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Home Of Joyce May

Outlook varied as cotton seed goes in ground

Change a few words in singer Kenny Rogers' song, "The Gambler," and you'll know the situation Scurry County cotton farmers are in this year.

Instead of referring to cards when Rogers sings "You've got to know when to hold them, know when to fold them," — it's more appropriate locally to refer to putting cotton seed in the ground.

"Our farmers this year are at every end of the spectrum," said County Extension Agent Greg Gruben. "Some of the guys are going ahead and planting, while others are waiting."

Gruben said a lot of seed was planted last week, but others are waiting "just a little bit."

"Some of the farmers think there is some bad weather just ahead," said Gruben. "So they are waiting and hoping the hail storms hit before their cotton seed is in the ground."

Gruben said most of those farmers will plant in a week or 10 days — if the moisture is right.

"I think most of the dryland farmers are waiting. But by then, they may need additional moisture to plant."

"It's just a gamble," said Gruben.

"We're just going to have to wait and see what Mother Nature deals us," said Gruben.

Gruben did say that overall, Scurry County farmers are in better shape than last year.

"We didn't get any rainfall in May last year, so our rain this month has been a real blessing."

"We're still going to have to get a lot more to replenish what last year did to us," said Gruben.

If Scurry County and area farmers make a crop this year, a new weather station will be available to aid in what is termed, "precision crop management."

The station is located near the four-corner junction of Scurry, Nolan, Mitchell and Fisher counties.

Stephen Biles, extension agent in Nolan County and the pest management specialist for the counties, will put the information gathered from the weather station on a web page.

Information that will be available daily is rainfall, soil temperature at the depth of eight inches, wind speed and direction, air temperature, relative humidity and solar radiation.

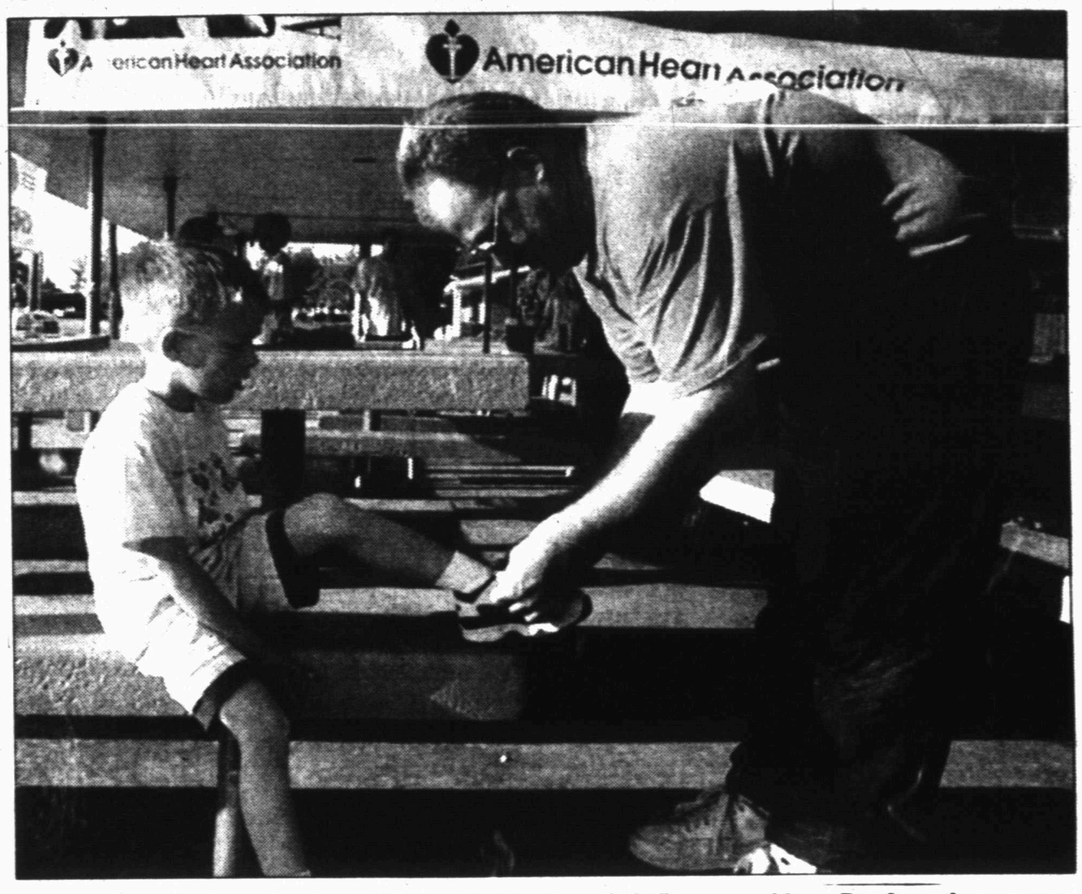
"This is going to be valuable to cotton farmers," said Biles.

"It will aid irrigation farmers as to when to irrigate, and dryland farmers, as well, by providing a wide range of information," added Biles.

"It will help make decisions as to when to stop spraying for insects, and proper defoliation time," he added.

Biles said the web site is expected to be in place and functional with the weather station by June 1.

It can be accessed at nolan-ext.tamu.edu.



GETTING READY — Sterling Williams ties the shoe of his five-year-old son Brady as they prepare to participate in the Scurry County American Heart Walk Saturday morning. The walk benefits the American Heart Association. (SDN Staff Photo)

Junior leaders...

Deadline Monday for course

Monday is the deadline to sign up for Snyder Chamber of Commerce's "Junior Leaders of Tomorrow" course.

The course, designed for area students ages 3rd grade through high school, is slated June 1-4 and June 7.

Cost of the leadership training course is $55 per person and this includes a certification of completion for each participant, a t-shirt and an awards luncheon.

If there is more than one child per family, a savings of $10 will be offered to each additional child after the first has paid full price.

Included in the course are daily field trips to Snyder's most popular tourist attractions as well as city and government offices.

One of the highlights of the course is a demonstration by Sweetwater Jaycees on handling and avoiding rattlesnakes — what to do if you come upon one, get bitten by one or if someone you know is harmed by one.

Youth will also have the opportunity to observe the day-to-day occurrences at the Scurry County Courthouse, including sitting in on an actual trial in juvenile court, according to Chamber Manager Donna Fowler.

A full itinerary is available when registering.

To register, call the chamber at 573-3558 or stop by the office at 2302 Avenue R.

SHS awards ceremony set Monday night

Snyder High School's annual awards ceremony is set for Monday evening in Worsham Auditorium.

Among those recognized will be the top ten percent in each class, A and A-B honor roll students and students receiving departmental awards.

Valedictorian and salutatorian will not be named until after final exams.

The ceremony will begin at 7 p.m.

WTC trustees to meet Monday

Western Texas College board of trustees will meet in special session at 7:15 a.m. Monday with one item of business.

The board will meet in executive session to discuss hiring a Golf Landscape Technolgy Instructor and Golf Course/Grounds Superintendent.

According to WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek, trustees are expected to take action after reconvening in open session.

Serves 24 years...

Yorgesen ends CRMWD tenure

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

Although the years have presented their fair share of challenges and changes for the Colorado River Municipal Water District, Russell Yorgesen said his time served on the board of directors has been a civic service he has enjoyed.

"It has been a very pleasant board to serve on," said Yorgesen, who is ending his tenure after almost 24 years.

"Through all the years, I have never known any case in which one of the board members took a position which showed a personal axe to grind. It has been a very impressive group of men to serve with."

Yorgesen said he has seen lots of changes over the years — with the biggest ones being the addition of Lake O.H. Ivie and the installation of a pipeline from Lake Ivie to the Midland/Odessa storage terminal.

Lake Ivie, fed by the Colorado and Concho rivers, is about 60 miles south of Abilene and covers the corners of Runnels, Coleman and Concho counties.

Groundbreaking for the project began in May of 1987 and river water began flowing into the reservoir in the fall of 1989.

Currently Ivie is at 72.46 percent of capacity — making it by far the most abundant water source in the district followed by Lake E.V. Spence in a distant second at 13.64 percent of capacity and Lake J.B. Thomas lagging at 4.57 percent of capacity.

"I don't know how we would satisfy the needs of the district without Lake Ivie," Yorgesen said.

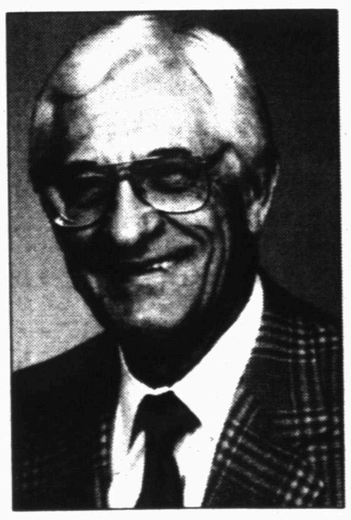
Lake Spence is located west of Robert Lee and Lake Thomas, southwest of Snyder.

Although Mother Nature has presented a prime challenge — in the form of a lengthy drought — Yorgesen said there have been other challenges for the CRMWD.

"Our efforts to get the permit for Lake Ivie were resisted with a great effort by other factions," he said, declining to discuss the issue in more than general terms.

Yorgesen credits the admi-

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Russell Yorgesen

Local efforts continue for victims of tornado

Snyder continues with efforts to aid victims of the Oklahoma tornadoes as the 37th Street Church of Christ is receiving funds to be forwarded to the Churches of Christ National Disaster Relief Fund.

The fund is able to buy $3 to $4 worth of supplies with every $1 donation, and then the items, such as water, food and cleaning supplies, are pre-packaged for easy distribution.

"The fund also supplies needs such as furniture, beds and appliances," said Homer Anderson, minister of the church.

The First Church of the Nazarene has also made contributions through its "Ethel Fund" — named for church member Ethel Herrington.

Snyder's First Baptist Church continues to accept monetary contributions to be forwarded to the Red Cross.

Checks should be made out to the American Red Cross, and brought to the church office at 1701 27th St.

Persons needing additional information may call the church office at 573-2631.

The Scurry County Ministerial Alliance continues to coordinate local efforts to collect items to be forwarded to the Oklahoma City area.

Donations of brooms, rakes, dust pans, bottled water, non-perishable foods, bleach, hand can openers, blankets, sheets, towels, flashlights & batteries, diapers and personal hygiene items are being accepted at Wal-Mart and Lawrence IGA.

The local ministerial alliance will distribute the items through the Urban Ministries of Oklahoma City.

WTC sign-up begins May 26 for summer

Summer registration at Western Texas College will begin Wednesday, May 26.

Registration that morning will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 7 p.m.

Students may also register May 27 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 5 p.m.

In addition, registration will continue June 1 between the hours of 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 7:30 p.m.

Classes toward an associate degree in a variety of liberal arts and pre-professional fields are offered, along with vocational programs in computerized business technology, welding, criminal justice, golf and landscape technology and licensed vocational nursing.

Other available classes include scuba diving, introduction to computing, business and professional speech, legal aspects of law enforcement, and U.S. History.

These are just a few of the many courses included in the summer schedule.

To obtain a schedule, call toll-free at 1-888-GO TO WTC (468-6982) or 573-8511.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "A mid-life crisis is when you realize your kids and your clothes are about the same age."

Bob Dole has become a spokesman for Viagra. It'll be interesting who'll be the star touting a new miracle cure to stop the aging process.

It came in the mail a few days ago — a news release announcing "the most revolutionary breakthrough in medical science in the past 50 years."

The news release was quick to point out that the new aging cure is not a drug, but an all-natural human growth hormone therapy.

Well, it caught our attention and we squinted through the bifocals to learn more.

"The overall deterioration of the body...is not inevitable. We now realize that some aspects of it can be prevented or reversed."

At this point, we're more interested in the reversal process. The news release claims that the findings are based on more than 2,000 clinical studies.

The news release from Dallas claims the treatment has been available for 15 years or so, but only the very wealthy could afford it as it could cost $15,000 to $20,000 annually.

For only $69.96 plus almost seven bucks for shipping, Life Enhancement Resources will ship you a month's supply from their fountain of youth.

Here's just a few of the claims in the news release:

Reduces wrinkles by thickened skin, decreases body fat, restores hair lost, increases energy, improves vision, memory and immune functions, elevates mood, increases cardiac output and increased sexual function.

It may put Bob Dole out of work.

There is one down side, however. The news release makes it clear that Bio High works best on an empty stomach.

Nobody wants to live longer — if you can't eat.

Aging reminds us of the story about the rich 80-year-old who married a gorgeous 20-year-old blonde.

The guys at the coffee shop wanted to know how he pulled it off.

"Told her I was 90."

ASK US

Q—I heard someone bought a $20,000 scratch-off ticket in Snyder last week. Is it true?

A—A clerk at Allsup's said a customer told her he had a $20,000 ticket, but it has not been redeemed at the Lubbock or Abilene lottery offices as of yet.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 95 degrees; low, 67; 7 a.m. Saturday, 69; no precipitation; total for 1999, 5.57 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night partly cloudy. Low 60-65. S wind 10-20 mph. Sunday partly cloudy. High, mid 90s. S-SW wind 15-25 mph, gusty.



Nicole Means
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Sunset:
8:33 p.m.
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6:47 a.m.
Of 134 days in 1999, the sun has shone 127 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Everything is sweetened by risk."

Alexander Smith

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Parental notification passed by committee

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislation requiring that parents be notified before their minor daughters get abortions was endorsed Friday by a House panel.

Under the bill, which already passed the Senate, minors would have to notify their parents or get permission from a judge before having an abortion.

"This is an important step in the process and I look forward to signing a strong parental notification bill," said Gov. George W. Bush.

The House State Affairs Committee had OK'd another version of the legislation, which had been scheduled for a vote by the full chamber Tuesday.

But after several delays it was postponed until Friday — an act which effectively killed it under legislative rules.

That bill by Rep. Patricia Gray, D-Galveston, faced opposition both from Democrats who don't like the idea of parental notification and from conservatives who said the bill wasn't restrictive enough.

Ms. Gray's bill would have given girls more opportunities to bypass the requirements, such as notifying an adult relative of the pending medical procedure.

After that bill failed Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, began working on a substitute to the Senate legislation that only included judicial bypass.

"I was looking for a bill that, number one, could get out of committee and, number two, be a bill so that members who want to vote for this bill know that they're voting for a strong parental notification bill," said committee chair Wolens.

Under the so-called judicial bypass, a judge would decide whether the girl was mature and well informed enough to make the decision to get an abortion, or whether an abortion was in her best interest.

Wolens said he wasn't satisfied with this portion of the bill.

"I would have personally liked having a relative bypass," he said. With that added to the bill, the girl could notify a close relative — like a grandmother or aunt or uncle — instead of a parent.

The court system is not a good place for minors — especially pregnant ones, he said.

"If that were the situation in my family, I would want my daughter to tell my mother because my mother is going to say 'Honey, don't do it, go tell your parents, I will go with you'," Wolens said.

The legislation also says that a doctor who performs an abortion without parental notification would be committing a misdemeanor. The doctor could perform an emergency abortion only if the girl was in medical danger, Wolens said.

The parental notification bill is SB30. Rep. Gray's bill is HB5.

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SNYDER EMS CREW — Snyder EMS employees are from left, back row, Billy Evans, Snuffy Canon, Brent Taylor, Clayton Riley, Dr. Marcia Odal, Perry Westmoreland; middle row, James Walker, Gary Poe, Sterling Williams, Philip Kincheloe, Kyle Haley, Pat Guynes; front row, Tammy Shirley, Penny Roberson, Cindy Josey, Stacy Haley, Kristi Cox, Mary Stinson. Not pictured: Lori Kincheloe, dispatcher; Toby Ducheneaux, Cy Posey, Charles Kittles. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Hate crimes bill dies in Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — Although senators say they were close, they failed to reach a compromise over the bill named for a black man dragged to his death in Jasper last June.

The James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Act died after nine hours of backroom negotiations. When a deal had not been struck by 9 p.m. Friday — three hours before the deadline to pass bills out of Senate committees — lawmakers called it quits.

"James Byrd Jr. is probably turning in his grave tonight," said Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas. "He cannot rest, and we should not rest, until Byrd and his family can bring closure to this issue."

The Byrd Act, which would have strengthened Texas' hate crimes law, spared Republican Gov. George W. Bush from making a decision on an issue he long has avoided discussing.

Bush has refused to say how he would handle the bill, but has said he believes stiff sentences are warranted for all crimes regardless of the motivation. He also has pointed out that Texas already has a hate crimes law on the books, which critics say is too vague to enforce.

Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said the governor's office "offered some ideas in an effort to break the stalemate on this sensitive issue" within the past couple of days.

Republican Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, who played mediator in some of Friday's talks, said he kept Bush up to date throughout the process. Perry said at one point, he thought a deal had been reached.

"I told him (Bush) we had come to a deal," Perry said. "And he asked me to ask Rodney (bill sponsor Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston) to take it."

The Byrd Act has been the Legislature's most contentious issue, pitting Democrats against Republicans in the Senate. It drew national attention and even endorsement from President Clinton and Democrat presidential hopeful Bill Bradley.

Some Democrat lawmakers pointed to Bush's own White House ambitions as one reason the bill failed.

"The problem is, as much as Governor Bush says he wants to wait 'til the end of session to conduct the campaign, it's going on," said Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston.

Under the bill passed last month by a bipartisan House, a hate crime would have been defined as one motivated by the victim's race, ethnicity, gender, disability, religion or sexual preference.

After talks ended with no compromise, lawmakers said those categories were the major sticking point. Republicans said it was unfair to put a "premium" on some people's lives over others'.

"I have always believed that what we are doing here is dividing people rather than bringing them together," said Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano.

Whitmire said the sexual preference category halted the process.

"You could take sexual orientation out, and, in my judgment, it could come flying out of the committees and onto the floor to be debated — and it would pass," he said.

The James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Act is HB938.

National EMS Week is slated

National EMS Week will be observed Monday through Sunday. This year's theme is "The Vital Link."

Snyder EMS employs five full time and 16 part time employees, including 13 paramedics, three intermediate and five basic technicians.

They have to recertify every three years.

They answer about 2,000 calls a year and cover Scurry County's 900 square miles including the Price Daniel Unit.

Snyder EMS has four ambulances, all mobile intensive care capable, and one first response vehicle.

EMS rescue teams work in cooperation with Snyder's Fire Department.

Local employees include Perry Westmoreland, chief and EMT-P; Stacy Haley, EMT-P; Kristi Cox, EMT-P; Albert Canon, EMT-1; James Walker, EMT-P; Brent Taylor, EMT; Penny Roberson, EMT-P; Toby Ducheneaux, EMT-1; Cy Posey, EMT.

Others are Charles Kittles, EMT; Sterling Williams, EMT-P; Clayton Riley, EMT; Gary Poe, EMT-1; Phillip Kincheloe, EMT; Tammy Shirley, EMT-P; Billy Evans, EMT-P; Randy Davis, EMT-P; Lori Kincheloe, dispatcher; Pat Guynes, EMT-P; Cindy Josey, EMT-P; Kyle Haley, EMT-P; Mary Stinson, EMT-P.

Suspect tries to kill himself

CONROE (AP) — The man suspected of abducting and killing a Montgomery College student attempted suicide in his jail cell, authorities said Friday.

Larry Ray Swearingen, charged with capital murder in the Dec. 8 killing of Melissa Trotter, was rushed to Conroe Regional Medical Center around 8 p.m. Wednesday, just after slashing his wrist and arm, officials said.

Montgomery County Sheriff Guy Williams told the Conroe Courier Swearingen's wounds would have been "life-threatening" had he not received immediate medical care.

A deputy jailer making rounds heard noise coming from the cell Swearingen was in and investigated. After finding the 27-year-old bleeding heavily, he called medical workers, who treated the man until paramedics arrived.

Swearingen was treated at a hospital and later released.

Williams said Swearingen used a piece of a razor blade to cut himself. Under state law, inmates receive disposable safety razors daily.

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Hermleigh girl's project chosen for fractal workshop

Elizabeth Beckham's fractal project, which won a second place ribbon in the demonstration of math principle category at the recent Big Country Math fair, will be used in a conference in Dallas this summer.

The Conference for the Advancement of Mathematics Teaching will be held July 12-14. Kathy Hale of Region XIV Service Center in Abilene will be teaching the fractal workshop.

Hale recently told Elizabeth, a student at Hermleigh High School, "I was truly impressed by your work and will be very proud to share your work with teachers from around the state at our conference this summer.

"Can you tell me how you generated your drawn fractals. They matched the natural ones so very well. You displayed a wonderful understanding of the concept."

This is Elizabeth's explanation:

"A fractal deals with shapes of infinite detail, such as the branching of a river or the branching of trees and plants. There are all different properties and characteristics of fractals, the most important being self-similarity.

