantial legal, policy and regulatory experience. I have developed a positive record of cutting red tape (and) putting money back into the hands of taxpayers. I have a proven record of achievement as chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission."

Sample Ballot Democratic

(Condado de)
SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS

MARCH 14, 2000

INSTRUCTION NOTE:
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Solamente use el marcador provisto.)

Preference for Presidential Nominee
(Preferencia para un Candidato Nombrado para Presidente)

- Al Gore
- Bill Bradley
- Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

United States Senator
(Senador de los Estados Unidos)

- Don Clark
- Charles Gandy
- H. Gerald Bintliff
- Bobby Wightman
- Gene Kelly

United States Representative, District 17
(Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 17)

- Charlie Stenholm

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals
(Juez Presidente, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales)

- Bill Vance

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2
(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 2)

- William R. Barr

State Representative, District 70
(Representante Estatal, Distrito Núm. 70)

- David Counts

Chief Justice, 11th Court of Appeals District
(Juez Presidente, Corte de Apelaciones, Distrito Núm. 11)

- Bud Arnot

Sheriff
(Sheriff)

- Darren Jackson

County Tax Assessor-Collector
(Asesor-Colector de Impuestos del Condado)

- Diana Williamson

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
(Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Núm. 1)

- Ralph W. Trevey
- Bill Baldwin
- Cloyce Scarberry

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
(Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Núm. 3)

- Donna L. Gray

County Chairman
(Presidente del Condado)

- Jerry M. Langdon

Write-in (Voto Escrito)

Sample Ballot
(Boleta de Muestra)

GOP Sample Ballot

(Condado de)
SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS

MARCH 14, 2000

(14 de marzo de 2000)

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Use only the marker provided.
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"Yo soy Republicano y comprendo que no estoy elegible para votar o participar en la elección primaria o la convención de algún otro partido político durante este año electoral."
Solamente use el marcador provisto.)

Preference for Presidential Nominee
(Preferencia para un Candidato Nombrado para Presidente)

- George W. Bush
- Alan Keyes
- Steve Forbes
- Gary Bauer
- John McCain
- Orrin G. Hatch
- Charles Bass Urban
- Uncommitted

United States Senator
(Senador de los Estados Unidos)

- Kay Bailey Hutchison

United States Representative, District 17
(Representante de los Estados Unidos, Distrito Núm. 17)

- Darrell Clements
- Shane Hunt

Railroad Commissioner
(Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)

- Charles R. Matthews

Railroad Commissioner, Unexpired Term
(Comisionado de Ferrocarriles, Duración Restante del Cargo)

- Michael L. Williams
- Andy Draughn

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1
(Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 1)

- Nathan Hecht
- Valorie W. Davenport

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2
(Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 2)

- Priscilla Owen

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3
(Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 3)

- Rod E. Gorman
- Al Gonzales

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals
(Juez Presidente, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales)

- J. Gary Trichter
- Sharon Keller
- Tom Price
- Connie J. Kelley

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1
(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 1)

- John Boston
- Guy Williams
- Charles Holcomb
- Tom Greenwell
- Alan Curry

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2
(Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 2)

- W.B. "Bennie" House
- Jim Wallace
- Sally L. Ray
- Barbara Parker Hervey
- Pat Barber

State Representative, District 70
(Representante Estatal, Distrito Núm. 70)

- Tim Blackshear

District Judge, 132nd Judicial District
(Juez del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 132)

- Ernie B. Armstrong

District Attorney, 132nd Judicial District
(Procurador del Distrito, Distrito Judicial Núm. 132)

- Dana W. Cooley

County Attorney
(Procurador del Condado)

- Michael W. Hartman

County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
(Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Núm. 1)

- Carl Burleson

Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, Place 1
(Juez de Paz, Precinto Núm. 1, Lugar Núm. 1)

- Dwaine Merritt
- Ben R. Smith
- Kirby McCravey
- Deborah Boyd

Constable, Precinct No. 1
(Condestable, Precinto Núm. 1)

- Kirk Taylor
- Pat Alexander

County Chairman
(Presidente del Condado)

- Drew Bullard
- _____ Write-in (Voto Escrito)

Justice of the Peace, Precinct No.2, Place 2, Unexpired Term
(Juez de Paz, Precinto Núm.2, Lugar Núm.2, Duración Restante del Cargo)

- Travis Brackeen

Proposition No. 1
(Proposición Núm. 1)

"Shall student initiated prayer be allowed at school sporting events?"
("¿Deberá ser permitido oraciones religiosas iniciadas por parte de los estudiantes durante eventos deportivos escolares?")