"The characteristic of self-similarity means that the original branching pattern is repeated as the branching continues. Each part of my fractal drawing illustrates self-similarity in that the shapes amd patterns are reiterated. I chose to use a common weed to demonstrate how a fractal pattern occurs in nature.

"While a weed does not seem to have any connection with geometry, my drawing of the weed in fractal symbols illustrates the self-similarity as each stem branches off another stem of the same shape.

"By simply drawing the same shape repeatedly, as the stems occurred on the weed, I was able to create a geometric (fractal) "picture" of the weed I picked up from the ground."

Elizabeth is a student in Judith Finley's geometry class.



FRACTAL PROJECT — A fractal project by Elizabeth Beckham of Hermleigh High School will be included in a CAMT seminar in July. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Second dragging death trial moved

HOUSTON (AP) — The trial of the second defendant in the dragging death of a black man was ordered moved Friday from Jasper to the city of Bryan, 140 miles away.

The judge in the case previously decided to move the trial out of Jasper at the request both the defense and the prosecution. The defense argued that people in Jasper, where the crime took place, may be inclined to convict the defendant to salvage the town's image.

Jury selection will begin in early August for the trial of Lawrence Russell Brewer.

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OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST — Hilary Boyd (right), the newest member of Prime Rehab staff, demonstrates equipment to Nicki Riggs. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Occupational therapist to speak

Hilary Boyd, licensed occupational therapist, Prime Rehab Wellness and Development Center, will be guest speaker at the next Parkinson's Disease Community Support Group meeting on May 18 at Cogdell Hospital.

Her program, "Skills for the Job of Living," will present many practical pointers for Parkinson's patients and their caregivers.

Boyd, the newest member of the Prime Rehab staff, has a strong background in her chosen profession. In 1984, she obtained a bachelor of science degree, with a major in physiology, from the University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada; a bachelor of physical and health education degree in 1986 from Queen's University, Kingston, Canada; and a degree in occupational therapy in 1991 from the University of Toronto.

Her clinical experience includes staff occupational therapist at facilities in Mineral Wells and Eastland, as well as several traveling assignments, where she provided evaluation and treatment for patients with a variety of orthopedic, cardiac and neurological diagnoses.

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Unknown sewage splattering lake

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Maybe it's a bird, maybe it's a plane. But it is certainly sewage.

And it's no joke in the Salt Lake Valley, where gobs of thick, raw sewage have fallen from the sky a dozen times since April 9, soiling as many as seven houses at once.

Neighbors are pointing fingers at aircraft, but the Federal Aviation Administration says commercial jets aren't designed to jettison sewage. A biplane was spotted before one attack, but federal agents said the tip didn't pan out.

Sheriff's deputies are studying "splatter patterns" and firefighters are hosing down houses. Prosecutors have assigned an investigator to the case and authorities are issuing stern warnings.

"It has never been funny," said Mayor Janice Auger of hard-hit suburban Taylorsville. "The experience is really gross. The smell is terrible. This is a health issue. There's a lot of diseases in fecal matter."

"It is feces, but they can't tell if it's animal or human," sheriff's Capt. Lee Smith said of the first lab tests on the foul emissions.

The initial strikes have spawned crude, ground-launched copycats, and edgy residents are reporting even minor bird droppings on their cars.

Tom Perkins says it would take a "600-pound pigeon with diarrhea" to produce the coverage that prompted his son to ask, "Dad, what's all the mud doing on the house?"

It took 500 gallons of water and 30 gallons of bleach to clean the home that is 2,000 feet below a flight path where jets glide at 200 mph toward Salt Lake City International Airport.

Judge strikes police quotas

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Racial quotas used by Memphis police to promote black officers for more than two decades have been ruled unconstitutional by a federal judge.

U.S. District Judge Jerome Turner set a June 30 hearing to determine how much money should be awarded to white officers who were denied promotions because of the quotas.

The city began using a quota system in the early 1970s under pressure from the U.S. Justice Department to try to remedy past discrimination against black officers. More than 100 white officers sued in 1989 and 1990 after they were passed over for promotion.

In 1996, the city created race-neutral tests to measure job-related abilities.

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Anna Rosinska, M.D.
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Your Birthday

Sunday, May 16, 1999

Look for the year ahead to be more active than usual for you socially with several new friends coming into your life. You also could find yourself involved in more spontaneous events.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your cheerful ways today will not only please others but work for your ultimate benefit. Those whose lives you brighten will, in turn, want to light up yours. Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Although this might not be a work day for you, there are strong indications that you could profit materially through some unusual manner. What you gain will have a permanency about it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Perhaps beginning today, a series of exciting developments could be in store for you that will turn what you considered dull in your life into eventful circumstances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) From out of nowhere, something or someone could intervene on your behalf today, turning several iffy situations in which you've been involved into lucrative ventures.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An exciting new project that is definitely worth exploring may capture your attention today. You'll readily recognize its promising, long term potential.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The possibilities for fulfillment of your goals look exceptionally good today. Devote as much time and effort as you can on one of your most ambitious objectives.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Although you must not ignore necessary mundane tasks or chores today, you could bring out your championship qualities by getting into things that challenge your resourcefulness.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Look for something advantageous to develop for you at this time involving either your business or personal affairs that is work related in some manner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Seek out partners today to do that which would be better accomplished with a competent ally. You'll have no trouble finding pals who'll team up with you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Whatever transpires today could happen very suddenly and require an instant response on your part, but don't hesitate because it will be something beneficial.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A social happening is in the making today and chances are you'll be part of it. Your two-cents worth will help contribute to the success of the plans.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There's a good chance you could profit from a strange set of circumstances today. These unique influences will have a direct affect upon your basic requirements and material security.

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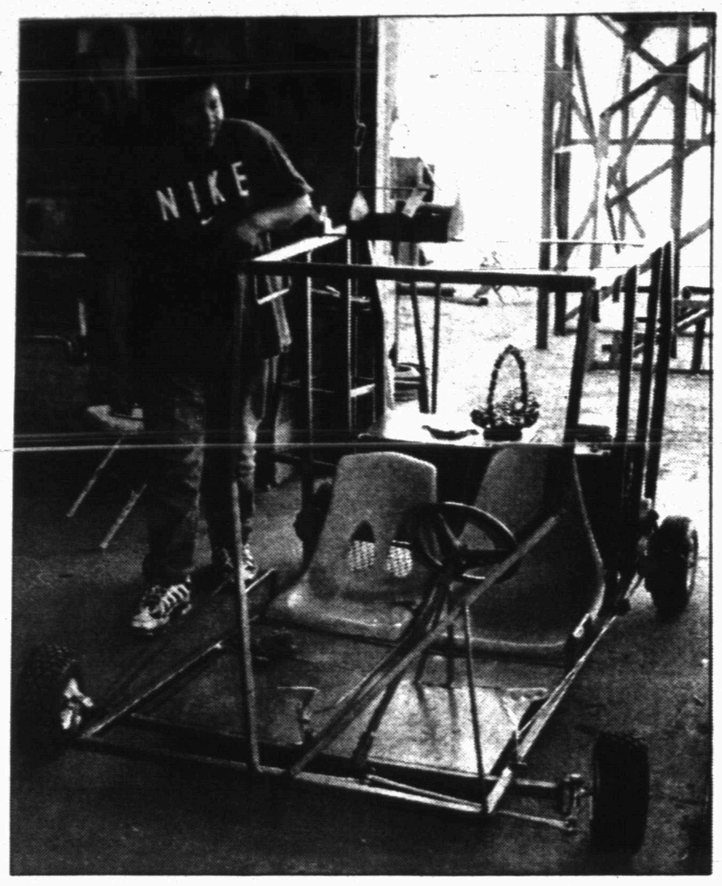
Monday, May 17, 1999

Set achievable goals and stick to your blue print in the year ahead. Biting off more than you can chew or getting off course could diminish your achievements.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) I shouldn't have to tell you to stiffen your back and dig in when it comes to challenges, yet today you might need this bit of advice. This is not the time to slack off. Major changes are ahead for Taurus in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-

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ENTER PROJECTS — Saul Pena, Snyder High School ninth grader, recently entered these items in the state technology contest in Waco. They include a go cart, lock, tool box, screw driver and rent sign. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

IT students win awards

Snyder High School industrial technology students won awards during the May 6-8 state contest in Waco.

Metal winners included:

—Saul Pena, four first places; second place, two third places.

—John Hall: second place, two third places.

—Jacob Martinez: first place; two second places; third place.

Drafting winners included:

—Jose Esparza, first place; three second places.

—Jacob Martinez, first place; two second places.

Whitney Owen: four second places.

Woods winners included:

—Jared Boyd: first place.

—Tyler Hunter: second place.

—Josh Hall: second place.

Instructors are Dewey Farley, metals and drafting; and Sam Huffman, woods.

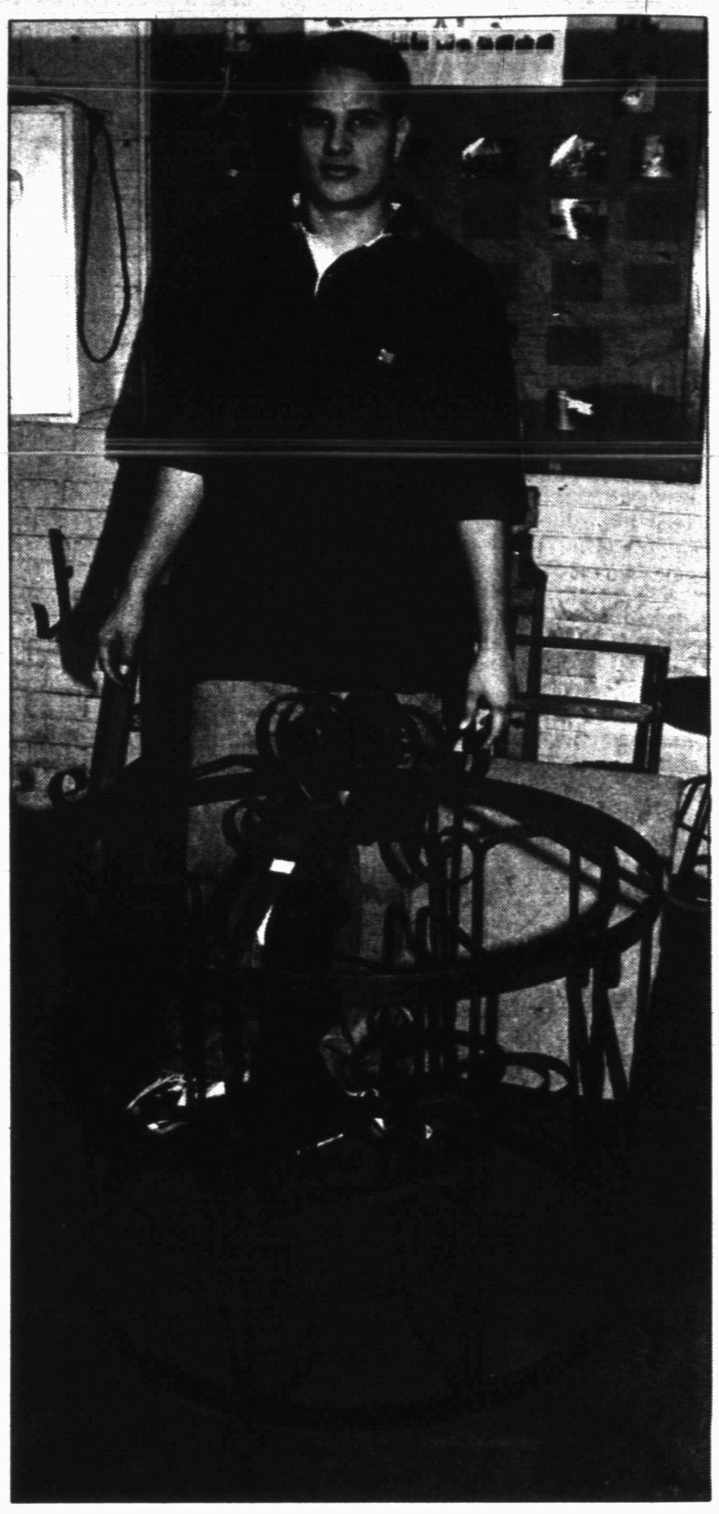
Local 4-H'ers garner awards

Scurry County 4-H'ers competed in the district contest at Levelland, winning both team and individual awards.

Individual winners included Tess Gruben, 2nd high individual in reasons; Tatum Gruben, 2nd place in class placings and 2nd place in the overall contest.

The county team was second overall in placing and third overall in the contest.

Team members include Jenna Neff, Alex Urias, Tatum Gruben and Tess Gruben.



SECOND PLACE — Jacob Martinez, Snyder High School junior, entered four projects in the state technology contest in Waco. This flower pot holder earned second place. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Immunity waved

FAIRFAX, Va. (AP) — Sen. Robert C. Byrd, the proud guardian of the historic rights and privileges of the Senate, has waived congressional immunity and offered to face the consequences for causing a fender-bender.

The 81-year-old West Virginia Democrat told prosecutors that he doesn't want special treatment in connection with the May 7 accident.

He could be fined an amount to be determined by a judge.

Mom kills her children and herself

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A woman who suffered hallucinations and thought everyone was out to get her shot her three children to death, then killed herself.

The bodies of the children, ages 4, 5 and 7, were found on a bed Thursday evening. Their mother, 28-year-old Tonya Avery, lay dead on the floor nearby. All four had been killed with shotgun blasts.

Police spokesman Don Aaron said Ms. Avery had left what appeared to be a suicide note. He would not disclose what it said.

Albert Davis, Ms. Avery's father, said she had been exhibiting signs of mental illness in recent months.

"She just started seeing and hearing things and everything, and thought that everybody was against her and thought that she was going to die," he said. "I just never thought it would come to this."

Police were called to the home when a neighbor noticed that the home was unusually quiet and its front porch light had been on all day.

The idea that fat people are jolly can be found as early as Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," which describes a lean and hungry Cassius as one who "thinks too much: such men are dangerous."

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China got secrets on most major U.S. weapons

WASHINGTON (AP) — A congressional report on two decades of spying discloses that China conducted at least six neutron bomb tests and obtained secrets about seven major weapons in the U.S. nuclear arsenal, say government officials who have seen the classified study.

The report by a select House committee chaired by Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., says China performed its last test of the high-radiation neutron bomb in 1988 but that its aggressive spying continued throughout the 1990s, the officials told The Associated Press on Friday.

The Cox report is being declassified and will be released publicly later this month. Officials who have seen it say it provides a sweeping history of China's efforts to obtain classified U.S. technology from the late 1970s through the 1990s.

"The headline will be that the extent of Chinese nuclear theft is much broader than has been previously revealed," said one official, who like others demanded anonymity. "The report asserts that the Chinese have acquired sensitive design information on virtually the entire current U.S. nuclear arsenal."

While much of China's gains of U.S. nuclear secrets were in the 1980s when Republicans controlled the White House, the report cites evidence that Beijing gained U.S. neutron bomb technology as early as the 1970s and continued aggressive spying throughout this decade.

President Clinton has acknowledged that security at the Energy Department nuclear weapons labs remained lax well into his watch. He began ordering extensive steps to improve security last year.

According to the officials, the Cox report discloses that the Chinese:

—Acquired in the mid-1990s U.S. secrets about a high-tech weapon developed during the Star Wars missile defense program that uses electromagnetic waves to propel objects like missiles or shells. U.S intelligence ascertained that China had obtained the technology about the so-called rail gun, but they could not tell from where in the United States it was obtained.

—Obtained some sensitive nuclear weapons information in 1995, according to an intelligence report that could not determine the source of the leak. An investigation is continuing.

—Obtained in 1980 part of a missile guidance system called the accelerometer. U.S. intelligence ascertained that the Chinese did reverse engineering to develop their own version of the part.

Contacted Friday night, both Cox and White House officials said it would be inappropriate to comment on the committee's findings while they are still being declassified.

"Obviously we take the issue of protecting our most sensitive information seriously. We look forward to working with the committee in a bipartisan spirit to address their recommendations," National Security Council spokesman David Leavy said.

Before Friday, U.S. officials had disclosed only that they suspected China had obtained secret information about the submarine-based W-88 Trident warhead, the neutron bomb and some re-entry vehicles for multiple warhead weapons.

The Cox report discloses that U.S. intelligence indicates Beijing has obtained secrets about seven U.S. nuclear weapons, including the W-56, W-62, W-76, W-78 and W-87 nuclear warheads, the officials said.

The W-87 warhead sits atop the MX Peacekeeper missile, one of America's most sophisticated weapons. The W-62 and W-78 warheads are used on Minuteman III long-range missiles, another key component of the U.S. nuclear arsenal. The W-56 and W-88 warheads arm the submarine-based Trident missiles.

Intelligence officials say the technology gains China made through spying enabled it to develop nuclear weapons similar to the United States, substantially updating an arsenal that just a few years ago trailed America's by decades.

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"PowerNight" is a ministry of the Nations Church International located at 850 Paint Rock Road in San Angelo.

Local sponsors are the Rivers of Living Water Ministry, pastored by Dan and Vera Ubando. The ministry is located at 2301 Ave. G.

Admission to "PowerNight" is free. For more information call 573-1933.

Ruben Ramirez began his ministry at the age of 16. After Bible School, he ministered under two pastors for 14 years.

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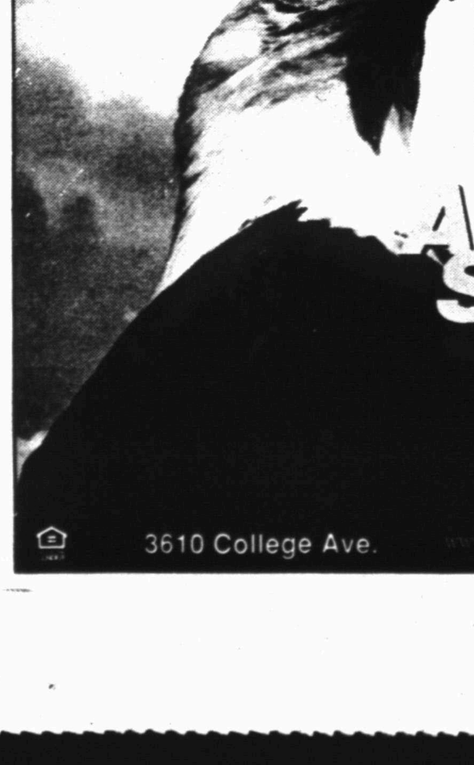
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SJHS techology students garner several state awards

Snyder Junior High School's technology students traveled to Waco this past weekend to compete in the Technology Student Association State competition.

Those placing with a project in their division were Tyler Pollard, first; Daniel Gutierrez, first; Matthew Stokes, first; Ricardo Madera, second; John Nobles, first; Justin Boyd, two second places and third place.

The students also competed in the graphic solution contest in which they have to graphically design a solution to a specific problem. Those placing in this contest were Trey Roland, second place; Tyler Pollard, third; Justin Boyd, fourth; and John Nobles, sixth. He also paced seventh in the written exam competition.

The students also built a dresser which received first in its division and best overall project at the competition.

Garbo's ashes to be interred

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Greta Garbo's ashes will be interred in the city of her birth.

The reclusive film star died in New York City in 1990 at age 84. She was cremated and the ashes have been kept at a New York mortuary while her niece and sole heir, Gray Reisfield, decided what to do with them.

She has decided on Skogskyrkogaarden, the cemetery in Stockholm where Garbo's parents are buried, she said in a statement Friday.

The ashes will be interred June 17 after a small private ceremony in a cemetery chapel.



WINS DRESSER — Tina Roland won this dresser which was built by Bill Bell's technology students at Snyder Junior High School. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



ANNUAL PRODUCTION — Judy's Dance Studio will present its annual production, "On My Way," at 7 p.m. Saturday at Worsham Auditorium. Senior cast members shown include Michael Gibson, Jesse Haines, Mark Haines, Emily Vinson, Anna Hannan, Kendall Brewster, Whitney Graham, Kevin Taylor, Brandon McCraw, Tera Kincaid, Mayu Shintaku, Valery Haines. Wil Hardin is not pictured. (Contributed Photo)

Financial Focus

Consider Some Smart Savings Strategies for College

For some time now, we've enjoyed low inflation. But it hasn't disappeared from the scene -- especially on college campuses. With annual price increases of 5 percent or more for the past several years, the cost of a college education has shot way up--and it's still climbing.

In fact, if college costs continue to climb at their recent pace, in 18 years you can expect to pay approximately $72,000 for four years at a public school, and $185,000 for a private school.