- Yes *(Sí)*
- No *(No)*

Sample Ballot
(Boleta de Muestra)
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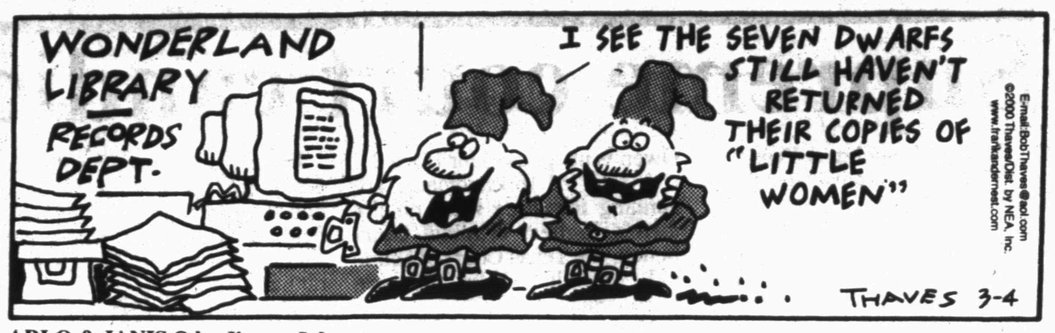
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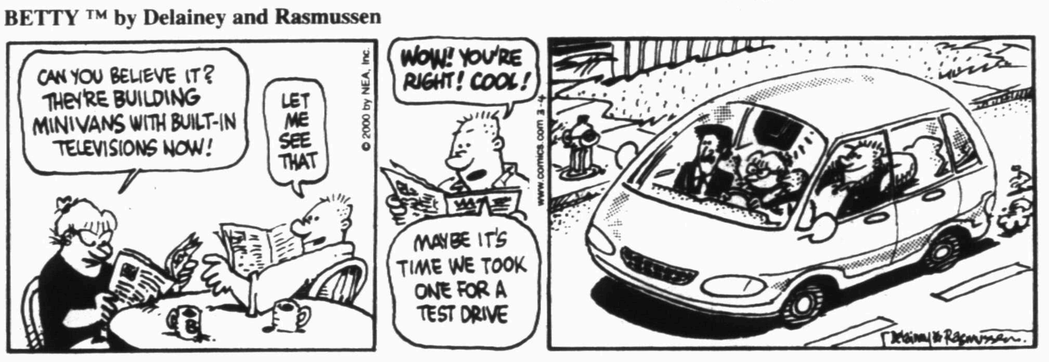
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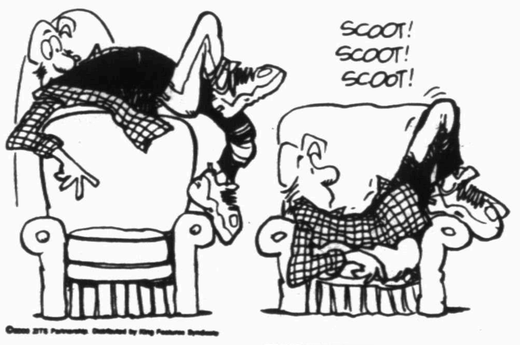
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7 Plants on Yale's buildings
12 Two-piece suit
13 Explosions
14 Mayo —
15 French region
16 High card
17 Explosive inits.
18 Line
21 Growing out
23 Choose
26 Etching fluid
28 Cloth measures
29 Medieval poem
30 Fiber plant
31 Gala
33 Petitioner
36 Eager
37 Hearing organ
38 Currier's partner
40 Minuscule
41 Arid
42 Soup server
44 Vital statistic
45 Ancient
46 St. crosser
48 Clyde's partner
51 Fats, e.g.
55 Tonic, e.g.
56 Actor Peter —
57 Strides quickly
58 Good luck symbol

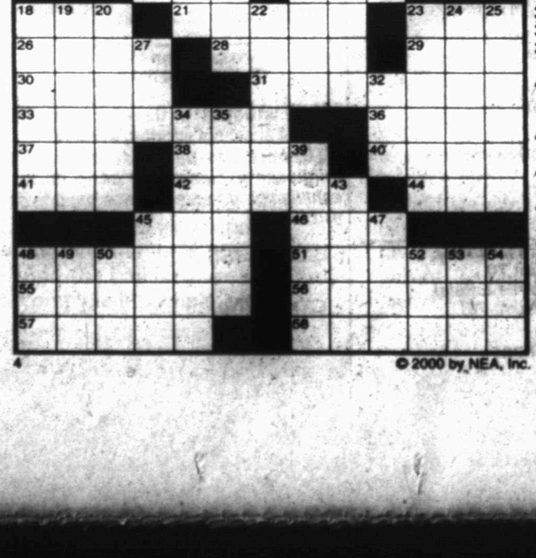
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2 Petroleum
3 Engage in a winter sport
4 Singer Turner
5 In readiness (2 wds.)
6 — Creed
7 The flu, e.g.
8 Big
9 "Rose — — rose"
10 List-ending abbr.
11 Opp. of NNW
13 Skirmish
18 Grated
19 Of the eyes
20 Napa Valley establishment
22 — E. Neuman
23 — Newton-John
24 Doing road work
25 Color T-shirts
27 Genetic stuff (abbr.)
32 Make an edging
34 Doozies
35 Escapee
39 Alpine event
43 Madonna/Banderas movie
45 — upon a time
47 Long heroic poem
48 Lge. container
49 Gold (Sp.)
50 Short sleep
52 Olympic org.
53 Unclaimed mail dept.
54 Place

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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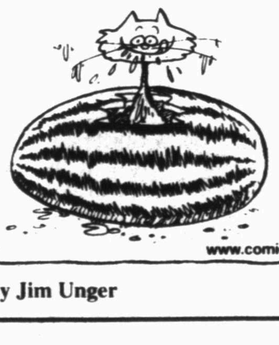


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Patches, who lives with Brian and Lisa Ricker in Scottsboro, Ala., loves watermelon and begins demanding her share as soon as the Rickers bring a melon into the house.

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"Dig up your father or you won't get any ice cream."



"WE DON'T WANT HIM TO GET TOO COLD TONIGHT."

Honor Roll

Snyder I.S.D.
4th Six Weeks

Third Grade
A Honor Roll
Tilatha Akins
Ryanna Alexander
Brian Allred
Kira Bilano
Jessica Bilderback
Larissa Blackard
Zoe Briseno
Douglas Brunson
Chelsea Castillo
Jared Cave
Jaclyn Deleon
Amy Fogleman
Jessica Garza
Taylor Gibbs
Dayton Grice
Ashley Hagins
Gina Hermosillo
Melanie Hernandez
Kalyn Hildreth
Clay Hirt
Rubi Jaimes
Leslie Johnston
Lesa Jones
Kaylie Kahlich
Samuel Lee
Kayla Liccardi
Kari Lord
Carson Matthies
Clint McFatridge
Kendra Mcguire
Maria Teresa Murillo
Nakita Pickerel
Alix Rieser
Brittany Scott
Kailea Shaw
Katy Spradlin
Will Stewart
David Strayhorns
Shelbie Talavera
Jessica Timora
Wes Von Roeder
Zachery Warren
Britney Webb
Jordan Wright
Kasey Young
A-B Honor Roll
Consuelo Acosta
Tanya Adams
Mary Alaniz
Robert Albarez
Adrian Alvarez
Yoci Arellano
Zane Berryhill
Briana Bryant
Dominic Cabrera
Lareshia Carey
Shelby Carter
Forest Clayton
Jesse Conner
Lindsey Cox
Taylor Davidson
Riley Davis
Jessie Deavers
Brenna Fletcher
Sierra Foreman
K'ana Garcia
Richard Grice
Fabian Gutierrez
Chase Guynes
Keagan Herrley
Jessica Hinson
Kendra Iglehart
Sebastian Jaquez
Joe Lara
Eric Lindsey
Stephen Luna
Alex Martinez
Jaime Martinez
Chantell Mcgaha
Brittany Mitchell
Rebecca Morin
Tony Perales
Tyler Porter
Lolita Ramos
Riley Raschke
Roxann Renteria
Ava Reyes
Lashondrick Richardson
Brittney Rivera
Erma Rodriguez
Cole Russell
Danorris Smith
Shaquita Sneed
Josh Sorrells
Heather Steelman
Chassidy Sterling
Charles Velasco
Gage West
Kaycee Westlund
Chris Witte
Lauren Zamora