How can you meet these costs? Here are some suggestions:

SET REALISTIC GOALS. Try to estimate how much money you'll need for college. Then, calculate the annual rate of return you'll need to achieve on your savings and investments in order to reach your goal. But don't overestimate your expenses -- you don't have to come up with the entire amount required for college. Generally speaking, if you can save at least one-third of the total college costs, you and your child should be able to make up the rest through loans or campus jobs.

SAVE EARLY AND SAVE OFTEN. Consider starting a disciplined investment plan when your child is still a baby. By giving yourself 18 years to save, you can put away relatively small sums each month and still meet your objectives.

SAVE IN YOUR OWN NAME. You may be tempted to put college savings in your children's names to take advantage of their lower tax rates. But these tax benefits could be overshadowed by the potential loss of financial aid. In calculating financial aid packages, colleges usually expect children to spend one-third of their own savings for college costs each year. However, most schools require parents to contribute only about 6 percent of their savings.

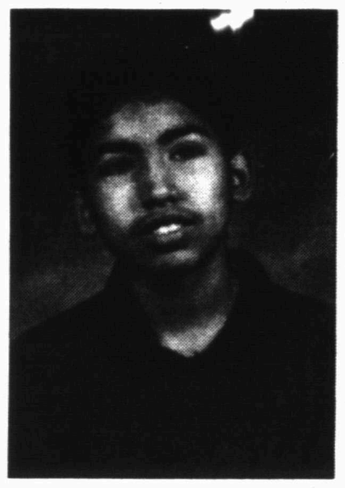
INVEST FOR GROWTH. Far too many families save for college by investing entirely in short-term interest-bearing accounts, such as savings accounts, CDs and money-market funds. Although these investments might seem safe, they will likely lose ground to inflation over time. If you really want your money to grow, build a well-diversified portfolio that includes long-term and zero coupon bonds as well as individual stocks and stock mutual funds. Long-term and zero coupon bonds pay better rates than short-term savings and guarantee your principal if held to maturity. Stocks historically have shown a much higher rate of return than any other investment.

EXPLORE GOVERNMENT-BACKED SAVINGS PROGRAMS. Recent tax law changes have opened up some new avenues for college savings. You can now contribute to an education IRA, which allows you to make tax-free withdrawals for college. Other government programs include the Hope Scholarship with offers tax credits of up to $1,500 a year for the first two years of college, and the Lifetime Learning Credit, which can amount to $1,000 a year. (You can't claim both the Hope Scholarship and the Lifetime Credit in the same year.)

BE PREPARED. College costs can be daunting. But by taking the proper steps, you will be financially prepared for the "big day" -- when those first bills come due.



Whitney Sue Jones



Isaac Sanchez

Two named All-American

Two Snyder Junior High School students have been named All-American Scholars by the United States Achievement Academy.

They include Whitney Sue Jones and Isaac Sanchez.

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

Jones has also received a National Award in mathematics.

Jones is the daughter of Wayne and Cynthia Jones of Snyder. Grandparents include Skinny and Norma Sue Chapman of Snyder and the late Pat Jones and J.R. and Wanda Jones of Snyder.

Isaac is the son of Jose and Adela Sanchez of Snyder. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rocha of Poth and Mr. and Mrs. Jose Sanchez Sr. of Dimmitt.

DNA tests slated for 'extinct' fish

WASHINGTON (AP) — Advances in genetic technology will allow scientists to determine whether a fish already declared extinct is still alive after all, a government scientist said Friday.

The blue pike, once Lake Erie's most popular catch, was declared extinct in 1983, having been virtually wiped out by the late 1950s because of over-fishing. But a close relative, the walleye, is still around.

Recently, a blue-colored fish closely resembling the blue pike started appearing in smaller lakes in Canada. The U.S. government will use genetic testing to determine whether those specimens are truly the blue pike, or whether they are a grayish form of the walleye, or perhaps a hybrid.

"It's an intriguing question," said Mary Burnham-Curtis, a fishery biologist at the U.S. Geological Survey's Great Lakes Science Center.

Scientists have long suspected a link between the blue pike and the walleye and in fact generally classify the two as subsets of the same species. The main difference appears to be in color, which could result either from genetics or environmental factors.

Ms. Burnham-Curtis said genetic techniques developed within the past decade would help determine the cause and extent of the differences and help scientists identify the newly collected specimens.

Preliminary DNA tests will be completed within four months, with additional analysis conducted for at least eight months more, Ms. Burnham-Curtis said.

Genetic samples from blue pike museum samples will be compared with current and museum samples from the new fish, the walleye and a third relative, the sauger.

7 p.m. Saturday...

Judy's Dance Studio sets annual program

Judy's Dance Studio will present its annual production, "On My Way," at 7 p.m. Saturday at Worsham Auditorium.

Senior cast members include Michael Gibson as Brad; Jesse Haines, Joe; Mark Haines, Jake; Emily Vinson, producer; Anna Hannan, director; Kendall Brewster, Jane; Whitney Graham, Karley; Kevin Taylor, Ryan; Wil Hardin, Mike; Brandon McCraw, Bill; Tera Kincaid, Sara; Mayu Shintaku, Melissa; Valery Haines, girl in the parlor.

Dancers include Mara Bland, Loran Perry, Allison Downing, Kaitlin Stewart, Elizabeth Brunson, Taylor Autry, Megan McWilliams, Kati Juarez, Hannah Duddleston.

Others are Chloe Reecer, Meagan Downing, Raven Luna, Cassie Cochran, Rachel Dupree, Jessie Hibbitt, Sarah Parmer, Eleanor Ashley, Brianne Perry, Evian Olvera.

Other dancers include Autumn Castillo, Nicole Molter, Kayli Brewster, Lindsey Daniel, Meagan Robbins, Jacoree Brooks, Kailey Glenn, Mechallie Brewer, Amy Brunson, Hayley Farmer, Megan Williamson.

Also Claire Morris, Allie Brewster, Cayelea Rhodes, Tasha Ball, Zoe Briseno, Amanda Lawrence, Vivi Weaver.

Others are Emma Shaw, Sarah Carpenter, Tiffany Craig, Alexis Dupree, Molly Haire, Matthew Shaw, Paul Haines.

Crew members include John Hensley, lighting; Buddy Whittenbury, sound; Josh Gonzales, Fog; Josh Ortegon, stage manager; Rachel Massingill, backstage help; Judy Haines, choreography and script.

Fed governor to be named

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is getting close to choosing a banker active in lending to poor people and minority businesses as a new governor of the Federal Reserve Board.

The Clinton administration is tangling with the Senate Banking Committee chairman, Phil Gramm, R-Texas, over federal requirements that banks do that kind of lending. A White House nominee would have to be approved by Gramm's banking panel before being confirmed by the full Senate.

Carol J. Parry is an executive vice president of Chase Manhattan Bank, the nation's third-largest. She is in charge of community development lending programs, responsible for loans for low- and moderate-income housing, commercial revitalization projects and businesses owned by women and minorities.

The Community Reinvestment Act, which Gramm staunchly opposes and the administration heartily defends, requires that banks make such loans.

The White House considers Ms. Parry highly qualified as a Fed governor, and an administration official said Friday she is the front-runner. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

The spot on the seven-member governors' board of the central bank has been vacant since last June, when Republican member Susan Phillips resigned. Ms. Parry, previously criticized by some community groups for not doing enough, appears now to have their support.

"Things have changed. People have developed more confidence in her," said John Taylor, president and chief executive officer of the National Community Reinvestment Coalition, a liberal group.

If confirmed, he said, she would become the first Fed governor with extensive experience with lending under the 1977 reinvestment act, which conservative Republicans maintain unfairly mandates lending that banks might not otherwise provide.

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Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Lasagna, green beans, whole kernel corn, fruit cocktail, coconut cookies

TUESDAY

Beef enchiladas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, Mexican salad, sopapillas

WEDNESDAY

Beef tips on rice, Brussel sprouts, whole kernel corn, cucumber/onion salad, strawberry shortcake

THURSDAY

Chicken strips w/cream gravy, au gratin potatoes, fried vegetable salad, cheese cake dessert

FRIDAY

Fried fish, tater tots, boiled okra, creamy coleslaw, peanut butter chewies

Senior Center News

MayDay was a tremendous success due to the support of local businesses and individuals. Local merchants donated more than 140 items to the silent auction.

Some 650 barbecue plates were served. The quilt auction had tremendous attendance. All together, this MayDay had the best profit in the history of the Senior Center. Of the gross amount of $32,574, the auction brought in $23,245.

The cookbooks, "A Tasty Tradition," were delivered just in time for the annual fund-raiser. Some 117 cookbooks were sold last Saturday. The cookbooks feature a sturdy three-ring binder. They are $17.50 each and are available at the Senior Center.

MONDAY

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. AARP will meet in the conference room at noon.

TUESDAY

88 plan begins at 10 a.m., the Hoss Clayton Band will entertain at 11 a.m. and the Golden Kiwanis will meet at noon. There will be no swimnastics at Western Texas College until the summer schedule begins.

WEDNESDAY

Bingo play begins at 10 a.m., line dancing at 11 a.m. and clogging at 2 p.m.

THURSDAY

The fabric painting class begins at 9 a.m. and daily exercise will be at 11 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will entertain at the Colorado City Senior Center.

FRIDAY

The blood pressure clinic and the bridge tournament begin at 9:30 a.m. 88 players can begin play at 10 a.m. and the sing-a-long gets underway at 11:30 p.m.

In radio speech, governor favors school improvement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Improving America's schools is the key to winning the war on drugs and solving other social ills, Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Ridge said today in the weekly Republican radio address.

Ridge, a two-term governor who has expressed interest in the vice presidency, urged policymakers to base decisions on what is good for children and parents, even if those choices are not favorable to the education system or the "adults employed in that system."

"Sadly, when it comes to improving education I believe we have lost our way," Ridge said. "When we talk about improving education ... it seems we only talk about the system of education and the employees of education," such as school board members, superintendents and unionized teachers.

Ridge said the United States must make education "a national imperative" to compete in the next century.

"If we provide our children with a quality education, then I believe there is no challenge we cannot overcome," he said.

"Poverty, urban decay, long-term economic prosperity, a strong national defense — "all are (challenges) within reach if we give our young people the best education in the world. And none are in reach if we do not."

In remarks taped Wednesday before leaving on a 10-day economic development trip to Asia, Ridge praised Republican leaders in Congress and GOP governors for moving toward an emphasis on children and parents.

He noted that Congress recently passed a bill giving states greater leeway in spending federal education dollars. President Clinton signed the measure into law April 29.

He spoke of efforts in Texas, Florida and Virginia to improve schools and the lives of children and talked of Pennsylvania's publicly financed, privately run charter schools that can "better respond to parents' desire and students' needs in their own communities."

He also gave a plug for school choice such as that provided by voucher systems favored by Republicans but opposed vigorously by Democrats in Congress.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't allow projects you've been working on for some time be neglected because of your enthusiasm for a new one. Give proper attention to each according to their importance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even though there could be signs of interests dying off for a meeting of the minds, stick to you guns. Only if you are persevering today will you be able to achieve success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) No matter how steep your climb nor how rocky the road, press forward with tenacity in your work. Today's aspects favor those who push forward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you hope to recoup a little of something another owes you today, you're the one who'll have to make the first move. The individual with whom you're dealing will totally ignore the issue.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) When working in unison with another today, you might have to let your cohort go at his or her own pace. Don't expect this person to match your own swift speed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Substantial effort might be required and expended today if you hope to make inroads when dealing with others. No one will lift a finger until you do so first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Serious business matters need to be handled in the proper setting today that does not include social conditions. Leave the niceties for another day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Testy domestic issues need to be handled with a feather light touch today, or else things could get blown out of proportion quite quickly. Be considerate and tolerant.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Instead of focusing on the gloomy side of things today by allowing your imagination to wallow in dark corners, seek out the sunshine where life is bright and gay.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It's fine to be generous to others, but not when it comes to a paycheck for services performed. Don't ask for more than what's coming to you, but don't accept less either.

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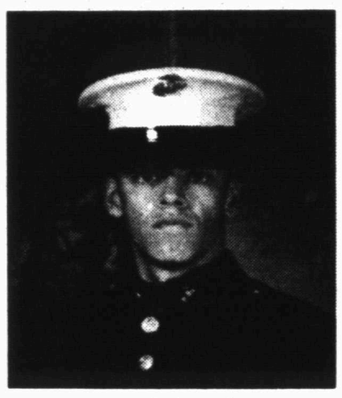
Macy Hill

Hill to sing live on KPCB

Macy Hill, who is a junior at Robert Lee High School, will be aired live on Prime Time Network (KPCB), Channel 4, on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

The two-hour program will feature Macy singing six songs.

She is the daughter of Billy and Cynthia Hill and the granddaughter of Beverly Glasscock and Dr. Robert and Estelle Pierce.



Chris Hernandez

Hernandez new Marine

Pvt. Chris Hernandez of Snyder officially earned the title "United States Marine" during Marine Corps Training graduation ceremonies held April 2 at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

After a chance to return home for a few days, he will attend Marine Corps combat training at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Upon completion of this warrior training, this new Marine will report to Camp Lejune, N.C. for schooling in legal/administration military occupational specialty field.

Hernandez graduated from Snyder High School in 1998 and is the son of John and Rosa Hernandez of Snyder.

Zion Baptist sets musical

ROTAN — Little Zion Baptist Church, located at 412 South Lincoln Ave., will host a musical at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Michael Payne and the Gospel Devine Soul Seekers of Abilene will be the special guest. Rev. Stanley Peppers is the pastor.



Pentagon: painting empty buildings waste of dollars

WASHINGTON (AP) — Continued congressional refusal to permit the closing of unneeded military bases makes no economic sense, the Pentagon's chief spokesman says.

"We continue to hope that Congress will see that it's more important, particularly at times when our forces are at risk, flying over enemy territory, to invest in the future than it is to continue to paint buildings that we don't occupy or need anymore," spokesman Kenneth Bacon said Friday.

For the third straight year, the Clinton administration's request for two new rounds of base closings — one in 2001 and another in 2005 — was rejected by the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Committee Democrats said they'll try to revive the proposal on the Senate floor, but they face an uphill battle. Both Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., opposed additional base closings.

Defense Secretary William Cohen contends that failure to close antiquated bases — many of them Cold War relics — could cost the Pentagon $20 billion that would be better spent on aircraft carriers, jet fighters and other crucial hardware.

The committee's rejection comes at a time when the administration and Congress are straining to find money to pay for the military campaign against Yugoslavia and to address longer-term defense needs.

Congressional negotiators, in fact, have just completed an emergency $15 billion spending bill to pay for the conflict and other programs. It will be debated in the House and Senate next week.

But Congress has always been reluctant to vote to close bases. Republicans contend that President Clinton meddled in the process to save jobs at bases in vote-rich California and Texas during his 1996 re-election campaign.

The administration's argument that many U.S. military bases have outlived their usefulness and are now costly burdens was conceded by Sen. John Warner, R-Va., the Armed Services Committee chairman. But he said finding a formula to completely isolate the process from politics remains elusive.

"I racked my brain to try to find the words to legislate trust. I could not do it," Warner said. "Communities (where the bases are) must have total trust in the process. That trust was lost."

In closed-door sessions this week, Warner's committee first rejected, 12-8, the administration's request for two new rounds of base closings in 2001 and 2005. Then it turned down, 11-9, a single round in 2001. The votes generally broke along party lines, although Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., joined Democrats in supporting the base closings.

The existing process calls for Congress to authorize a round of closings, then for the independent Base Realignment and Closure Commission to select the bases.

But Republicans claim Clinton poisoned the process in an effort to save jobs at McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento, Calif., and Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, both targets of a 1995 base-closing round. The administration denies doing anything illegal in its efforts to find private-sector jobs for base workers.

Three rounds — in 1991, 1993 and 1995 — closed 70 bases and depots, causing economic losses to local communities.

The base-closing votes were taken as the committee completed work on a $288.8 billion defense spending bill for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. The measure is $8.3 billion higher than Clinton requested. It includes a 4.8 percent across-the-board military pay raise, effective next Jan. 1.

Details of the legislation were made public Friday at a news conference by Warner and Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, the committee's ranking Democrat.

The bill would strengthen security at the nation's nuclear weapons laboratories in the aftermath of reports of Chinese espionage. It includes $35 million to enhance computer security at Energy Department nuclear labs and $17 million to upgrade security clearance investigations of employees.

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SPORTS

Baugh, O'Day friends on and off the course

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

He played alongside and coached some of football's greatest players, yet he always stood head and shoulders above the rest.

He rewrote the record books and impacted the way the game is played. It was no more "three yards and a cloud of dust," instead it was an aerial showcase, via the arm of Slingin' Sammy Baugh. And his playing style reflected his personality — vivacious and determined.

Nowadays, his personality remains the same, but he plays a different sport, golf. And it's always alongside the same partner, Bob O'Day.

"This is the only place I go," Baugh said, from the pro shop of the Western Texas College golf course. "I've come here about three times a week for the past 22 years. So pretty much, I'm either here or at home. They're my two favorite places."

Meeting the former TCU and Washington Redskin QB for almost every round is O'Day. The two are nearly inseparable. If there's a golf course around, where you see one, you'll usually see the other.

"We used to play in a lot of tournaments together," O'Day said, while sitting across the table from his longtime friend. "Now we mostly play in tournaments that are just on Saturdays, so we can get back home. I kid Sam by saying that he doesn't even know how to turn on the lights in his Cadillac."

"I don't," Baugh quickly responded. "I can turn on the air conditioner and find my country station on the radio, and that's all I need to know how to do."

A testament of this duo's friendship will be when O'Day represents Baugh at the Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame induction ceremony May 25 in Dallas.

Baugh, who felt his golfing buddy was a natural selection to represent him, declined the honor. It seems big cities just don't sit well with the Rotan resident.

"I don't want to go to the city, and have to wear a suit," Baugh remarked. "I only have the one tie, and I haven't worn it in years."

O'Day went on to explain his friend's persistency in declining the invitation to the metroplex.

"The Cotton Bowl people were trying to convince him to come by saying how he'd get to stay in this really nice hotel, and there would be good food and great golf courses around," O'Day said. "And Sam told that guy, 'I tell you what. You move the Cotton Bowl to Gaines County, and I'll probably go.'"

> *"He's the best friend I've got. Besides, most of my other friends are dead."*
>
> *—Sammy Baugh*

"That fancy stuff don't do nothing for me," Baugh quipped. "I like my routine the way it is. They're talking about TPC courses and stuff. And I'd rather play WTC than the TPC."

The induction ceremony will include speeches from each inductee, or their representative. As for Baugh's speech, he left that part up to O'Day.

"He wouldn't want to read nothing I wrote," Baugh joked. "But you're not going to tell them everything I've done?" he asked O'Day.

"No. I'll leave out the bad stuff," O'Day answered.

The Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame certainly won't be Baugh's first enshrinement. The celebrated quarterback was a charter member of the College Football Hall of Fame in 1951 and the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1963.

The ex-Horned Frog played in the inaugural Cotton Bowl in 1937, powering TCU to a 16-6 victory over Marquette. The game's key play came late in the first quarter when Baugh connected with L.D. Meyer on a 55-yard scoring toss to give the Frogs a 10-6 lead.

Joining Baugh in this year's hall of fame class are Frank Broyles, David Hodge, Felix McKnight, Gussie Davis and James Street.

In addition to their weekly rounds of golf, the Baugh and O'Day duo will be in tournament action this summer in Colorado City. Many other former greats are also on slate to participate in the scholarship charity event.

"Every player I called was thrilled about coming down here to play," O'Day said. "And it's all because they want to see Sam again. He's never met a stranger, and all of his old players really appreciate him.

"In fact, Don Maynard had a reunion scheduled that same weekend with the New York Jets. He cancelled his plans to go to that, so that he could come down here and see Sam, because he said Sam Baugh put him in pro football.

"All of these great ballplayers want to see and talk to Sam again. The only problem I had was when I was trying to get ahold of Walt Garrison. I told his secretary all the details, and she said, 'You said this is in Colorado Springs, correct.' And I had to tell her, 'No, that's Colorado City, in West Texas.'"

> *"I'm going to tell how I've seen his life, through my eyes the past 20-something years. I feel real honored. I don't know a better friend in the whole world."*
>
> *—Bob O'Day*

With hall of fame induction ceremonies and tournaments with superstars on their schedules, it would seem as if this pair had a full slate of high-brow activities. But then, as the pro shop crowd starts to thin out, there's soon evidence to the contrary.

As they make their way to the door O'Day says, "Same time tomorrow, Sam? We're going to play Rick (WTC pro Rick Kahlich)."

"Same time, I'll be here," Baugh answers, before saying quietly to no one in particular. "I would like to beat Rick, more than Notre Dame."