Fourth Grade
A Honor Roll
Alexander, Alayna
Almanza, Angela
Amarillas, Angie
Arellano, Ernesto
Ashworth, Brad
Bollinger, Brent
Brown, Devin
Butler, Tanner
Claxton, Ryan
Davidson, Devin
Day, Lance
Derryberry, Jordan
Gafford, Brooks
Gruben, Tess
Harlan, Kimberly
Hogan, Erin
Jaramillo, Corey
Jones, Audrey
Means, Nicole
Miller, Kristen
Munson, Preston
Rhodes, Cayelea
Rivera, Roy
Robertson, Craig
Rodriguez, Crystal
Shafer, Quentin
Urias, Alex
Velasquez, Megan
Wesson, J. W.
West, Brittany
Wittie, Nathan
A-B Honor Roll
Aguilar, Mark
Alaniz, Jake
Ball, Josh
Billingsley, Kaden
Brewster, Colton
Buchanan, Karly
Bunch, Dylan
Burk, Daniel
Burney, Cody
Casas, Ashley
Chandler, Kristina
Cole, Lanxton
Cox, Alison
Daves, Samantha
Davis, Kirstie
DeLeon, Jessica
Farquhar, Ashley
Foreman, Vallie
Franks, Chad
Garcia, Matthew
Garza, Joe
Gonzales, Ryan
Goolsby, Rebecca
Guerrero, Jodi
Gutierrez, Laura
Hall, Audra
Harbin, BranDee
Hembree, Nikki
Hendricks, James
Hernandez, Cassi
Hernandez, Tasha
Herrera, Adriana
Holdren, Kelly
Hoover, Josh
Jaimes, Santiago
Jenkins, Whitney
Juarez, Rebecca
Key, Zackary
Knipe, Blane
Landa, Laura
Lopez, Ashlei
Loveall, Kaycee
Lunsford, Lauren
Maldonado, Ashley
Martinez, Anthony
McCormack, Tyler
Moffett, Morgan
Morris, Eldon
Murphy, Derek
Naegele, Destinee
Norwood, Tatum
Ornelas, Josh
Pinkerton, Marci
Pittman, Kayla
Resendiz, Greg
Richards, Chris
Richardson, Wesley
Rivera, Jessica
Robertson, Luke
Ruiz, Raquel
Rylant, Destiny
Sanchez, Amanda
Scifres, Jacob
Scott, Rachel
Seale, Kelby
Slaughter, Cecelie
Tidwell, Kendra
Tippens, Christian
Toombs, Loren
Torres, Josie
Turner, Michael
Verduzco, Jessica
Villa, Christina
Villarreal, Samantha
Westmoreland, Layton
Wilson, Shayla

Fifth Grade
A Honor Roll
Gabriel Aguilar
Marleah Akins
Michael Alaniz
Cinthia Arellano
Monica Benavidez
Hollie Berryhill
Jada Bilano
Sarah Covington
Laura Culwell
Krista Dorsett
Tyler Driggers
Chelsey Drummond
Starla Early
Kinsey Guynes
Kaylee Lacik
Ashley Leucke
Shannon Mangis
Michael Mann
Claire Morris
Ember Proffitt
Terann Ragland
Juan Ramirez
Amanda Rivera
Jeremy Rodriguez
Courtney Tyrrell
John Whitworth
Sydney Wright
A-B Honor Roll
Norma Aguilar
Casey Arnold
Jamie Arnold
Tasha Ball
Briana Bernal
Zackary Block
Mayela Borrego
April Beth Boyd
Jaclyn Capps
Candace Chandler
Dalton Cole
Taylor Courtney
Tylor Courtney
Katy Crenwelge
Julia Cruz
Alyssa Davis
Monica DuBois
Andrew Dupree
Leslie Eades
Trent Early
Joe Fitzgerald
Amanda Ford
Ami Foreman
Whitley Fulford
Andy Garvin
Nolan Grady
William Greene
William Greenwood
Desirae Guerra
Chris Gutierrez
Aaron Guynes
Felicia Guzman
Amber Hildreth
Donald Jeffery
Kade Kruger
Amanda Lawrence
Staci Lee
Jordan Lester
Casey Long
Keith Manlief
Christina Martinez
Chase Medina
Cassie Mhoon
Kazual Moore
Erica Munoz
Louisa Pena
Wesley Price
Tamria Purser
Henry Michael Ramos
Cody Reed
Candace Rice
LaShekka Richardson
Tara Robertson
Ernest Reyes
Erissa Sanchez
Gabriel Sanchez
Ricky Sanchez
Matthew Schoolcraft
Lindsey Small
Corbin Smith
Adrian Sosa
Jordan Stansell
Tana Sullenger
Mica Triggs
Colton West
Bryce Westmoreland
Beth Witte
Jessica Yanez

Sixth Grade
A Honor Roll
Yuliana Arellano
Chase Ashworth
Morgan Bilderback
Barrett Bowlin
Laura Boyd
Dondi Brock
Jessica Calvert
Jason Cave
Bryan Clifton
Seth Cooper
Katie Curry
Tyler Ezzell
William Floyd
Tyler Hogan
Emily Jones
Tara Kubena
Jana Lewis
Chris Lopez
Amber Luecke
Austin Lyle
Curtis Mason
Megan McCormick
Ashly Pavlovsky
Aeryal Peoples
Garrett Pinson
Jeremy Reed
Noe Ruiz
Cade Simpson
Breanna Talavera
Jessica Taylor
Shaela Thompson
Dustyn Williams
Glyn Wright
A-B Honor Roll
Ashley Bailey
William Banks
Ashley Barrera
Kimberly Bell
Bridget Block
Teddi Crenwelge
Megan Crisp
T'Shambra Day
Merissa Dekeyser
Elizabeth Dominguez
Gena Dooley
Ashley Flores
Stanley Forbes
Daniela Garcia
Keenon Garcia
Stephanie Grant
Tatum Gruben
Kayla Hartzog
Kimberly Henkell
Santino Hermosillo
Ashley Hyer
Aubrey Jones
Whitney Kinney
Cale Lancaster
Ciara Latta
Erica Little
Ginelda Lopez
Valeria Lopez
Justin Martinez
Steven Martinez
Sirena Medrano
Lindsey Morin
Krisa Murphrey
Amanda Murray
Calvin Nobles
Andria Nussey
Amanda Orosco
Whitney Parks
Claire Pollard
Miracle Ramirez
Samuel Ramirez
Wendy Reed
Matt Reigh
Dylyn Richards
Jessica Robbins
Kelli Rushing
Blake Scott
Blake Seale
Chris Smith
Tye Stone
Temi Thompson
Stephen Tippens
Marcus Torres
Dalesa Traylor
Caliber Vigneau
Ashton Wall
Jay Weaver
Christi Williams
Kiki Wofford
Tyler Zalman
Alex Zamarripa
Ofelia Zamora

Seventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Danisha Akins
Adam Booker
Kassey Burney
Sarah Carpenter
Nathaniel Clarady
Courtney Cox
Jessica Davis
Alan Gray
Kayla Guerrero
Erin Hackfeld
Austin Hatfield
Thomas Hefner
Heather Holmes
Lesli Jackson
Paul Jackson
Traci Jordan
Matthew Kerr
Lacey Kincaid
Matthew Morris
Heather Polk
Blake Robertson
Kelsey Shaw
Tamara Timora
Kalli Wesson
Logan West
A-B Honor Roll
Rebecca Aguirre
Paige Anderson
Elizabeth Arellano
Jacy Beccue
Tanner Bloom
Brandon Bragg
Briana Burk
Bethany Burleson
Daniel Burton
Lico Castillo
Krista Chaidez
Hope Cole
Kim Cooper
Max Cormack
Casey Crain
Josh Derington
Lacey Early
Ashley Edwards
Esmeralda Estrada
Jarrod Fletcher
Abby Foree
Cassie Gordon
Eric Guadarrama
Paul Haines
Corie Hernandez
Hadley Hirt
Jason Hook
Brooke Jackson
Patrick Jones
Candace McClintock
Michelle Miller
Meggan Minor
Kelly Moore
Marisa Munoz
Alex Neal
Michael Nelson
Codi Nichols
Cade Owen
Stephanie Parmer
Jason Ramos
Mechelle Renfro
Phillip Rice
Colton Robertson
Oscar Sauceda
Chris Smauley
Jeffrey Stanfield
Jamie Stanley
Bryan Thomas
Tyler Thompson
Ashley Villegas
Whitney Warner
Wil Wiggins
Mosheka Williams
Stacey Williamson
Heather Zajicek

Eighth Grade
A Honor Roll
Lucy Amarillas
Ashlye Amox
Shana Blackard
Katie Bryant
Erin Burleson
Laura Calmes
Beth Clements
Sarah Crawford
Ashley Darnell
Jordan Donelson
Kelby Drum
Andra Dunham
Alexis Dupree
Kristel Fitts
Josh Kemp
Meagan Langham
Emily Long
Ashley Martinez
Nichole Ornelas
Rebecca Pavlovsky
Jose Perez
Bradley Price
Tanner Reed
Kim Rivera
Paige Smith
Justin Stoker
Jon Thomas
Sara Thornhill
Brock Tyrrell
Amanda Whitson
Stephanie Williams
A-B Honor Roll
Aleida Arellano
Laura Arellano
Andrew Bane
Tas Baze
Justin Boyd
Dominique Braziel
Mandy Burns
Zach Cain
Paula Carranza
Katie Chandler
Russell Covey
Whittney Criswell
Jordan Dea
Adam Diaz
Tucker Early
Brad English
Lindsey Fickling
Megan Fletcher
Clayton Floyd
Acee French
Adrienne Garcia
Christy Garcia
Candice Gordon
Hayley Grant
Gerrico Greenlee
Blake Grimmett
Justin Guynes
Katie Haggard
Molly Haire
Matthew Hale
Rankin Hardin
Jennifer Hernandez
Gretchen Hollis
Bryan Huddleston
Ashley Jenkins
Trey Jenkins
Kelsi Johnson
Sharena Lewis
Corey Longorio
J J Mandrell
Boicy Martinez
Molly Mason
Austin McCormack
Nickki McKinney
Barrett Munson
Katie Neves
Josh Pickerel
Maranda Pierce
Destiney Proctor
Jacob Rodriguez
Chase Rushing
Brandi Russell
Casha Sanderson
Jeffrey Scott
Lee Scott
Mattie Smith
Anabelle Solis
Elizabeth Stewart
Whitney Stewart
Chance Tatum
Kendall Tidwell
Nikki Traylor
Cody Wall
Misha Wofford
Joseph Ynguanzo