Still vivacious.

Still determined.



YOU CALL THAT A PUTT? — Football great Sammy Baugh (right) grimaces at the putt of playing partner Bob O'Day during a recent round at Western Texas College. O'Day, a longtime friend, will represent Baugh at the Cotton Bowl Hall of Fame induction ceremony in Dallas later this month. (SDN Photo by Eric Drennan)

Pippen looks to repeat Game 3 performance

HOUSTON (AP) — After possibly playing the best game of his playoff career, Scottie Pippen promised to be even more aggressive for the Houston Rockets in Game 4 against the Los Angeles Lakers.

But that will be a difficult chore since he played brilliantly in Thursday night's 102-88 victory that kept Houston in the playoffs.

"Our manhood was on the line last night," Pippen said Friday. "Letting this young team come out and really dominate us the first couple of games, we had to come out and prove that we're a team that deserves to be in the playoffs."

In the first two games, Pippen was 5-for-20 from the field, including 0-for-6 from 3-point range. In Game 3, he was 12-for-27 from the field, including 3-for-5 on 3-pointers as he scored a career playoff best 37 points.

Kobe Bryant of the Lakers noticed the change.

"He came out more aggressive and did a better job of getting involved in their offense," Bryant said. "He started going inside early and built up his confidence, and then he stepped back and started hitting the outside shots."

At the Byron Nelson Classic...

Woods, Garcia on collision course

IRVING (AP) — Tiger Woods stopped finishing in the top 10 and lost the spotlight as the No. 1 player in the world. Now that he's tied for the lead in the Byron Nelson Classic, he's still having to answer questions about someone else.

Sergio Garcia has been regarded as Europe's answer to Woods — the brilliant record as an amateur, the flair, the fearless style of play.

One day after Woods had the lowest first-round score on the PGA Tour since 1991, he shot a 3-under 67 and joined Steve Pate in tying the tournament record of 128 after two rounds in the Nelson Classic.

By the sound of it Friday afternoon, that was old news.

What does he think of Garcia's swing? How are they similar? Is he surprised that Garcia is making his first professional start on American soil and is just one stroke out of the lead?

"It's nice to come into a press conference and not have to answer questions about me all the time," Woods said.

Woods could see the questions coming. After making three straight birdies on the TPC Four Seasons at Las Colinas to finally take the lead away from Garcia, he was standing on the 10th tee when he saw the 19-year-old Spaniard walking toward the 18th tee.

Woods stared at him. Garcia noticed. Woods wagged his finger and applauded, and both lit up Texas with smiles.

"He's got a lot of fight in him. I pride myself in that," Woods said. "I never give up on the golf course, and he's the same way."

If that's the case, they could be headed for a collision course this weekend.

With strong, hot winds keeping the scores from really getting out of hand, Woods made seven birdies and four bogeys in his round of 67, while Pate made a birdie from behind a hot dog stand on the way to a 65.

But most of the buzz was around Garcia, who took the lead with an eagle on the seventh hole on the TPC, but couldn't muster a birdie the rest of the way. Still, an 11-under 129 — tied with Jeff Gallagher, who shot a 62 — was impressive stuff for a kid who is studying for his driver's license exam when he's not looking at yardage books.

"It's a pretty good round to be out there when it's tough and maybe have a chance for the weekend," Garcia said.

He already is showing the flair that has made Woods such a huge draw. When he rolled in a 25-foot birdie putt on the third hole, Garcia raised his putter and stared into the gallery as if to say, "How about that?"

On his 18-foot eagle putt on the seventh, Garcia walked over to caddie Jerry Higginbotham as the ball was still a foot from the hole and tapped knuckles.

Along the way, the fans either thanked him for coming to America or whispered behind his back, "He's just a kid."

"He's more prepared at a younger age than I was," Woods said, an ancient 23 compared to Garcia. "Then again, I played more majors. I played at the highest level, where he's played just tour events. There's a difference. I was able to play some of the most severe courses in the world and feel how my game was and how I could improve."

The TPC and Cottonwood Valley haven't exactly been the stiffest of tests. The cut was 1-under 139, second-lowest on tour this year. Among the casualties were Tom Lehman, Phil Mickelson and defending champion John Cook.

Gallagher had perhaps the best round of the tournament given the conditions, an 8-under 62 that put him in today's pairing with Garcia.

"Just unbelievable," Gallagher said of the lowest round of his PGA career. He was 7-under after seven holes, told his caddie that was the first time he had done that in his life, then bogeyed the next hole.

U.S. Open champion Lee Janzen had a 64 at Cottonwood Valley and was in a large group at 132 that included Match Play runnerup Andrew Magee. Justin Leonard and Corey Pavin each had 70s and were another stroke back, along with Mark O'Meara.

Nick Price bogeyed three of the last four holes for a 71 and was at 6-under 134.

Garcia might understand the comparisons to Woods. He won the British Amateur, was the first European to be low amateur in the Masters, then turned pro last month. Woods won his third straight U.S. Amateur and turned pro at 20.

Then again, Garcia played 28 professional events as an amateur, even if only three of them were majors. And while Woods got in two years at Stanford, Garcia won't graduate from high school until next year.

This week, he's one stroke out of the lead on the PGA Tour. When he gets home, its back to math and biology.

He says his teachers understand.

"They treat me normal, but realizing .... what I do the best is my golf," he said.

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Miami vs. New York
Saturday, May 8
New York 95, Miami 75
Monday, May 10
Miami 83, New York 73
Wednesday, May 12
New York 97, Miami 73
Friday, May 14
Miami 87, New York 72, series ties 2-2
Sunday, May 16
New York at Miami, 3 p.m.

Indiana vs. Milwaukee
Sunday, May 9
Indiana 110, Milwaukee 88
Tuesday, May 11
Indiana 108, Milwaukee 107, OT
Thursday, May 13
Indiana 99, Milwaukee 91, Indiana wins series 3-0

Orlando vs. Philadelphia
Sunday, May 9
Philadelphia 104, Orlando 90
Tuesday, May 11
Orlando 79, Philadelphia 68
Thursday, May 13
Philadelphia 97, Orlando 85, Philadelphia leads series 2-1
Saturday, May 15
Orlando at Philadelphia, 12:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 16
Philadelphia at Orlando, 12:30 p.m., if necessary

Atlanta vs. Detroit
Saturday, May 8
Atlanta 90, Detroit 70
Monday, May 10
Atlanta 89, Detroit 69
Wednesday, May 12
Detroit 79, Atlanta 63
Friday, May 14
Detroit 103, Atlanta 82, series tied 2-2
Sunday, May 16
Detroit at Atlanta, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

San Antonio vs. Minnesota
Sunday, May 9
San Antonio 99, Minnesota 86
Tuesday, May 11
Minnesota 80, San Antonio 71
Thursday, May 13
San Antonio 85, Minnesota 71, San Antonio leads series 2-1
Saturday, May 15
San Antonio at Minnesota, 3 p.m.
Monday, May 17
Minnesota at San Antonio, TBA, if necessary

Portland vs. Phoenix
Saturday, May 8
Portland 95, Phoenix 85
Monday, May 10
Portland 110, Phoenix 99
Wednesday, May 12
Portland 103, Phoenix 93, Portland wins series 3-0

Utah vs. Sacramento
Saturday, May 8
Utah 117, Sacramento 87

Monday, May 10
Sacramento 101, Utah 90
Wednesday, May 12
Sacramento 84, Utah 81, OT
Friday, May 14
Utah 90, Sacramento 89, series tied 2-2
Sunday, May 16
Sacramento at Utah, 5:30 p.m.

L.A. Lakers vs. Houston
Sunday, May 9
L.A. Lakers 101, Houston 100
Tuesday, May 11
L.A. Lakers 110, Houston 98
Thursday, May 13
Houston 102, L.A. Lakers 88, L.A. Lakers lead series 2-1
Saturday, May 15
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 17
Houston at L.A. Lakers, TBA, if necessary

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SPORTS

Lopes hold off Broncos for 11-9 win

The Abernathy Antelopes jumped on Sonora early, then withstood a Bronco rally to secure an 11-9 victory in the opening game of their 2A area playoff series Friday night at Moffett Field.

After Sonora scratched out a pair of runs in the top of the first, the Antelopes responded with six runs on three hits and three errors in the bottom of the frame.

Bernardo Mendoza sparked Abernathy with a lead-off double, before Tyler Wilson and Mario Ramos drove in three runs with a pair of singles.

The Lopes padded their lead with two runs in the second and two more in the fourth.

The Broncos answered with a four-run rally in the fifth, highlighted by Jason Sorber's two-RBI triple to right field.

Sonora chased Abernathy starter Justin Wright with two more runs in the sixth. Wright surrendered seven hits and 10 walks on the night, while striking out nine. Marcus Gardner pitched the final two innings in relief.

Game 2 of the series was slated for Saturday afternoon at Moffett Field, with Game 3 to follow if necessary.

CLASS 2A AREA PLAYOFF
at Moffett Field

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Lazano, Solis (3) and Hughes; Wright, Gardner (6) and Mendoza. WP — Wright. LP — Lazano. 2B — Abernathy, Mendoza (2), Torrez. 3B — Sonora, Sorber. Records — Sonora 14-13, Abernathy 15-7.

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Tech faces rising costs of arena

LUBBOCK (AP) — The cost to build the United Spirit Arena at Texas Tech keeps growing.

Chancellor John Montford told university regents Friday the arena will cost nearly $8.4 million more than expected.

The new $59.4 million price tag is 16 percent higher than the latest estimate of $51 million and 26 percent higher than the $47 million estimate Montford quoted when he first became chancellor in 1996.

He said most of the increase is because of "excessive" change orders, ranging from scoreboards to concession stands to structural testing. Other cost hikes came from increased construction costs, design revisions and requests for information.

Opening of the arena has been delayed repeatedly. It originally was to open in November 1998. The date was pushed to January 1999 with promises that it would be ready for part of the 1998-1999 basketball season. The latest estimate is Sept. 1.

The arena has been plagued with problems since construction began in March 1997. Just last week, builders conducted a $200,000 stress test on the facility to make sure a handicap-accessible balcony would stand.

"This is going to be the most famous arena in the world when we get through," Montford told regents.

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported Saturday that as of April 1, 190 change orders were pending. Montford said Friday those all have been taken care of, but when pressed further he said "two or three" might be unresolved.



ANOTHER DAY ON THE LINKS — Snyder's Bob O'Day (left) and NFL hall of famer Sammy Baugh enjoy another round of golf at Western Texas College. The two friends meet up to three times a week at WTC, for the past 22 years. (SDN Staff Photo)

Palmeiro powers Texas' win

ARLINGTON (AP) — Rafael Palmeiro considers Arthur Rhodes a close friend after five seasons together with the Baltimore Orioles.

But on Friday night, Palmeiro put friendship aside.

Palmeiro's tiebreaking, two-run double in the seventh inning off Rhodes helped the Texas Rangers to a 7-6 victory over Baltimore, the Orioles' fifth consecutive defeat.

"It's hard facing a guy like Arthur, a guy I'm close to," said Palmeiro, who signed a free-agent contract with the Rangers during the offseason. "It's not the easiest thing. But I know he had a good slider and I was just trying to see the ball and react."

The Rangers signed Palmeiro after he hit .342 with nine homers and 22 RBIs in 79 at bats for the Orioles during his career at The Ballpark.

"It's strange, it doesn't seem normal," Palmeiro said of facing his former Baltimore teammates for the first time in a series in Arlington. "I went through a lot of good times and bad times with those guys. But I don't have any extra incentive. I'm trying to win whether it's Baltimore, Oakland, whoever."

With the game tied 4-4 in the seventh, Tom Goodwin drew a leadoff walk from Rhodes (1-2). Goodwin went to second on Mark McLemore's sacrifice bunt, and Ivan Rodriguez worked a two-out walk to set the stage for Palmeiro, who drove in 121 runs for the Orioles last season.

Palmeiro pulled a double inside the first-base bag to score Goodwin and Rodriguez and give Texas a 6-4 lead.

Palmeiro was 2-for-4 Friday night with two RBIs, and went 2-for-2 with an RBI and four runs scored in Thursday night's opener of the four-game series.

"I was with the Cubs when he came up with the Cubs," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said of Palmeiro. "He's turned out to be one of the premier hitters in all of baseball."

Goodwin's RBI single in the eighth made it 7-4, but the Orioles closed to 7-6 on Cal Ripken's first homer of the season, a two-run shot off John Wetteland with two outs in the ninth.

Delino DeShields then reached on an infield single, but Wetteland retired Tommy Davis on a ground-out to earn his 11th save. It was the Rangers' fifth win in six games.

"You can look up and down our lineup and pick out your star of the game," Oates said. "There were too many stars to go around."

Meanwhile, Baltimore continues to struggle, falling to 2-6 on the current road trip.

Reliever Tim Crabtree (2-0) got the win despite allowing two hits and one walk in one-third of an inning.

In the eighth, Baltimore put runners on first and second on leadoff singles by DeShields and Charles Johnson against Mike Venafro. But Brady Anderson struck out when he fouled a two-strike bunt attempt, and Jeff Zimmerman, Texas' fifth pitcher, struck out Mike Bordick and retired B.J. Surhoff on a grounder to end the threat.

Texas' Rusty Greer homered in his third straight game, a two-run shot in the fifth, as the Rangers rallied from a 2-1 deficit. After McLemore singled with two outs off starter Scott Erickson, Greer hit his fifth homer to give the Rangers a 3-2 lead.

Rodriguez followed with his sixth homer to make it 4-2. The Orioles tied it in the seventh when Anderson and Bordick singled off starter Mark Clark, and Surhoff delivered a two-run triple off reliever Mike Munoz.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

SECOND ROUND

Thursday, May 6
Boston 4, Buffalo 2
Dallas 3, St. Louis 0
Friday, May 7
Pittsburgh 2, Toronto 0
Detroit 3, Colorado 2, OT
Saturday, May 8
Dallas 5, St. Louis 4, OT
Sunday, May 9
Buffalo 3, Boston 1
Detroit 4, Colorado 0
Toronto 4, Pittsburgh 2
Monday, May 10
St. Louis 3, Dallas 2, OT
Tuesday, May 11
Pittsburgh 4, Toronto 3
Colorado 5, Detroit 3
Wednesday, May 12
Buffalo 3, Boston 2
St. Louis 3, Dallas 2, OT, series tied 2-2
Thursday, May 13
Colorado 6, Detroit 2, series tied 2-2
Toronto 3, Pittsburgh 2, OT, series tied 2-2
Friday, May 14
Buffalo 3, Boston 0, Buffalo leads series 3-1
Saturday, May 15
Pittsburgh at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 16
Buffalo at Boston, 2 p.m.
Detroit at Colorado, 2 p.m.
Monday, May 17
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m., if necessary
Dallas at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 18
Boston at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m., if necessary
Colorado at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 19
Pittsburgh at Toronto, 7 p.m., if necessary
St. Louis at Dallas, 9 p.m., if necessary
Thursday, May 20
Detroit at Colorado, 8 p.m., if necessary
Buffalo at Boston, TBA, if necessary

Everett bats Astros past San Fran, 7-4

HOUSTON (AP) — A week ago Carl Everett was mired in a 1-for-23 slump. Now he's Houston's hottest hitter.

Everett went 4-for-4 as the Astros beat the San Francisco Giants 7-4 Friday night.

"He's on fire," said Houston manager Larry Dierker. "A week ago he was ice cold. When he comes out of a slump, he comes out with a vengeance,"

Everett has 10 hits, including six in a row, in his last 14 at-bats. He also has seven RBIs during the streak.

"I was never worried about it," said Everett, who has raised his batting average to .323. "I knew I was going to be out there every day and I knew I would get my stroke back."

Everett had three singles, a double and an RBI as the Astros won for the 11th time in their last 14 games.

"Tonight I went up there with a plan," he said. "I knew I would either get a backdoor curveball or a fastball in. I guessed right and I got the hits."

Shane Reynolds (6-2) pitched six innings for the win, giving up four runs and four hits. He struck out seven and walked two.

"He threw the ball well," said Giants manager Dusty Baker. "He kept us off balance. I've seen him throw harder, but he mixed up his pitches. He's one of the quality pitchers in this league."

Billy Wagner pitched the ninth for his 11th save.

Giants starter Kirk Rueter (2-2) allowed five runs and 10 hits in five innings.

Houston rallied for three runs in the sixth inning off Rueter to erase a 4-3 deficit.

Everett led off the inning with a double and moved to third on a single by Tony Eusebio. Tim Bogar then singled home Everett.

Glen Barker pinch ran for Eusebio and the runners advanced to second and third on a double steal. Bell followed with a two-run single up the middle to make it 6-4.

Houston added a run in the seventh on Everett's fourth hit, an RBI single that drove in Richard Hidalgo, who had singled and stolen second.

San Francisco built a 6-0 lead on RBI doubles by J.T. Snow, Charlie Hayes and Brent Mayne.

Houston cut its deficit to 4-3 in the bottom of the fourth on Reynolds' two-run single and an RBI single by Craig Biggio.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	20	14	.588	-
Boston	19	15	.559	1
Toronto	18	19	.486	3½
TampaBay	17	19	.472	4
Baltimore	12	23	.343	8½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	25	9	.735	-
Chicago	17	15	.531	7
KansasCity	17	17	.500	8
Detroit	15	20	.429	10½
Minnesota	13	22	.371	12½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	20	15	.571	-
Oakland	19	17	.528	1½
Anaheim	17	19	.472	3½
Seattle	15	20	.429	5

Friday's Games
Boston 5, Toronto 0
Cleveland 4, Detroit 2
Chicago 8, New York 2
Texas 7, Baltimore 6
Anaheim 8, Tampa Bay 3
Kansas City 12, Seattle 7
Oakland 7, Minnesota 5

Saturday's Games
Cleveland (Burba 3-1) at Detroit (Mlicki 1-2), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago (Snyder 5-1) at New York (Mendoza 3-3), 1:35 p.m.
Boston (Portugal 3-1) at Toronto (Halladay 2-2), 4:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Hawkins 1-6) at Oakland (Oquist 4-2), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Guzman 1-4) at Texas (Helling 3-4), 8:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Witasick 1-2) at Seattle (Cloude 3-1), 9:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Saunders 2-3) at Anaheim (Hill 1-2), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Boston (Rapp 1-2) at Toronto (Escobar 3-1), 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Wright 4-0) at Detroit (Weaver 3-3), 1:05 p.m.
Chicago (Sirotka 1-4) at New York (Pettitte 1-1), 1:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Ponson 2-3) at Texas (Sele 3-3), 3:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 4-2) at Oakland (Oquist 3-2), 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Fussell 0-0) at Seattle (Moyer 2-4), 4:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Alvarez 1-2) at Anaheim (Sparks 1-3), 8:05 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	21	13	.618	-
NewYork	20	15	.571	1½
Philadelphia	19	15	.559	2
Montreal	10	23	.303	10½
Florida	10	25	.286	11½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	22	12	.647	-
Pittsburgh	17	17	.500	5
St.Louis	17	17	.500	5
Chicago	16	16	.500	5
Milwaukee	15	18	.455	6½
Cincinnati	14	18	.438	7

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	21	15	.583	-
LosAngeles	20	15	.571	½
Arizona	20	16	.556	1
Colorado	14	17	.452	4½
SanDiego	15	19	.441	5

Friday's Games
Chicago 9, Atlanta 0
New York 7, Philadelphia 3
Pittsburgh 5, Montreal 3
San Diego 7, Cincinnati 3
Florida 14, Milwaukee 6
Houston 7, San Francisco 4
Los Angeles 7, St. Louis 3
Colorado 4, Arizona 1

Saturday's Games
Atlanta (Maddux 4-2) at Chicago (Trachsel 1-4), 2:20 p.m.
Colorado (Kile 2-2) at Arizona (R.Johnson 3-1), 4:05 p.m.
New York (Leiter 1-4) at Philadelphia (Loewer 2-3), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Pavano 2-4) at Pittsburgh (Silva 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Hitchcock 3-1) at Cincinnati (Parris 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Meadows 3-3) at Milwaukee (Woodard 2-3), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 0-3) at Houston (Hampton 4-1), 8:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 3-2) at St. Louis (Bottenfield 5-1), 8:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
San Diego (Williams 1-1) at Cincinnati (Avery 2-3), 1:15 p.m.
New York (Hershiser 2-3) at Philadelphia (Byrd 4-2), 1:35 p.m.
Montreal (Vasquez 1-2) at Pittsburgh (Schourek 2-2), 1:35 p.m.
Florida (L.Hernandez 1-4) at Milwaukee (Nomo 1-0), 2:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Valdes 4-1) at St. Louis (Acevedo 2-1), 2:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Smoltz 5-1) at Chicago (Farnsworth 2-0), 2:20 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 5-2) at Houston (Bergman 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 3-3) at Arizona (Daal 3-3), 8:05 p.m.

Sports Briefs

SCC scramble and MGA

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

WGA playday and couples play

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its Tuesday playday at 9 a.m. Format will be queen of the hill.

The WGA will also hold a mixed foursomes event Friday evening at 5:30.

WTC junior golf clinic

A junior golf clinic for ages 10-17 will be held at Western Texas College May 31-June 4. Cost is $75 per student for the week.

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

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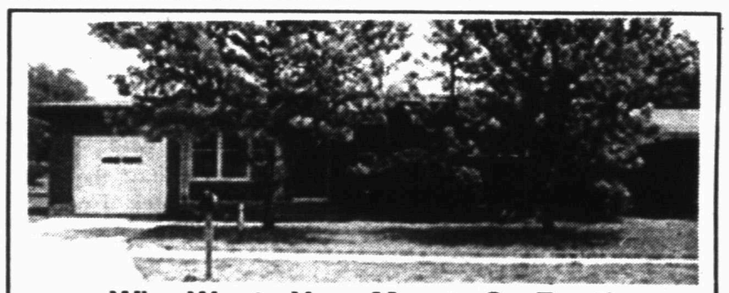
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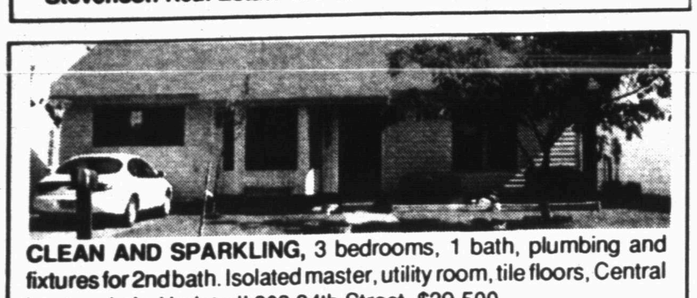
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010 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The State of Texas §
County of Scurry §

To those indebted to, or holding claims against the Estate of CLECKLER J. SMITH, deceased, Probate Case Number 5,508:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Independent Executrix of the Estate of CLECKLER J. SMITH, deceased, late of Scurry County, Texas, by RICKY FRITZ, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 13th day of MAY, 1999, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said Estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said Estate to present them to CAROLYN JOY COX, 2408 Sunset, Snyder, Texas 79549, within the time prescribed by law.

Executed this 15th day of May, 1999.
(s) CAROLYN JOY COX
Independent Executrix
of the Estate of
CLECKLER J. SMITH, deceased

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Altura Energy LTD. * ATTN: D.M. Upson * P.O. Box 4294, Houston, TX 77079-2696 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Canyon Reef Formation, Cogdell Canyon Reef Unit Lease, Well Numbers 6038. The proposed injection wells are located 14 miles Northeast of Snyder, Texas in the Cogdell (area) Field, in Kent and Scurry Counties. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 6700' to 7000' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Cogdell Memorial Hospital is accepting sealed bids for a Lighting Retrofit including ballasts, linear flourescents, and compact flourescents. Bid specifications are available upon request. Bids are due by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, May 28, 1999 at D.M. Cogdell Memorial Hospital, Administration Office, 1700 Cogdell Blvd., Snyder, Texas 79549, (915) 574-7371. Cogdell Memorial Hospital reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all bids.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NOTICE TO BUILDING CONTRACTORS for Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) location: Abilene District, Scurry County, Snyder, Texas.

Project No. BC-08-262-2434 for the Construction of a New Lab for Area Engineer Building at US 84 South Frontage Road and Park Ave., Snyder, Texas. BID DATE: **JUNE 8, 1999**, - 2:30 PM at 200 E. Riverside Dr., Room 101, Austin, Texas.

ESTIMATED COST: $165,800.00. Plans and Specifications will be furnished without charge to the prime contractor. Pick up plans from Carl Preston, Abilene TxDOT, 4250 North Clack, Abilene, Texas, Phone 915-676-6859, FAX 915-676-6901. For mailed plans, request by FAX On your company letterhead to; TxDOT Maintenance Div., Facilities Mamagement, FAX: 512-416-3080. Plans and Specifications are available from Austin TxDOT, 150 E. Riverside Drive, Room 406N, FAX 512-416-3080.

PROPOSAL GUARANTY: $3,300 (see bidding documents for specific requirements).

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: May 27, 1999 - 10:30 AM at the project location, US 84 South Frontage Road and Park Ave., Snyder, Texas.

A vendor can access the Electronic State Business Daily at www.texas-one.org which is the home page for the Texas Marketplace.

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NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
§
COUNTY OF SCURRY §

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the 340th Judicial District Court of Tom Green County, Texas, on a Final Judgment rendered in said Court on April 14, 1999, in favor of Geosite, Inc., Plaintiff, and against Better Energy Sources and Technology, Inc. dba Best Resources and Juan A. Navarro, Defendants, in the case of *Geosite, Incorporated vs. Better Energy Sources and Technology, Inc. dba Best Resources and Juan A. Navarro*, No. C-98-0537-C in said Court, the undersigned did on the 19 day of April, 1999, at 10:00 o'clock A M. levy upon the following described property lying and being situated in Scurry County, Texas, as the property of said Better Energy Sources and Technology, Inc. dba Best Resources:

All oil, gas, or mineral; oil or gas pipelines; oil or gas pipeline rights-of-way; buildings and appurtenances located on the property; and all equipment, material, machinery, and supplies located thereon under and by virtue of the below described oil, gas or mineral lease as to the interest of Better Energy Sources and Technology, Inc. dba Best Resources, Defendant, or used in operating the leasehold or land and minerals produced from or upon leasehold or the property described in a certain oil and gas leasehold estate dated June 17, 1996, leased by Lester E. Smith, et al, Trustees of Shannon Memorial Hospital, recorded at Vol. 339, Page 269, Official Property Records of Scurry County, Texas covering the lands in Section 347, Block 97, H & TC RR Co. Survey Abstract 2296, Scurry County, Texas.

You are further notified that on the 1st day of June, 1999, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on said day, at the Shannon Ranch #347-1 Well located, lying and being situated on the above described property, all of the right, title, and interest of said Better Energy Sources and Technology, Inc. dba Best Resources in and to the above-described property as of November 1, 1997, will be offered for sale and sold at public auction, for cash.

WITNESS my hand this the 7th day of May, 1999.

Darren Jackson
Sheriff
Scurry County, Texas

By: _____, Deputy
Bobby Goodwin

Boys and Girls Club...

'Trash to Treasure' fund-raiser slated

One man's trash is another man's treasure.

That's the idea behind the "Trash To Treasure" fund-raiser the Boys and Girls Club will hold next month.

The board of directors is planning a two-day event filled with a variety of activities on June 18-19. Events for both days will take place at the former Key Brothers Lawn & Leisure Building 600 E. 37th Street (south of the coliseum).

"Trash to Treasure" activities will coincide with the annual Western Swing Festival at the coliseum.

Directors are still brainstorming ideas, but a major focus will be two auctions. A silent auction is planned on the first day, Friday, June 18, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

An outdoor auction will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 19. Items can be previewed on Friday.

Community support will be needed to make the auctions a success. Merchant donations are being sought for the indoor auction.

Donations for the outdoor auction could include any usuable items such as farm machinery, oilfield equipment, vehicles and household goods.

Donations are tax deductible.

However, "Trash To Treasure" isn't just about auctions.

In addition, there will be ample indoor booth space available for rent to any person or organization wanting to sell arts, crafts, antiques and collectibles or garage sale items.

There will also be outdoor food vendor space available for rent as well.

All auction proceeds will benefit the Boys And Girls Club. However, as far as the rest of the booths are concerned, the club will only receive the rental fee.

The board of directors are planning the fund-raiser to help achieve their goal of expanding services to teenagers while maintaining and improving current activities for younger children.

A successful fund-raiser will also increase the chances of the Scurry County Boys and Girls Club qualifying for grant monies available for teen services and programs.

The directors want to be proactive in providing worthwhile activities for the county's teenagers. This event has been in the planning stages for several months, but is very timely now with the heightened sense of awareness in the nation regarding ways that communities help teens.

For more information call the Boys and Girls Club at 573-3344.



PLANNING FUND-RAISER — The board of directors of the Boys and Girls Club are planning a "Trash To Treasure" fund-raiser in June. Shown from left clockwise are David Tate, Mike Duddleston, Jack McGlaun, Dave Harlin, R.C. Patton, C.R. Perez, Charlotte Clifton, Sy Tabor. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Hiss ruling could open other long-secret grand jury data

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secret grand jury testimony once was considered sealed forever. Now, lawyers say a judge's order to release such records in the 50-year-old Alger Hiss spy case may lead to opening other long-kept secrets.

One possibility, lawyers say, is the grand jury testimony gathered in the 1951 Julius and Ethel Rosenberg atomic spy case. But such disclosures still are expected to be extremely rare.

"This principle of having historic documents that stay closed forever doesn't make much sense," said Page Putnam Miller, director of the National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History, a consortium of 53 organizations. "We recognize their sensitivity and it will always be very exceptional cases."

On Thursday, a federal judge in New York ordered the release of thousands of pages of grand jury testimony in the Hiss case during the late 1940s.

Noting that the debate continues to this day as to whether Hiss was a Soviet spy, U.S. District Judge Peter K. Leisure said, "The materials should languish on archival shelves behind locked doors no longer."

The Justice Department opposed releasing the Hiss records and has not said whether it will appeal the ruling. Grand jury secrecy rules "are among the most important in our criminal justice system," U.S. Attorney Mary Jo White said Thursday.

Hiss himself sought the release of the same grand jury records during the 1970s, and the Justice Department supported him.

Leisure's order was unusual, but not the first to release grand jury records because of historical interest. In 1987, a federal judge in New York allowed the release of grand jury records in a 35-year-old investigation of alleged government spy William Walter Remington. In 1990, a federal judge in Tennessee ordered the release of records from a grand jury investigation of race riots 45 years earlier.

The grand jury secrecy rule is based on a tradition "older than our nation itself," the Supreme Court once said. The secrecy is intended to protect people investigated but never prosecuted, encourage disclosures by witnesses and ensure free deliberations by the jurors.

Leaks from last year's grand jury investigation of President Clinton led to public debate about the secrecy rule. In that case, the testimony was publicly disclosed by the House of Representatives after it received independent counsel Kenneth Starr's impeachment report.

The secrecy rule is not absolute. While it's a crime for prosecutors or jurors to disclose what happens in the grand jury room, witnesses are free to do so. And federal trial rules list limited circumstances when judges can allow testimony to be disclosed. For example, grand jury testimony can be released for use in a related civil case.

Historical interest is not one of the listed exceptions. But the New York-based 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said in 1997 that judges sometimes can allow grand jury records to be released in long-past cases of "significant historical interest."

The 1807 treason investigation of Aaron Burr might be one such case, the appeals court said.

The Rosenberg investigation might be another, said David Vladeck, the Public Citizen Litigation Group lawyer who represents four historical organizations seeking the Hiss papers.

"Is secrecy an end to itself or does the public have a right to its history?" Vladeck said after Leisure's ruling. "The court quite rightly concluded that history is more important."

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We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the cards, flowers, food and loving kindness, shown by our many friends during the illness and death of our loved one, Bill Halpain.

Vivian Fikes and children

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The family of
Alice Leone Loso

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The family of Maxine Grimmett wishes to thank all of you for the cards, visits, food and especially prayers as our Mammaw stepped into eternity. We deeply appreciate the care and services that she received from Dr. Paul Thompson and staff, Vista Care Hospice, Amco Medical, Bell-Cypert-Seale, Dr. Marty Akins, and those who were a part of her service of celebration. Words cannot express the appreciation we feel for "Our Ladies": Violet Carter, Roseanna Dominquez, Virginia Flores, Charlotte Greene, Bobbie Lockhart, Yolanda Lowry, Ruth Morrell, Pearl Schwartz, Charlene Starnes, and Cathy Williams. May God Bless and keep you close to Him.

Billy and Diana Grimmett
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Lena and Mark Garcia
And their families

Weekend off to busy start for officers

The weekend was off to a busy start for local peace officers as six subjects were taken into custody Friday and early Saturday.

At 12:23 p.m. Friday, officers arrested a 23-year-old female in the 800 block of 27th Street on municipal court warrants for public intoxication and failure to appear.

A 29-year-old male was taken into custody at 12:51 p.m. Friday in the 600 block of North College Avenue for driving while license suspended.

Officers arrested a 20-year-old male at 4:55 p.m. Friday on Brick Plant Road for driving while license suspended.

Class A assault/family violence sent a 33-year-old man to jail at 9:29 p.m. Friday. He was arrested in the 3900 block of Muriel Drive.

A 39-year-old male was taken into custody for public intoxication at 10:45 p.m. in the 2500 block of Avenue C.

Officers arrested a 22-year-old male at 12:56 a.m. Saturday in the 1200 block of Avenue T for exhibition of speed and no insurance.

In other activity, an offense report for Class A assault/family violence was filed at 7:59 p.m. Friday.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

New study shows estrogen-memory link

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Is it true that estrogen therapy in post-menopausal women can improve memory?

DEAR READER: Until April 7 of this year, I would have said "No!" However, an article on that date in the Journal of the American Medical Association caused me to change my tune. The researchers, from two prestigious medical schools (Yale and University of Texas), studied 46 post-menopausal women in a meticulously controlled study, using a variety of tests that included magnetic resonance imaging. The scientists discovered that estrogen pills produced significant alterations in brain function related primarily to memory: The hormone improved brain organization.

This is hot stuff, to put it mildly. It is already known that hormone replacement therapy (HRT) is associated with many health benefits, including reversal of menopause-symptoms, prevention of osteoporosis and protection against heart attacks. However, I and other non-gynecologists have been concerned that the risk of breast and uterine cancer, although small, should dampen the enthusiasm for HRT. The new findings from Yale and Texas add another, important factor to the equation. Can HRT also protect against Alzheimer's disease? Possibly. More research is necessary. But, in my view, the effects of HRT on brain function is further proof that the benefits of this treatment are rapidly eclipsing the hazards. It is becoming more likely that HRT substantially improves both the physical and the mental health of post-menopausal women who use it.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Menopause." 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: Why are some drugs approved for use in other countries but not in the United States?

DEAR READER: Before a drug can be marketed in the United States, it must be approved by the Food and Drug Administration. This agency was originally formed to protect the American public from charlatans, snake-oil salesmen and unscrupulous promoters. It is a good organization and does a superb job, in my opinion. If you don't believe me, review the thalidomide tragedy of several years ago, when an FDA scientist halted U.S. distribution of a drug that caused horrendous birth defects.

In the process of evaluating a new drug, the FDA relies on extensive testing before it permits the product to be sold. This arduous evaluation can take several years. Therein lies a major criticism of the FDA: Some people believe that the long testing process deprives U.S. citizens of new and effective wonder drugs. Apparently, the FDA has been sensitive to its critics, because it has developed a "priority" list of drugs, such as some of the newer antibiotics and therapies for AIDS, which are put through an accelerated, "fast-track" evaluation.

In other parts of the world, government authorities are not so picky; they're not as serious as the FDA about protecting the public. Therefore, new medicines are often released outside the United States long before they are approved for domestic use. Some critics ask: Why doesn't the FDA use the international testing instead of insisting on its own brand of investigation? That's a hard question that I'll leave to the government authorities. Sometimes the FDA does accept foreign testing; however, there are good forms and unacceptable ones. Unfortunately, because of the huge potential profits, pharmaceutical companies are under tremendous pressure to market compounds as fast as they can be developed. One consequence of this pressure can be sloppy — even fraudulent — testing. I believe that the FDA tries very hard to protect us from this sort of thing.

No system is perfect, and I am sure that FDA officials are the last ones to claim perfection. On the other hand, with drug approval, meticulous experimental analysis is vastly superior to slip-shod rubber-stamping.

In the long run, we — the American public — will gain far more as a result of stringent drug regulation.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: The wood tick season is here again. How do you get a tick out once it is imbedded? What is the best way to keep ticks away?

DEAR READER: We have all heard of the clear nail polish method and the "hold-a-burning-cigarette-to-his-behind" technique, but there are obvious disadvantages to these maneuvers, particularly for those of us who don't use nail polish and don't smoke cigarettes. Most experts recommend grasping the tick with tweezers as close to the head as possible, applying gentle but steady traction, and slowly rotating the tick during removal.

Your second question is more difficult. There are tick repellants for both animals and humans. In my experience, the animal variety is far more effective. Sometimes, exterminators can spray pesticide in areas where the tick population is particularly troublesome. Authorities recommend that people dress appropriately (long sleeves and trousers tucked into socks) when walking or working in tick-infested locales. And, of course, at the end of the day, a thorough tick-check at shower or bath time is essential. Ticks are remarkably versatile critters; they are difficult to repel and almost impossible to eradicate.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Awhile back, you published a column about the foul odor of fecal material, which you said was normal. Not always. I noticed that my bowel movements suddenly became very smelly and dark. During a colonoscopy, a bleeding tumor was discovered. Once it was removed, my stools returned to their usual unpleasant odor.

DEAR READER: Good point, well taken. Bleeding into the bowel can, indeed, cause a change in the fecal odor that may be a tip-off to something wrong. In my original column, I said that fecal odor is largely a function of diet. I was remiss in not mentioning the very situation that you experienced. Thanks for writing.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am violently allergic to aspirin. Yet I constantly hear that it is recommended both during a heart attack and for patients with stroke or coronary artery disease. If I can't take aspirin, what can I do?

DEAR READER: You're stuck. The risk of aspirin allergy (with a possible fatal reaction) far outweighs the potential benefits (protection from heart attack or a second stroke). Don't take aspirin in any form if you are allergic to it. Ask your doctor if, because of your health problems, you should be given a prescription anticoagulant that is aspirin-free.

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

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Brooks goes home

GARY, Ind. (AP) — Millions of TV viewers might know him as the Federation's Capt. Benjamin Sisko, but here Avery Brooks is just one of the folks — and that's the way he likes it.

"This is what it is all about," Brooks said. "I am home again. I am not a big star, just another brother."

The deep-voiced actor is wrapping up a seven-year run as Sisko, commander of a strategic space station on "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine."

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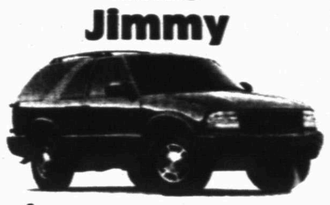
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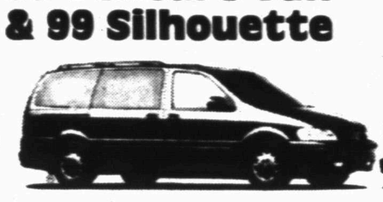
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In Yugoslavia...

General: NATO has air superiority

WASHINGTON (AP) — After more than seven weeks of bombing, allied forces have "air supremacy" in Yugoslavia despite increased threats from Serb shoulder-fired missiles, says the general commanding American air forces in the conflict

"Air supremacy, yes," Gen. John Jumper said at a Pentagon news briefing Friday. "That means we can go anywhere we want to in the country, any time we want to."

NATO planes are still flying high, but they have begun going below 15,000 feet with increased confidence, said Jumper. That was the rough minimum altitude NATO officials have cited in the past.

But Jumper, who commands the Air Force in Europe, said the skies over Yugoslavia are far from "antiseptic." He cited an increase in the number of shoulder-fired surface-to-air missiles, which are highly mobile, easily concealed and thus difficult for NATO planes to hunt down.

An American A-10 limped back to its base recently after one engine was damaged by an SA-7, Jumper said. The SA-7 is a Soviet-style shoulder-fired missile.

The SA-7s are one of the prime threats to U.S. Army Apache helicopters, which are training in Albania for missions in Kosovo.

"The skies are still dangerous" for NATO pilots, Jumper said.

Although NATO warplanes have disabled roughly half the Serbian SA-3 and SA-6 surface-to-air missile batteries, the Serb forces loyal to Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic are trying to use what remains to maximum effect, Jumper said.

"He (Milosevic) continues to hide those SAMs during the daytime and bring them to bear when he brings them out, usually at nighttime," Jumper said.

Those ground-based missile batteries are larger than shoulder-fired weapons, but still relatively easy to move by truck or other means, and still small enough to hide from NATO planes.

Serbs have fired more than 600 surface-to-air missiles since the air war began March 24.

Impeachment move against Yeltsin fails

MOSCOW (AP) — A Communist-led attempt to impeach Boris Yeltsin failed Saturday as lawmakers backed away from a showdown with the president who has dominated modern Russia since its birth.