Ira I.S.D.
4th Six Weeks

First Grade
A Honor Roll
Kyrstin Baker
Seth Cotton
Kylor Fine
Laramie Gilbert
Isaac Martin
Baily Nickerson
Kellner Odom
Lupe Ornelas
J. P. Wilson
A-B Honor Roll
Cody Chappell
Amanda Elam
Steven Juarez
Paul Martinez
Kellie Pilcher
Kolton Stokes
Brooke Withers

Second Grade
A Honor Roll
Colby Barrera
Lindsey Daniel
Valeri Guzman
Olivia Juarez
Rey Juarez
Brandon Lunsford
John Martini
Evian Olvera
A-B Honor Roll
Jonathan Hall
Daniel Wooldridge

Third Grade
A Honor Roll
Austin Calley
Rance Dunn
Seth Sanchez
A-B Honor Roll
Amanda Kerr
Leeja Mauldin
Quentin McLaury
Shandy McMullen
Tanner Price
Brittany Taylor
Ashley Trotter

Fourth Grade
A Honor Roll
Karen Coonrod
Laura Juarez
Tony Martini
Colby McMullen
Josi Presley
Kaci Waller
A-B Honor Roll
Josh Hall
Kendyll Pilcher
Jimmie Schooler

Fifth Grade
A Honor Roll
Aryn Calley
Corbin Clements
Jessica Odom
Genvieve Weaver
A-B Honor Roll
Kelbi Pitner
Nickelynn Withers

Sixth Grade
A Honor Roll
Terryn Autry
Brittany Dickerhoff
A-B Honor Roll
Travis Frey
David Kirk
Joel Lollar
Jordan Lollar
Whitney Payne
Ashton Smith

Seventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Brandon Crane
A-B Honor Roll
Thomas Henderson
Wesley Kellner
Justin Taylor

Eighth Grade
A Honor Roll
Amanda Calley
Chad Everton
Nathan Wilkins
A-B Honor Roll
Rusty Josey
April Lollar
Suzie Pendergrass
Jess Wall
Lindsey Wilson

Ninth Grade
A Honor Roll
Michael Allen
Colter Brown
Kali Clements
John Gainer
Michelle Nettles
Geoff Pinkerton
Celeigh Sterling
A-B Honor Roll
Eric Dickerhoff
Jeff Fine
Tyler Frey
Casey Kellner
Amanda Ramirez
Candace Sanchez
Amy Strong

Tenth Grade
A Honor Roll
Kendra Krop
Nathan Smith
Dani White
A-B Honor Roll
Jessie Green
Lecia Knight
Jase Olvera
Chet Stuart
Cade Tucker

Eleventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Davi Barnes
Morgan Clements
Mikanna Herring
Trey Shirley
Tosha Walker
A-B Honor Roll
Tara Allen
Jeremy Bowden
Shade Everton
Kristen Harless
Terry Jamison
Seth Sterling
Bryce Wilkins

Twelvth Grade
A Honor Roll
Jamee Goolsby
A-B Honor Roll
Jerek Brown
Korby Calley
Jenson Gainer
Katie Howard
Jose Juarez
Drew Wall
Richard Wilkins
Moses Williams

Hermleigh I.S.D.
4th Six Weeks

2nd Grade
A Honor Roll
JP Smith
Naomi Arellano
Dustin Dacus
Anthony Jones
Melanie Kariainen
Jose Rangel
Shawn Shankles
A-B Honor Roll
Vincent Mireles
Jacob Sanchez