The lower chamber of parliament, or State Duma, defeated all five impeachment charges after three days of often acrimonious debate.

The closest vote came on a motion accusing Yeltsin of starting the Chechen War, which received 283 votes of the 300 votes needed to begin impeachment proceedings against the Russian leader, according to official results.

Communist and other hard-line deputies had predicted certain triumph after working for almost a year to impeach Yeltsin. But centrist and nationalist deputies apparently decided to back Yeltsin because of their greater opposition to the Communists.

The results were read out to a hushed chamber after a day of arguing and wrangling over the voting procedure. It appeared that just 348 deputies took part in the voting, with dozens of others staying away or boycotting the session.

"The most difficult political crisis which could have developed has been overcome. Reason has prevailed," premier-designate Sergei Stepashin said after the vote, according to the Interfax news agency.

A few liberal deputies grinned widely as it became apparent that the impeachment attempt had failed. Communist deputies were silent, their heads bowed as they wrote down the results on each of the five impeachment counts.

Members of Yeltsin's staff watched from a special gallery on the side of the Duma chamber as the results were announced.

Yeltsin himself had no immediate reaction, but his envoy to the Duma, Alexander Kotenkov, said the president had been exonerated.

"We are obviously pleased by the result. They showed that the accusations against the president were groundless," he said.

The vote was a clear victory for Yeltsin, but by no means ends his or Russia's problems.

Yeltsin still faces a battle with the Duma on his nomination of Sergei Stepashin as prime minister after dismissing Yevgeny Primakov from the post. The Communists had said earlier they might support Stepashin, but the impeachment defeat was likely to leave them angry and frustrated.

And while the failure of the impeachment vote may calm the political situation for the moment it won't do much to assist Russia's battered economy, mired in a deep depression.

Opposition leaders immediately questioned the results and some said they would not accept them. But all of the parties in the Duma were represented on the commission that counted the ballots.

"Without seeing the ballots we cannot acknowledge results of the vote," said Nikolai Kharitonov, head of the pro-Communist Agrarian faction.

Some Communist deputies responded to the outcome with warnings that the Duma was finished, claiming Yeltsin could now move against the parliament.

Duma Speaker Gennady Seleznyov attempted to calm deputies.

"No tragedy has happened. I don't understand why we should erect a cross over the State Duma," he said.

Probation yanked for Mary Jalamos

A 28-year-old former Snyder resident, who earlier this month was convicted of conspiracy to commit capital murder in Taylor County, was the subject of a probation revocation hearing Friday afternoon in 132nd District Court.

Mary Ann Jalamos, serving a six-year probated sentence for tampering with government records, will now serve six years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Jalamos was convicted in 1994 for failing to report household income in order to obtain food stamps from the Texas Department Human Services. At that time, she was ordered to make $1,818 in restitution.

Senior District Judge Gene Dulaney revoked the probation for Jalamos after she was convicted earlier this month in Taylor County and received a 99-year prison sentence.

A jury in Abilene convicted Jalamos for cutting the throat of 17-year-old Brandon Lund during the commission of a robbery in which Lund's father was killed.

Columbine shooting victim nears release from hospital

DENVER (AP) — A student who suffered a massive shotgun wound to his jaw in the Columbine High School shootings said Friday that he was headed outside to smoke a cigarette with friends when the two gunmen opened fire.

At first, Lance Kirklin thought it was a senior prank.

He said he saw two "shadows" firing before he slipped out of consciousness.

"I was right outside in the commons area. I think that we were the first ones shot," Kirklin said. "The two kids who were the shooters, I didn't know them."

Kirklin, 16, who almost died in the attack, met reporters at Denver Health Medical Center for the first time since the April 20 shootings, which left 15 dead and 23 wounded.

Kirklin doesn't remember details of the shootings.

He suffered multiple injuries: A pointblank gunshot blast shattered his jaw. A bullet severed an artery in his leg. He also was hit by three other bullets.

He has had several operations, including a skin and bone graft from his leg to temporarily fill the hole in his jaw. Dozens of doctors and physical therapists have worked on him. His hospital bill is already close to $1 million.

Doctors said Kirklin likely will be released from the hospital "within the week," but his recovery is not over.

Throat doctor Stephen Batuello said Kirklin probably will need at least six more operations on his face to help permanently close the "crater" left by the shotgun blast.

Batuello said Kirklin suffered extensive damage in his jaw and a tiny hole left by the tissue replacement has not yet sealed. Consequently, Kirklin has to be fed by a tube.

Kirklin said he can't wait for the hole to close because he wants to drink apple juice.

"There's a hole in my face so it just drips out," he said.

Kirklin was with friends Daniel Rohrbough and Sean Graves when the shooting began. Rohrbough, 15, was killed. Graves, also 15, was shot in the back and has been undergoing physical therapy for a spinal cord injury.

Yorgesen ends tenure

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nistration in the success of the CRMWD.

"I think the biggest factor in the success of the water district, in my opinion, is the selection by the board of general managers. We have had two during my tour of duty. The first — Owen Ivie — literally grew up with the district.

"He has been with the district since the original lake, Lake Thomas, was built until his recent retirement. He is a very talented individual who guided the district through some turbulent times."

Current General Manager John Grant is the second to serve during Yorgesen's tenure.

"John is a people-oriented individual and an exceptionally good administrator," he said.

In addition, Yorgesen said the selection of presidents for the board of directors has been responsible for the district's success.

"We have had three presidents during my tenure — Cody Harbour, John Taylor and John Currie. Each of these is a man of high integrity, who were and are willing to give unstintingly of their time and talents."

The duties of CRMWD's board of directors relates similarly to that of a city council.

"The board of directors is to the water district much as the city council is to the city," Yorgesen said. "Where they hire a city manager, we hire a general manager. Both (boards) handle matter of policy."

Part of the duties of the board, Yorgesen said, is to set the policy to be carried out by the administration and to initiate and approve any capital expenditures.

Board members are appointed to a two-year term by the city councils of the CRMWD's member cities — Snyder, Odessa/Midland and Big Spring.

Yorgesen will be succeeded by Mickey Nunley.

Asked why he is ending his time on the board, Mr. Yorgesen said, "Well, I am getting a little long in the tooth. I've been there about 24 years and I think it is time to get someone with a little more youth and vigor to represent Snyder. I am very pleased with the selection of Mickey to succeed me."

An adequate water supply in the event of economic expansions, Yorgesen said, is one of the challenges he foresees for the district.

"Furnishing sufficient water is we have an expanded economy — which I hope we do — will provide a challenge in the next century.

"Also, the expense of delivering that water presents a challenge to be handled. There appears to be possible, substantial changes in the electrical sales market in the near future. It is necessary for the district to stay on top of the problems to defray our costs."

Yorgesen has served on the board of directors of CRMWD since Aug. 7, 1975.

He leaves office as vice president of the board, chairman of the personnel committee and as a member of the long-range planning and development committee.

Yorgesen is a certified public accountant and a former member of the Snyder City Council.

Obituaries

Anthony Martinez

Infant

Anthony Martinez, son of Guadalupe Martinez of Snyder, was stillborn Friday, May 14, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Services are pending with Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Survivors also include his grandparents, Juan and Dora Martinez of Snyder; a great-grandmother, Elvira Martinez of Snyder; and great-grandparents, Robert and Maria Vera of Snyder.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

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Fajita supper

Hermleigh cheerleaders will host a fajita supper from 5-8 p.m. Saturday in the school cafeteria. Tickets are $5 for 6th grade and up and $2.50 for below 5th grade. Chances will also be sold for Beanie Babies. Money will be used for camp and uniforms.

Special Olympic events

A benefit dance will be held from 8 p.m. until midnight Saturday at the National Guard Armory with music by Texas Mesquite. Cost is $6 per person. Proceeds will benefit Special Olympics.

Snyder chamber of commerce

The Snyder chamber of commerce board of directors will meet at noon Monday in the chamber board room. Among the items to be discussed is a request for funds for the Fourth of July celebration, and needs at the Scurry County Coliseum.

AARP chapter to meet

The AARP chapter 2063 will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center. Scurry County librarian Noreen Taylor will speak.

Washington, New York trip

There will be a meeting of parents at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the junior high auditorium. For more information, call Janeen Patterson at 573-4314 or Betsy Griffin at 573-6936.

Hermleigh kindergarten

Pre-registration for Hermleigh kindergarten students will be Monday and Tuesday from 2:45-3:30 p.m. in the kindergarten room. Parents need to bring the child's birth certificate, immunization record and social security card.

Ira sports banquet

The Ira Sports Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Monday has been moved to the National Guard Armory in Snyder. Cost of the meal is $6. All junior and senior high school athletes, parents and family are invited. Meals for athletes will be provided by the Ira Booster Club. Speaker will be former Baylor University coach Grant Teaff.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Jesus is the Logos, The Mediator," followed by "Time for a Marital Checkup."

Parkinson's support group

The Parkinson's Disease community support group will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room. Hilary Boyd, licensed occupational therapist, will present the program, "Skills for the Job of Living."

Retirement reception

A retirement reception to honor Snyder High School staffers Katie Necessary and Dewey Farley will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school library.

GED testing dates announced

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

Garage sale items needed

Lighthouse Assembly of God, 1900 Trinity Blvd, is accepting items for their garage sale to benefit the church building fund. Furniture, clothes, appliances and other items are appreciated. Call 573-5124 or 573-2947 for pickup.

Adult education classes

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

July 4th celebration

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

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
0-34-82-97
(zero, thirty-four, eighty-two, ninety-seven)

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
0-2-3
(zero, two, three)

Cash Five

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

Science teachers adopt new strategies

When it comes to teaching science, Texas teachers have a different game plan to follow. Students get less lectures and textbook reading assignments, but more chances to touch, feel and manipulate some of the very things they are learning about.

Sonja Hanks, who has taught seventh and eighth grade science at Snyder Junior High School for three years, is very excited about the changes which began in 1992 with the Texas Education Agency and the national and state science teachers organizations.

Hanks said most science teachers had learned by lecture when they were in college. Labs were separate. From the beginning, the organizations advocating changes wanted to build on what teachers already knew but provide more opportunity for exploratory work and to manipulate things with their hands.

From their efforts, the Science Systemic Initiative was created. Originally affiliated with the Texas Education Agency, it is now housed by the University of Texas in Austin. However, TEA still accredits the Science Systemic Initiative.

To carry out the objectives of the SSI, some 20 collaboratives have been formed throughout the state. However, not all school regions have one, Hanks said. One of the requirements of a collaborative is that a university staff has to help with the program.

Hanks said Snyder ISD is associated with the Tri-University Regional Collaborative which works in conjunction with the Region XIV Service Center in Abilene. The three area universities — Hardin-Simmons, Abilene Christian and McMurry — who comprise the collaborative were invited to participate by Region XIV's Service Center.

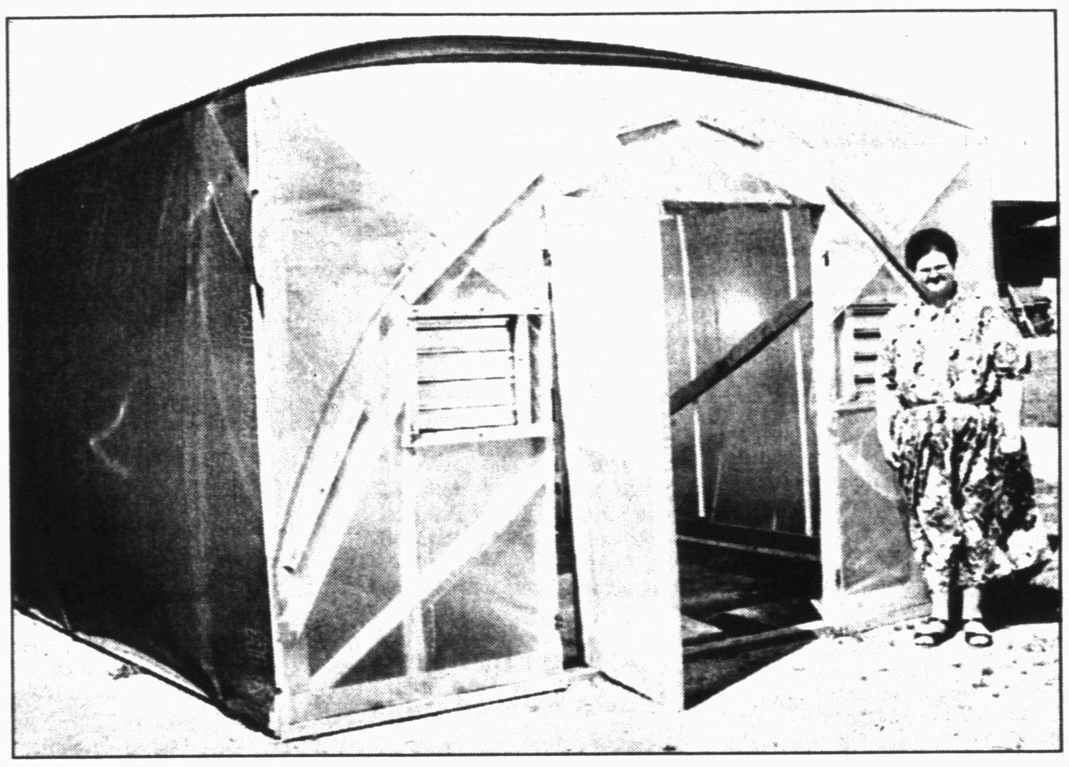
This collaborative is unique, Hanks added, because three universities are involved.

Since 1992, middle school and junior high science teachers like Hanks have been taking advanced science courses and seminars which have greatly enhanced their teaching skills.

Their students now get more "hands on" activities and they are learning to adapt science to actual life experiences. Using technology in the classroom is also encouraged, Hanks said.

One of the changes brought about by the Science Systemic Initiative was to coordinate the science curriculum for levels I-IV. That meant Earth, physical and life sciences would be combined and students would be taught how

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NEW GREENHOUSE — Sonja Hanks, Snyder Junior High School science teacher, stands next to the new greenhouse the school purchased with funds from an Exxon grant. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Long closing out 17 years with Ira FFA

Emotions ran high Thursday night during Ira FFA's annual banquet. Not only were the 1998-1999 class members being recognized, but they were also saying good-bye to one of their own — Richard Long, who has directed the ag program for the past 17 years.

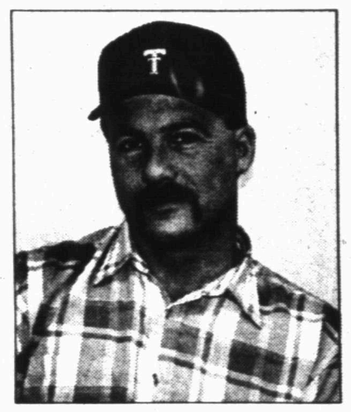
At the end of the program, each FFA officer spoke from the heart as they paid tribute to their teacher, adviser, friend and mentor. They included president Jenson Gainer, who conducted the meeting; Richard Wilkins, vice president; Perry Jamison, treasurer; Jose Juarez, secretary; Jerek Brown, reporter; and Korby Calley, who filled in for Logan Daves as the sentinel.

Long received two framed keepsakes. One was a story of an old fiddle called "The Master's Touch," and the other was a picture of the 1998-1999 class members complete with their names on the border, created and presented by Audra Oliver.

Long has accepted the agriculture science teacher's position at Sterling City, a school slightly larger than Ira where he anticipates an enrollment of 60-70 vocational agriculture students. He and his family including his wife, Jeffri, and their two sons, Colton, 12, and Clayton 9, will move within a few weeks.

"This is not a half-to move," Richard said. "This is a step forward for my family. I feel like I could probably have stayed at Ira until I retired. But if I was ever going to make a change, this is the time to do it. It's an opportunity for me to do some of the things I've been wanting to do.

"It's getting harder and harder to find schools that are willing to pay for experienced teachers," he added. "This is the best time for my family and I to make a move. After much thought and prayer, we all reached the decision."



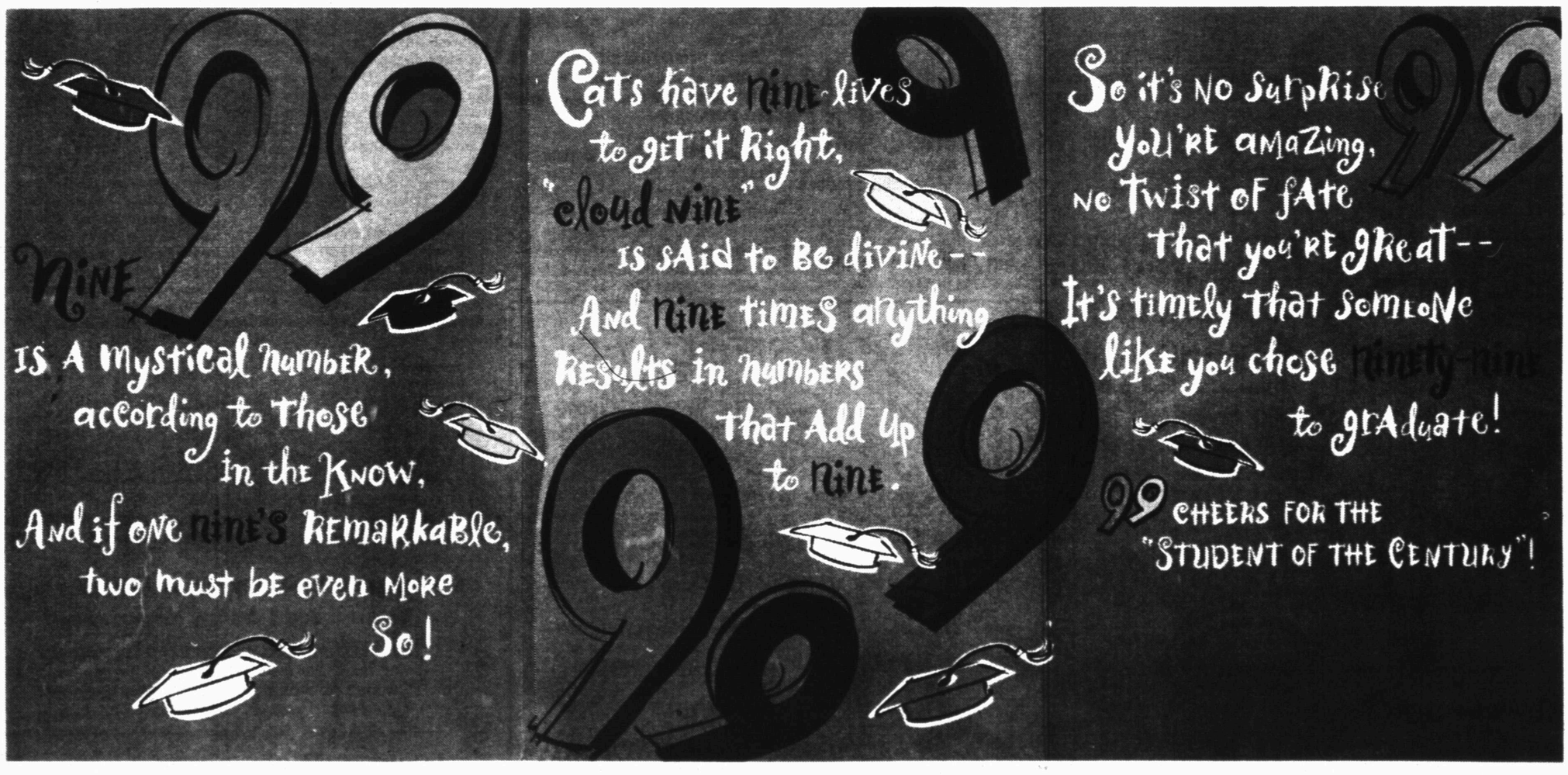
Richard Long

While Richard is looking forward to the challenge of building the ag program at Sterling City, he admits that he will miss his students at Ira.