3rd Grade
A Honor Roll
Marissa Davis
Lelan Shankles
Casey Williamson
A-B Honor Roll
Hanna Brooks
Jeremy Eaton
Sean McClure
Rustin Webb
Shaye Williams

4th Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Willie Berkley

5th Grade
A Honor Roll
Alicia Culp
K'Leigh Jackson
Brittany Kelley
A-B Honor Roll
Mike Barrera
Megan Kariainen
Brian Molina

6th Grade
A Honor Roll
Alana Culp
A-B Honor Roll
Samantha Berry
Johnathon McClure
Danni Webb

7th Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Shae Rinehart

8th Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Krystal Beasley
Toni Jackson
Justin Williamson

9th Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Terrel Culp
Maria Rangel

10th Grade
A Honor Roll
Sabrina Terry
A-B Honor Roll
Christopher Bilberry
Rocky Glover
Kendra Nachlinger
Mary Spruill
Cheyene Walker

11th Grade
A Honor Roll
Billy Lambaren
A-B Honor Roll
Sheena Callaway
Janet Eckert
Lori Eckert
Amber Harbin
Toni Martinez

12th Grade
A Honor Roll
Randi Herrington
Janna Hinz
A-B Honor Roll
Jared Higgins
Rocky Gill
Crystal Jackson
Tony Molina
Tiffanie Moore
Brandy Wood

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Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Burnell Hargrove, 2000 Chevrolet Tracker from Big Country Autoland.

Michael Todd Sorrells, 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Jerry Kruse, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Patterson Drilling, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Linda George, 2000 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Ernest Luna, 2000 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

Larry Purcell, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Richard and Susan Bruner, 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Wiser Co., two 2000 GMC pickups from Big Country Autoland.

Jerry Courson, 2000 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Gelco Corp. 2000 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Wayne and Margaret Glass, 2000 Ford pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Sammy Byrom, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Automotive Rentals, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Franklin and Sherry Bryant, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Mesquite Oil Co., 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Scott Morris, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Shirley Carthel, 2000 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

C.E. Reeder, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Jerry Champion, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Laredo Paving, 2000 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Rebecca S. Hudgins, 2000 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Filed in District Court

Roger Dale Weaver, independent executor of the estate of Dana Henderson, deceased, and Derek Freeman vs. Robert Thurman Henderson, suit for declaratory judgment.

David and Nila Harrell vs. Lois K. Eicke, suit for damages.

Action in District Court

Hermleigh ISD vs. Jimmy Ray Digby and Sherene Digby, et al, order of dismissal.

In the marriage of Dora Silva and Guadalupe Silva Jr., divorce granted.

In the marriage of Gwenora Sue Cumbie and Bobby Jack Cumbie, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Winslow S. Hill to Kevin M. and Carol E. Stanley, tract one being a 100 x 150-foot tract; tract two being the north one-half of a 100 x 150 foot tract; tract three being a 100 x150-foot tract; and tract four being the south one-half of a 100 x 100-foot tract; all in Section 484, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Lynn Fenton to Adalberto and Alfonsa Perez, Lots 2 and 3 in Block 6 of the Bootheland Addition.

Della Light to Morris L. Light, tract one being 193 acres out of the southwest corner of Section 244, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract two being 96.5 acres out of the west part of Section 244, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Bobby Jack Cumbie to Gwen Cumbie, the north one-half of Section 194, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Mary Sue Spires to The M.S. Spires Revocable Living Trust, Lot 10 in Block 6 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Mary Sue Spires to The M.S. Spires Revocable Living Trust, the west 105 feet of Lot 2 in Block 16 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Michael W. and Jeannie E. Tomlinson to Adalberto and Alfonsa Perez, the east 8.4 feet of Lot 7 and all of Lot 8 in Block 2 of the Sunrise Addition.

K.P. Lofton Jr. to Patricia Lofton, the west 188.8 acres out of the north one-half of Section 222, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Lynda Ann Robinson to Carroll Ann and Brian W. Spencer, Lot 10 in Block F of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Start kids early on tooth care

DEAR DR. GOTT: I would like to prevent my toddler from getting tooth decay. Do you have any suggestions?

DEAR READER: I don't, but the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry does. Here are their most recent recommendations:

— Don't put your child to sleep with a bottle.

— Avoid routine nocturnal breast feeding once the infant's first primary tooth begins to erupt.

— Encourage your toddler to drink from a cup as he or she approaches the first birthday. Total bottle-weaning should be completed by 14 months of age.

— Don't give juice in a bottle; use a cup instead.

— Institute oral hygiene measures once the teeth begin to erupt.

— Have your child seen by a dentist within 6 months of the first tooth eruption.

— Begin oral fluoride supplements between 6 months and 3 years, at the discretion of the dentist.

— Act as a role model with respect to your child's dental hygiene. Begin an oral dentifrice (and gentle brushing) around the age of 2.

— Restrict high-carbohydrate foods directly after the teeth have been brushed.

These easy steps, in conjunction with periodic visits to a dental professional, should help to eliminate childhood dental caries.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My husband is considering a vasectomy. What does the procedure entail? Is it dangerous?

DEAR READER: During a vasectomy, a surgeon cuts and clips the two tubes that transport sperm from the testicles. The procedure, which entirely is safe, can be performed in the office in a few minutes, under local anesthesia. Once sperm are prevented from leaving the body, a man becomes infertile, at least in theory. (Operative failures have been reported, as well as pregnancies when the man resumes unprotected intercourse too soon after vasectomy.) On occasion, post-operative bleeding can occur, leading to swelling and pain, but this is unusual. For most men, vasectomy offers a quick, painless and relatively inexpensive method of birth control that does not affect sexual interest or potency.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Contraception: An Update." 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.

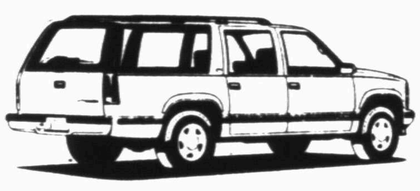
DEAR DR. GOTT: Because I have gas and frequent heartburn, my doctor recently tested me for H. pylori, the bacteria that cause peptic disease. The test was positive, so he prescribed a month of double-antibiotic therapy, and said that I needn't be re-tested after the course of treatment. Should I be re-tested?

DEAR READER: Not necessarily. A month of therapy should be more than enough to eradicate the intestinal infection. However, treatment failures do occur, so here is what I suggest:

See how you feel after the treatment. If your symptoms disappear, problem solved. On the other hand, if you again experience gas and indigestion, a re-test for H. pylori should be performed.

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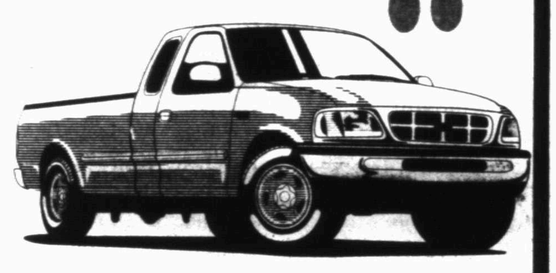
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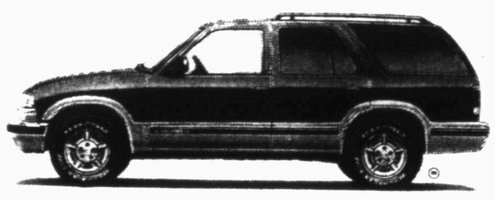
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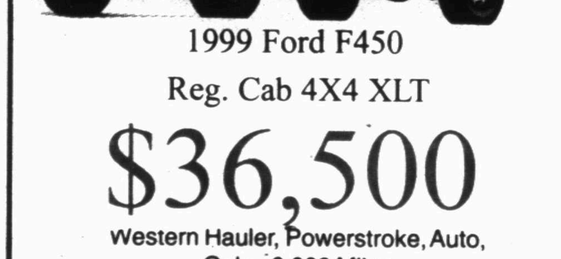
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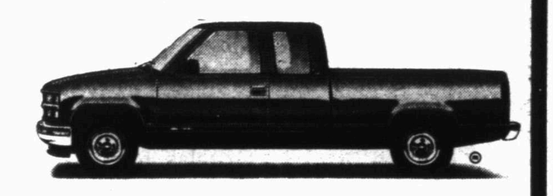
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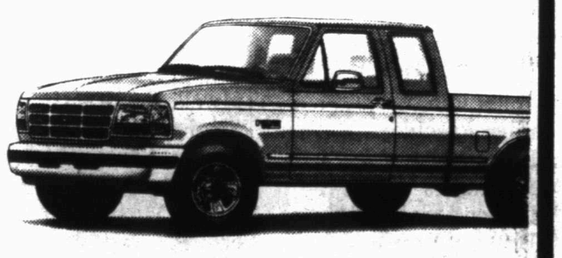
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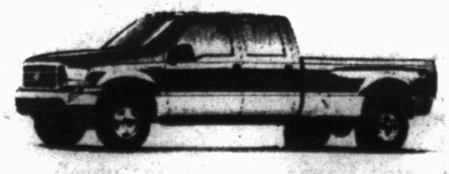
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