Over the past 17 year, he said he has had some great students. He

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GRADUATION HEADQUARTERS



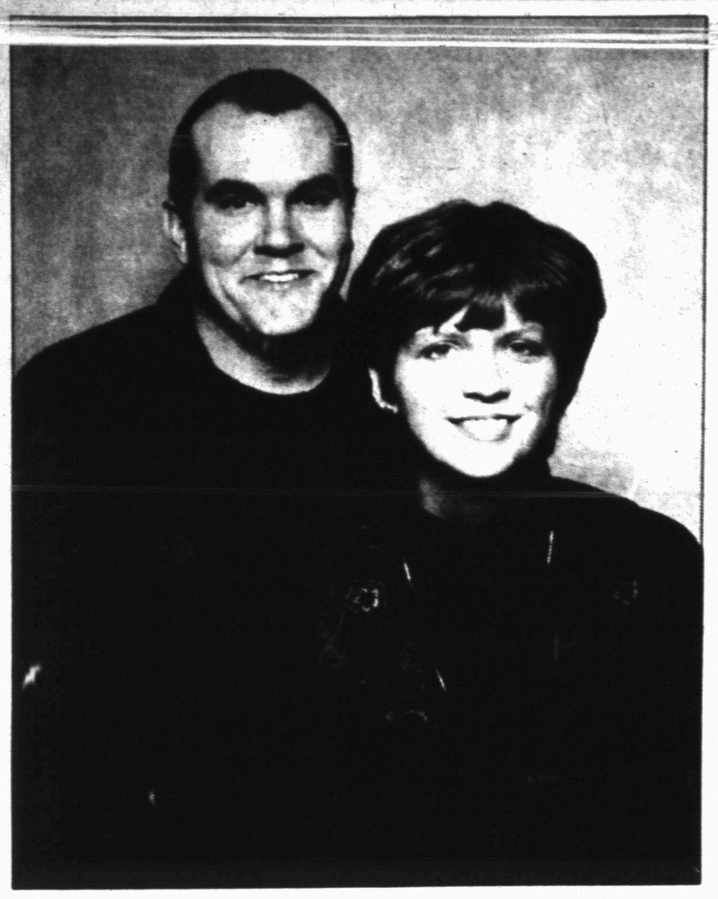
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MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Galloway and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Draughon announce the marriage of their children, Katye Galloway and Brad Draughon, on April 8 in Omaha, Neb. Brad is an airman first class with the U.S. Air Force. (Contributed Photo)

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Henderson, Barrera will marry in May

James Henderson of Denver, Colo., Tommy Henderson of Lubbock and Will Henderson of Snyder announce the upcoming marriage of their mother, Anne Henderson, to Pete Barrera of Barnhart, formerly of Snyder.

The couple plan to marry at 5 p.m. on May 29 in the family's home. Following their marriage, the couple will reside in Barnhart.

Cuban phone calls reach almost $2,000

MIAMI, Fla (AP) — Someone has been dialing up Cuba at Miami taxpayers' expense, accumulating nearly $2,000 in telephone charges since 1996.

A review of city phone records by The Miami Herald shows calls to the island, made from Dec. 3, 1996 to March 30, 1999, cost the city at least $1,963.87.

Records show the calls were made from Miami City Hall during day and evening hours. Officials couldn't determine from which office the calls were made.

The most expensive Cuban call was a 44-minute conversation on Valentine's Day 1998 totaling $132.27.

"There are no justifiable reasons why money should be spent on this," Mayor Joe Carollo said. "We have no business relationship with Cuba."

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 05-15-99
♠ A 6 3
♥ J 4
♦ K Q 4
♣ K Q 10 7 6

West
♠ J 10 9 5
♥ A 10 6 5 2
♦ 8 7 5 3
♣ ---

East
♠ K 8 4
♥ 7
♦ 6
♣ A J 9 8 5 4 3 2

South
♠ Q 7 2
♥ K Q 9 8 3
♦ A J 10 9 2
♣ ---

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		1 NT	4 ♣
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ J

A science or an art?

By Phillip Alder

Is bridge a science or an art? It's an old question to which the answer is "yes." It is more often scientific in nature, but there are artistic bids and plays. This deal caught my eye as an example of the aesthetic.

South is in four hearts, pushed there by East's aggressive four-club overcall. Suppose West leads the spade jack to East's king, and he switches to the club ace. With which card would you ruff?

East's four clubs was an enterprising effort. It would have cost a fortune if North had a chance to double, but it is hard to criticize South for his four-heart response.

At some tables in a pairs event, East switched to his singleton diamond at trick two, optimistically hoping West would have the ace and could deliver a ruff. Now, though, South won the trick and played on trumps, losing only three tricks: one spade and two hearts.

The club ace (or a low club) at trick two is more testing, threatening to promote a third trump trick for West. And that is what will happen if South ruffs with any of his high trumps. West will calmly discard — don't overruff with a card that will still win a trick — and defeat the contract.

South must ruff with the heart three. If West overruffs, declarer wins his return and runs the heart nine. (West is marked with the long trumps, but the play is even easier to find if West has doubled the contract.) South loses just one more trick, to West's heart ace. If West discards, South finesses the heart nine, and again holds his losses to one spade and two trumps.

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Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

Jane Hinton directed games at the Snyder Country Club.

FRIDAY
May 7

1. Ann Davis, Anita Talbott.
2. Jane Hinton, Monte West.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Maribeth Vestal.

TUESDAY
May 11

1. Nona Morrison, Maribeth Vestal.
2. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Pat Floyd, Robbie Floyd.

Amarillo First Baptist Church...

Bagwell, Pratt pledge vows

AMARILLO — Melissa Shea Bagwell and Jerome Marshall Pratt, both of Amarillo, were married at 7 p.m., April 17 in the Amarillo First Baptist Church.

Becky and James Bagwell of Amarillo are parents of the bride. The groom's parents are Larry Pratt of Amarillo and Christy Pratt of Snyder. He is the grandson of Frances Suttle of Snyder and the late Walter Marshall Suttle.

Vows were pledged before an altar setting of 12 candelabras, each holding 12 white candles, intertwined with English ivy and draped with white tulle.

Harp music was played throughout the ceremony.

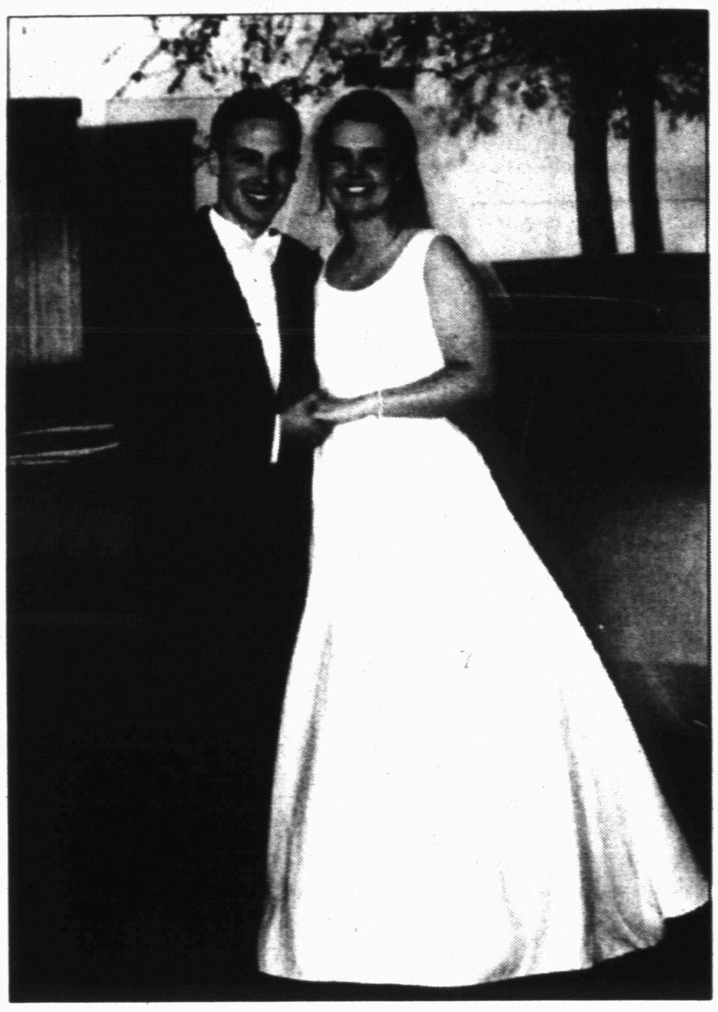
Given in marriage by her father, she was attired in a fitted floor-length, sleeveless ivory crepe gown with flat pleats at the waist. It had an A-line skirt with a flowing rounded train. Her veil was shoulder-length and made of tulle, finished with embroidered flowerlets.

Maid of honor was Britani Bagwell, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kelly Rogers, Gainor Rhodes, Melissa Gipson, Jenny Pratt, sister of the groom, and Samantha Eldridge. All are of Amarillo. They wore identical lilac empired waist, sleeveless gowns that tied in a bow in the back.

Mackenzie Whitely, niece of the bride from Amarillo, was flower girl.

Best man was the groom's father and groomsmen included Anthony Crinella, Larry Fausser, Drew Rowell, Lance Allen and Brooks Webb.

Black tuxedos were worn by the male wedding party, completed with black cummerbunds, white shirts and white bow ties.



Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Marshall Pratt
(Contributed Photo)

A reception was held in the Amarillo Medical Center Plaza. A table decorated with daisies, carnations and greenery, was draped with a white linen cloth. It held a four-tiered white-on-white cake which was decorated with roses, coffee, tea and punch, all served from silver serving pieces.

Hor d'oeuvres were also served at a separate table and a German chocolate cake was served at the groom's table.

The bride, a graduate of Amarillo High School, is supervisor of tellers at Amarillo National Bank. A graduate of Tascosa High School, the groom is an assistant branch manager of First National Bank of Amarillo.

Tennessee changes its 'road kill' law

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Drivers soon can grill anything they kill on Tennessee highways.

A measure before Gov. Don Sundquist makes it legal for motorists to take home the deer they kill on state highways. All the driver has to do is tell the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency or local authorities.

The Senate voted 29-1 for the so-called "road kill" bill, which earlier passed the House. A spokeswoman said Sundquist probably will let it become law without his signature later this month.

State Sen. Tim Burchett said the bill addresses a real problem.

There were about 10,000 motor vehicle accidents involving deer in Tennessee last year, and under current law, a motorist can be sentenced to six months in jail and fined $500 for taking home a deer carcass.

Small game like raccoons and possums are not affected by the legislation: motorists already can take them home.

More than half of the peanuts grown in the U.S. are used for various food products — peanut butter, candy, salting and roasting in the shell. The remaining are crushed for oil and meal, exported, or used for seed and animal feed.

Hints For Homemakers

Spring Cleaning Takes On A Whole New Meaning

(NAPS)—Southern chefs pride themselves on clearing clean plates from the table at the end of a home-cooked meal. This spring, McKenzie's serves up a southern feast featuring Dirty Rice with Beans, one recipe that will assure spring-clean dinner dishes.

Dirty Rice with Beans adds Cajun flare to a down-home meal with hearty ingredients such as pork sausage and McKenzie's Frozen Speckled Butter Beans. When served with southern favorites like fried chicken, McKenzie's Creamed Corn, Frozen Hush Puppies or Frozen Chopped Collards, this recipe is sure to provide stick-to-the-ribs satisfaction.

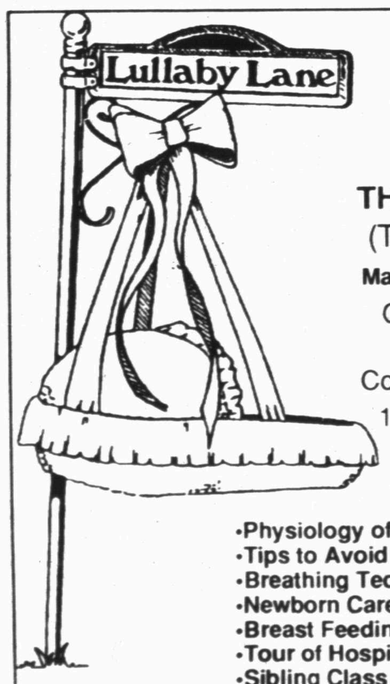
Best of all, Dirty Rice with Beans cooks up in less than 20 minutes on the stove or in the microwave, leaving you with time to enjoy the spring blossoms.



MCKENZIE'S DIRTY RICE WITH BEANS

- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) McKenzie's Frozen Speckled Butter Beans
- ½ lb. bulk pork sausage
- ¼ cup chopped celery
- ¼ cup chopped red pepper
- ¼ cup McKenzie's Frozen Chopped Onions
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 cups cooked white rice
- ½ teaspoon cayenne
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- ¼ teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- ¼ teaspoon ground cumin
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Cook butter beans as directed on package. Drain. Set aside. In large skillet, combine sausage, celery, red pepper, onions and garlic. Cook over medium heat, until vegetables are tender and sausage is cooked and browned. Drain. Add butter beans and remaining ingredients. Mix well. Simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve immediately.



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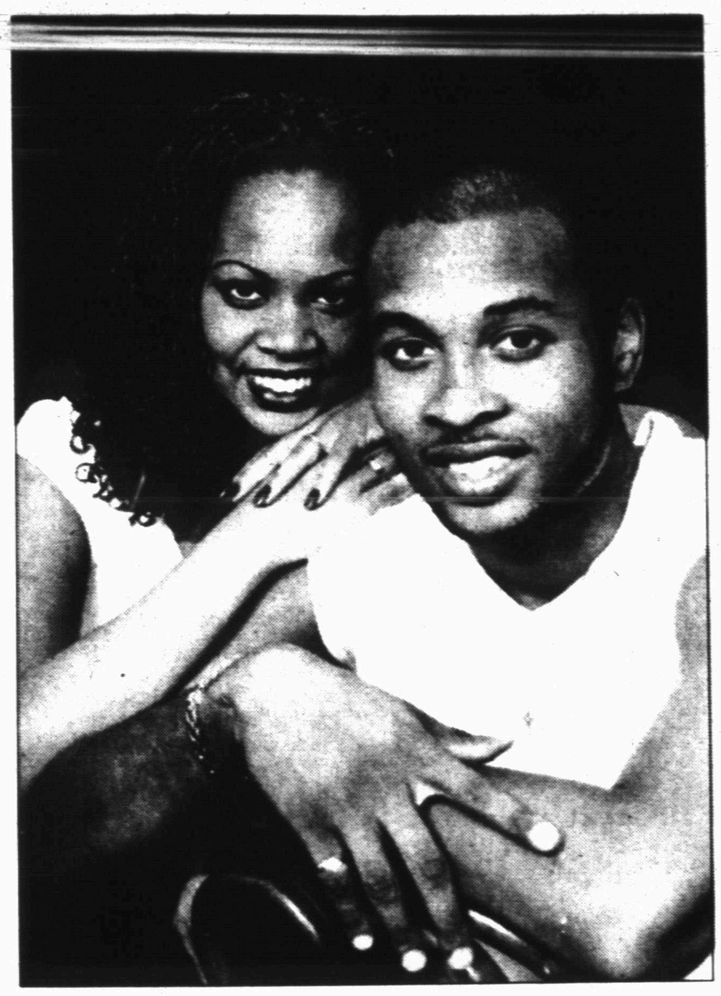
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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Wofford announce the engagement of their daughter, Masharika Danielle Wofford, to Mr. Christopher Earl Bryant, son of Ms. Joyce Bryant of Phoenix, Ariz., and Clifford E. Bryant Sr. of Dallas. The couple plan to marry on July 10 at Colonial Hill Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)

Best selling records

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's best-selling recorded music as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. (Platinum signifies more than 1 million copies sold; Gold signifies more than 500,000 copies sold.):

Billboard Hot 100: Top 10

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan; radio playlists; and monitored radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Livin' La Vida Loca," Ricky Martin. C2.
2. "No Scrubs," TLC. LaFace. (Gold)
3. "Kiss Me," Sixpence None The Richer. Squint. (Gold)
4. "Every Morning," Sugar Ray. Lava. (Gold)
5. "Who Dat," JT Money. Tony Mercedes.
6. "Fortunate," Maxwell. Rock Land.
7. "Believe," Cher. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
8. "Heartbreak Hotel," Whitney Houston (feat Faith Evans & Kelly Price). Arista. (Platinum)
9. "Where My Girls At?," 702. Motown.
10. "What's It Gonna Be?!" Busta Rhymes (feat. Janet). FlipMode. (Gold)

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The Billboard 200

Top Albums: Top 10

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports collected, compiled and provided by SoundScan)

1. "A Place In The Sun," Tim McGraw. Curb.
2. "Fanmail," TLC. LaFace. (Platinum)
3. Soundtrack: "Star Wars Episode I — The Phantom Menace." Sony Classical.
4. "Ruff Ryders: Ryde Or Die Vol. I," Various Artists. Ruff Ryder.
5. "Come On Over," Shania Twain. Mercury. (Platinum)
6. "...Baby One More Time," Britney Spears. Jive. (Platinum)
7. "Wide Open Spaces," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
8. "I Am...," NAS. Columbia. (Platinum)
9. "Believe," Cher. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
10. "Sogno," Andrea Bocelli. Polydor. (Platinum)

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Hot Adult Contemporary

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Angel," Sarah McLachlan. Warner Sunset.
2. "You'll Be In My Heart," Phil Collins. Walt Disney.
3. "(God Must Have Spent) A Little More Time on You," 'N Sync. RCA.
4. "Believe," Cher. Warner Bros.
5. "Kiss Me," Sixpence None The Richer. Squint.
6. "From This Moment On," Shania Twain. Mercury.
7. "Angel Of Mine," Monica. Arista.
8. "All I Have To Give," Backstreet Boys. Jive.
9. "Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden. Columbia.
10. "Written In The Stars," Elton John & LeAnn Rimes. Curb.

Mainstream Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Heavy," Collective Soul. Atlantic.
2. "Mas Tequila," Sammy Hagar. MCA.
3. "One," Creed. Wind-up.
4. "Lit Up," Buckcherry. DreamWorks.
5. "Whiskey In The Jar," Metallica. Elektra.
6. "Why I'm Here," Oleander. Republic.
7. "My Own Worst Enemy," Lit. RCA.
8. "Living Dead Girl," Rob Zombie. Geffen.
9. "Whatever," Godsmack. Republic.
10. "Freak On A Leash," Korn. Immortal.

Modern Rock Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of airplay supplied by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "My Own Worst Enemy," Lit. RCA.
2. "Praise You," Fatboy Slim. Skint.
3. "Better Days (And The Bottom Drops Out)," Citizen King. Warner Bros.
4. "One," Creed. Wind-up.
5. "Falls Apart," Sugar Ray. Lava.
6. "Blue Monday," Orgy. Elementree.
7. "Ends," Everlast. Tommy Boy.
8. "New," No Doubt. WORK.
9. "Heavy," Collective Soul. Atlantic.
10. "All Star," Smash Mouth. Interscope.

Hot Country Singles and Tracks

(Compiled from a national sample of monitored country radio by Broadcast Data Systems)

1. "Please Remember Me," Tim McGraw. Curb.
2. "You Won't Ever Be Lonely," Andy Griggs. RCA.
3. "Two Teardrops," Steve Wariner. Capitol.
4. "Anyone Else," Collin Raye. Epic.
5. "Wish You Were Here," Mark Wills. Mercury.
6. "Man! I Feel Like A Woman!," Shania Twain. Mercury.
7. "Write This Down," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
8. "Hands Of A Working Man," Ty Herndon. Epic.
9. "Gone Crazy," Alan Jackson. Arista Nashville.
10. "How Forever Feels," Kenny Chesney. BNA.

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2. "Come On Over," Shania Twain. Mercury. (Platinum)
3. "Wide Open Spaces," Dixie Chicks. Monument. (Platinum)
4. "Faith," Faith Hill. Warner Bros. (Platinum)
5. "Always Never The Same," George Strait. MCA Nashville. (Platinum)
6. "Two Teardrops," Steve Wariner. Capitol (Nashville).
7. "Double Live," Garth Brooks. Capitol. (Platinum)
8. "Evolution," Martina McBride. RCA. (Platinum)
9. "I'm Alright," Jo Dee Messina. Curb. (Platinum)
10. "Everywhere We Go," Kenny Chesney. BNA.

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The valedictorian is the graduate with the highest marks; the salutatorian is the graduate with the second highest marks.

School Menu

Snyder

All meals are served with choice of milk; the menu offers a choice of orange juice and assorted cereal.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY

Breakfast Pizza

TUESDAY

Cinnamon Roll

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast Burrito w/Salsa

THURSDAY

Biscuits w/Cream Gravy

FRIDAY

Pancake w/Syrup

LUNCH

MONDAY

Hamburger on a Bun or
Soft Tacos
Lettuce & Tomato
Refried Beans
Chilled Fruit

TUESDAY

Hot Dog on a Bun or
Oven Fried Chicken w/Roll
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Carrots
Chilled Fruit

WEDNESDAY

Pizza or
Stuffed Potato
W.K. Corn
Tossed Salad
Apple Crisp

THURSDAY

Burrito or
Lasagna
Green Beans
Salad
Chocolate Pudding

FRIDAY

Corn Dog or
Rib Sandwich
Baked Beans
Broccoli w/Cheese
Cookie

Prize Day

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All meals are served with choice of milk.

MONDAY

Steak Fingers
Baked Potatoes
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Rolls
Apricot Cobbler

TUESDAY

Senior Dinner

Stromboli
Mixed Vegetables
Peaches
Cookies

WEDNESDAY

Chicken Nuggets
Vegetable Salad
Green Beans
Bread
Baked Apples

THURSDAY

Chalupas
Corn
Vegetable Salad
Crackers
Sheath Cake

FRIDAY

Corn Dogs
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Cowboy Cookies

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All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY

Juice
Pancake/Syrup

TUESDAY

Fruit
Cinnamon Rolls

WEDNESDAY

Juice
Waffles/Syrup

THURSDAY

Fruit
Toast & Jelly

FRIDAY

Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast

LUNCH

MONDAY

Barbecue on a Bun
Relish Cup
Chips
Chilled Pears

TUESDAY

Hamburgers
Burger Salad
Chips
Cherries/Whipped Topping

WEDNESDAY

Toasted Cheese Sandwiches
Relish Cup
Chips
Pineapple Slices

THURSDAY

Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches
Carrot Sticks
Chips
Pink Applesauce

FRIDAY

Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Chips
Chilled Pears

Strange robberies

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A 41-year-old man has pleaded guilty and no contest to six robberies — some of them committed while naked.

Stanley Heiserman Jr. faces eight to 40 years in prison for his crimes.

Authorities said the Allentown man committed some of the robberies with clothes and some without. In one case, he had no clothing except for underwear, which he was wearing on his head.

In another, he walked naked into an Allentown convenience store. Cashiers started chuckling until he said he had a gun in a bag and demanded money.

Heiserman, who entered the pleas in Lehigh County Court on Tuesday, told Judge Robert Steinberg the robbery spree was the result of him being on drugs and being distraught because his mother was dying.



WAL-MART AWARDS GRANT — Wal-Mart Foundation sponsored the local store's awarding $300 "to support educational programs that help students understand the important role they can play in making the world a safer, healthier and overall better place to live." The check was presented by Debra Perez, (left) assistant manager, to Betty Morgan. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



ANOTHER WAL-MART DONATION — Debra Perez, local Wal-Mart assistant manager, presented Brady Trawick, right, a check for $907 to be used for First Baptist Church's student ministry this summer. This includes matching funds from a car wash by First Baptist Youth. Trawick is minister of youth activities. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

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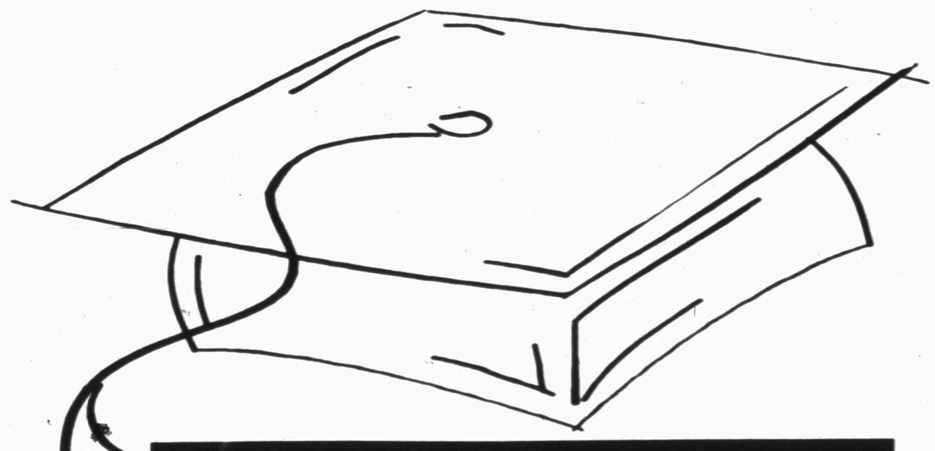
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Mrs. Gilbert Andrew Greene
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Former resident wed in San Angelo church

SAN ANGELO — Lara Lynn Lee and Gilbert Andrew Greene, both of Houston, were married on Saturday, May 8, at Sierra Vista Methodist Church in San Angelo. The Rev. John Reynolds, pastor, officiated.

Parents of the couple are Dr. and Mrs. Tipton B. Lee of San Angelo, Laura Townes Greene of San Angelo, and Geral Mac Greene of Snyder.

The bride wore a sleeveless ivory satin gown which was highlighted by an inset in the back of antique satin which swept to a full train. The gown's low-cut back featured a flat bow at the waist. The bodice and inset of the gown were embellished with small rosettes of the same fabric and tiny pearls. She wore pearls that were given as a wedding gift to her mother by her father and along with her bridal bouquet of mixed white spring flowers, she carried a handkerchief belonging to the groom's paternal grandmother, and a Bible brought from the Holy Land by her maternal grandmother.

Maid of honor was the bride's sister, Dr. Elizabeth Lee of San Angelo, and bridesmaids were Nancy Lea Arnold of Dallas, the groom's cousin; Rosalie Olson of College Station, and Rachel Barry of San Angelo. Flower girl was Blake Arena, the groom's cousin from Abilene. Attendants wore long dresses of teal satin accented by a mini-train in back. They carried bouquets of mixed spring flowers.

Best man was Gary Morgan of Mesquite. Groomsmen were John M. Greene of Houston and Benjamin W. Greene of San Diego, Calif., both brothers of the groom; Lane Arnold of Decatur, the groom's cousin; and Matt Russell of League City. Ring bearer was Alec Arena of Abilene.

Scripture was read by Libby Debenport of Dallas and Rebecca Knox of Austin sang "Oh Perfect Love" and "Widmung," a German love song by Schuman.

Ushers were Lynn Young of Dallas, Todd Owens of San Angelo, Will Mayborn and Royce Meyer, both of Austin, and Jordan Jalbert of Carrollton, Ky.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of San Angelo Central High School and received a B.A. degree in theater from the University of Texas at Austin in 1997. She is employed by the A.D. Players in Houston. Greene graduated from San Angelo Central High School in 1994 and received a B.S. in chemical engineering from the University of Texas at Austin in 1998. He is employed by Trinity Consultants in Houston.

A reception was held at San Angelo Country Club following the ceremony. Guests attended the wedding and reception from Ann Arbor, Mich.; Brighton, Mich; Dallas, Austin, Houston, San Antonio, Decatur, Bridgeport, Waco, Victoria, Ballinger, Abilene, Kerrville, Lubbock, College Station, Arlington, The Woodlands and Snyder.

After their wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple have made their home in Houston.

Tabloid disputed

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Julie Andrews is denying a tabloid report that she was treated for drug dependency, saying she received care to help her cope with grief related to throat surgery and the death of an aunt.

Ms. Andrews, 63, recently checked in at the Sierra Tucson facility in Arizona for "guidance and management of emotional issues related to grief," her lawyers said a statement Thursday.

"I identified emotional issues surrounding my grief that made me wish to take action sooner rather than later," Ms. Andrews said.

The May 25 issue of The Globe reports she was treated for drug dependency, the statement said.

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams
and
Nancy Nash-Cummings

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I would like to ask you about something that we did as children. As I remember, we would take a piece of coal, put it in a dish with some salt and put a little water in the bottom. Crystals would grow from this mixture, and we colored with iodine. I tried to do this last year as a project for my grandchildren. Needless to say, it didn't work. I think I'm missing something, but I can't find anyone who remembers how to do this. We had such clean fun (except for the coal) with this as children, and I would like to pass it on to my grandchildren for their own school projects. — **MARGARET SHAHEEN, Lambertville, N.J.**

DEAR MARGARET: What you are looking is called a Coal or Depression (because in the 1930s all the ingredients were right on hand and nothing needed to be specially purchased at the store) Garden. We've published this "recipe" before, but not for a few years. For our newer readers, here it is:

Depression Garden

In a shallow glass or plastic bowl, place some pieces of coal, coke, porous brick, dried tile cement or cut-up sponge. Over these, pour 2 tablespoons of water, 2 tablespoons of Mrs. Stewart's Bluing and 2 tablespoons of table salt. The next day, add 2 more tablespoons of salt. On the third day, pour 2 tablespoons EACH of salt, water and Mrs. Stewart's Bluing directly into the bottom of the bowl; do not pour onto base material, which should be "growing" by now. You may then add a few drops of food coloring or ink for additional color.

By this time, a beautiful, flower-like growth should be emerging. If conditions are not ideal (too much humidity or not enough air circulation) it may be necessary to add 2 tablespoons of household ammonia to encourage the growth. To keep your garden "growing," simply add more water, salt and bluing from time to time.

NOTE: If Mrs. Stewart's Bluing isn't available in the laundry section of your local market, it can be ordered from F.H. Gillingham and Sons, 16 Elm St., Woodstock, VT (802) 457-2100.

DEAR ANNE AND NAN: Do you know where I can buy ground chicory to add to coffee? — **MRS. WILLIAM ARD, Stuart, Fla.**

DEAR MRS. ARD: The Great American Spice Co., 619 Broadway, New Haven, IN 46774 (219 749-7742) carries roasted, ground chicory root. The price, which does not include shipping, is $7.75 for 16 ounces. By the way, this company has a great catalog that's more like an oversized book. It contains a wealth of information and great recipes as well as a huge variety of spices and flavorings. The catalog costs $3, but you get a $5 gift certificate with it — so it actually doesn't cost you a penny and you end up $2 ahead!

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

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Herrera, Smith marry

HERMLEIGH — Teresa Fay Herrera of Snyder and David Edward Smith of San Angelo were united in marriage in a double-ring ceremony at 2 p.m., April 17 in the Hermleigh First Baptist Church.

The Rev. Rex Reynolds, pastor, officiated vows at an altar decorated with two seven-branch candelabras draped with wedding garland. The unity candle placed in a crystal holder accented with white and teal flowers, was on a table covered with teal satin and ivory lace.

The pews were trimmed with large teal and ivory bows with teal rose accents.

The bride's parents are Johnny and Linda Kincheloe of Snyder and the groom's parents are Robert and Suzanne Smith of Blacksburg, Va.

Randy Herrera, the bride's son, and Mechelle Renfro, the bride's niece were candlelighters. Rexanne Clark played piano selections during the lighting of the candles, and the bridal procession. "Angel of Mine," by Monica, was played as the couple lit the unity candle.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown made by her mother. The sleeveless gown had an empire waist trimmed at the edge with pearl beads. The bodice of oyster colored brocade was attached to a princess-line skirt of smooth ivory taffeta. The detachable train, also of oyster brocade, began at the back waist and was trimmed with three handmade silk roses of ivory, made by the bride. The headpiece, also made by the bride, was trimmed with roses and pearl beads of ivory and white. She also wore opera-length ivory gloves and carried a bouquet of ivory and teal roses and baby teal rose buds, made by her aunt, Michel White. It was accented with white lace, pearl beads, charms of a heart, angel and butterfly and matching ribbons.

Maid of honor was Racheal Herrera, the bride's daughter. She wore a floor-length dress of teal satin with spaghetti straps adorned with a teal satin rose on the back, made by her mother. She carried a bouquet of baby roses in teal and ivory and wore white lace gloves.

Flower girl Ashley Kincheloe, the bride's niece, wore a teal and white lace dress with bead accenting and carried a basket with teal and ivory baby roses. Her basket was trimmed with lace and pearl beads. She wore white gloves and white shoes with beading to match her dress.

Ring bearer Ramsey Herrera, the bride's son, wore a black tuxedo by Ascot, with a teal vest. He carried an ivory satin heart-shaped pillow, made by his mother.

The Best man was the bride's son, Randy Herrera. Ushers were Randy and Ramsey Herrera. Also in attendance were the groom's sons, Chance and Blake Smith of Lubbock.



Mr. and Mrs. David Edward Smith
(Contributed Photo)

The groom wore an ivory tuxedo by Ascot with matching ivory shoes. The Best man wore a black tuxedo with a teal vest. All male attendants wore boutonnieres of ivory carnations, baby's breath and teal rosebuds.

Mechelle Renfro wore a floor-length teal dress as she registered guests at a table holding childhood pictures of the bride and groom. The table was covered with a teal satin cloth draped with an ivory lace coverlet from the bride's grandmother. The registry book was decorated with ivory brocade material matching the wedding dress, and white lace. It was accompanied by a teal plumed pen.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall. The bride's table was covered by an antique ivory cloth belonging to Michel White. It held two punch bowls with banana crush punch. Teal napkins, matchbooks embossed with the bride's and groom's names, and confetti of teal bells and hearts decorated the table.

The three-layer French vanilla wedding cake, made by Michel White, was iced with ivory frosting and teal accents. The second layer displayed hearts around the edge. Ivory and teal flowers were placed between the layers. Gold wedding rings with white doves adorned the top. The cake was topped with two white doves holding wedding rings in their beaks, sitting on two large wedding bells.

Michel White served cake, and punch was served by Racheal Herrera and Mechelle Renfro.

Following their honeymoon to Embassy Suites in Abilene, the couple have made their home in San Angelo. A Snyder native, the bride graduated from Snyder High School in 1983 and attend Western Texas College LVN Program in 1991. She has been employed by Cogdell Hospital since 1992.

The groom served in the Air Force and has worked in hydraulics and carwashes over five years. He is employed as an area service tech for Washing Equipment of Texas in San Angelo.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Al-Anon, Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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Hanks benefits from change in teaching strategies

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they relate to each other rather than teaching Earth science one year and life science the next.

One problem with this approach though was that not all teachers had backgrounds in all three areas, Hanks explained. She has a good background in both biology and chemistry, but, even though she is certified to teach all levels of science, she said she needed to upgrade her knowledge of physics.

Teachers are able to enhance their knowledge through the wide variety of advanced science courses and seminars that are being offered throughout the state.

In Region XIV, professors from HSU, ACU and McMurry teach the advanced classes. While all teachers in Region XIV may enroll in the classes, Hanks said the program is geared toward the junior high and middle school levels.

Some advanced courses have been taught during spring semesters, others are one day seminars or classes at the Region XIV Service Center; but, Hanks said, their most extensive work is completed during the summer.

Since 1992, she has accumulated over 300 hours in advanced science training. Some of the courses also carry academic credit.

In Region XIV, the first course which Hanks and other science teachers in the region enrolled in was offered at ACU. At its Musgrave Farm near Abilene, they learned how soil forms, the differences in soils, how plants grow, the affects of erosion, how soil wears away, how soil grows and the affect of water on systems.

One of the speakers the collaborative sponsored this school year was Alan Hale who discovered the Hale-Bopp Comet.

"He was very interesting," Hanks said. "It's nice to be able to meet the scientists who are behind what you teach your students," Hanks said.

Last October, members of the regional collaborative were able to visit NASA. They saw astronauts training in the water tanks as well as the equipment and computer rooms used during shuttle missions.

"The space shuttles go up all of the time. We don't think anything about it. It was good to get to meet the people who actually do these jobs. To see what they do and what kind of skills are involved," Hanks explained.

Hanks said she and other science teachers have really benefitted from these courses. She noted that her knowledge of physics has greatly improved.

She added that some science teachers had never taken chemistry or physics, but had had to teach those subjects anyway.

Through the Tri-University Regional Collaborative, Hanks said she has been introduced to people and has had the opportunity to apply for scholarships or grants which have enabled her to take courses outside the collaborative.

In 1992, she spent 2½ weeks at the University of Texas in El Paso where she studied an integrated program consisting of biology, physics, earth science, chemistry and life science.

In 1997, she spent three weeks in Houston for a course offered by the University of Houston and the Texas Chemical Council. Besides learning about air and water quality and the chemicals that are in the environment, she also visited a water treatment plant and drilling rig sites.

Also included was looking at reasons why Houston has a pollution problem, including "red flag" days where it worsens.

Last year, Hanks said the director of statewide collaboratives sent her information about the National Science Foundation, through which she received a $2,000 grant which allowed the junior high to purchase a greenhouse.

It has been erected, but lacks some water and plumbing installations, so students this year may not have an opportunity to use it. But students next year and beyond will, Hanks said. Among other things, they will be able to grow their own plants.

In the grant application she wrote, Hanks said she had to tie in how math and science skills would work together to form a business.

She explained that students will decide what type of plants they want to grow from seed. Gifted and talented math students will calculate how much to charge for them and they will work up a budget.

This past December, the director of the Region XIV collaborative sent her information about an Exxon Education Foundation grant which funds using technology in the classroom.

She applied for an Exxon grant under the direction of Region XIV. The $2,000 grant she obtained purchased six digital cameras which will be available for check out by science teachers through Region XIV's Service Center. They can be checked out on a weekly basis as long as students will use them in the classroom. Region XIV has a van, nicknamed the "Pony," which delivers and picks up the equipment once a week from all school districts in the region.

Hanks has been training with the cameras because part of the grant's requirement is that she teach other teachers about using them this summer.

Recently, Hanks used one of the digital cameras to show her students pictures she had photographed from a book about Jonas Salk which corresponded with her lesson.

Since the camera interfaces with a television, she hooked the small camera up to a TV in her classroom and proceeded to show her students pictures of Jonas Salk, who created the Salk Polio Vaccine, and pictures of an iron lung which polio victims once had to use.

The digital cameras can be used to make a three-second video as well as photograph panaramic views, for instance, of different layers of rocks, Hanks explained. Some of her students have also created a project using them.

This summer, she added that part of the collaborative training will focus on how to use graphing calculators and data analyzers. Information plugged into a graphing calculator will automatically be formed into a graph, Hanks explained.

They are used in conjunction with data analyzers which have special probes capable of taking a variety of readings. For instance, she said, she could take the temperature reading in each corner of her classroom or at different levels. The data from the analyzer would be transferred to the calculator so a graph would be made.

The probes on the data analyzer also takes other readings such as PH for studies about stomach acid. Photometers measure light. Other probes will also measure the speed at which an object travels down a ramp.

Since most school districts' budgets don't have funds to purchase these items, being able to borrow them through the service center is very important, Hanks added.

Teachers plan their lessons ahead and request items as they are needed. The service center does its best to accommodate each request, Hanks said. Students can also check out items.

From talking with other teachers in the collaborative, Hanks said she has realized that they are also facing the same problems and issues that she is. Just one example is students deemed capable who are just not achieving.

"We realize we are not really alone. It's not just our students," Hanks added.

In June, teachers in the collaborative will spend three weeks studying rocks and minerals and the cave formations of the southwest region.

Part of that includes field trips to Carlsbad Caverns where they will look at the cave formations. They will also go through Van Horn where they will look at the geology of the rocks there and the mica mines.

A field trip to Balmorhea may also be included where they will be able to see the natural swimming pool located there.

They will also conduct more indepth studies in the classroom using the data analyzers and digital cameras. Once teachers learn how to use them, they will devise a project that would use both.

Next summer, Hanks said they may be able to go to the coast and visit the state aquarium as well as other sites.

She noted that an HSU instructor has arranged for the aquarium's traveling exhibit to visit Abilene.

"So many of our kids have never been to the coast. They have no idea of the animal life that is there," Hanks said.

Hanks said these courses help her to be a better teacher. "I like being able to use this technology and then being able to take it back to my classroom. With school district's budget constraints, it's nice to be able to use it, but you don't have to worry about having to pay for it."

Region XIV has also received a $20,000 matching funds grant which has paid a year's worth of advanced classes' fees and book purchases associated with each class. Travel is the only expense school districts bear.

In past years, funds were available to help teachers with tuition and book costs. Sometimes there was a travel stipend.

Region XIV's collaborative receives support from Exxon, Shell, Southwestern Bell's Education Foundation, Casio and Full Option Science Systems, a California organization which provides part of their training.

Hanks is a Snyder native. Before moving back to Snyder three years ago, she taught in Colorado City. She has taught for 19 years in all. She is married to Bobby Hanks who is the dispatcher for the Texas Department of Corrections warehouse.



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY — Sonja Hanks, Snyder Junior High School science teacher, displays the digital camera she uses in class to display images on a television. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Survey:

Hispanics trust courts more than other groups

WASHINGTON (AP) — Black Americans have far less confidence in state and local courts than their fellow citizens do, a new nationwide survey suggests. Surprisingly, Hispanics expressed greater overall satisfaction than non-Hispanic whites in the performance of courts.

"Opinion is divided sharply across racial lines," said Frank Bennack Jr., president of The Hearst Corporation, which funded the survey for the National Center for State Courts.

"The consensus is that the courts protect our constitutional rights, and that they are honest and fair. But there is also an overwhelming belief that equal justice under the law is more equal to some than to others," he said.

The survey results, made public Friday at a conference studying public perceptions of courts, indicate that 68 percent of blacks believe "people like them" are treated worse than others in court.

Conversely, only 33 percent of Hispanics said people in their own ethnic group received worse treatment than others from the courts. More non-Hispanic whites (47 percent) and blacks (60 percent) said they think Hispanics receive less than equitable treatment.

About 42 percent of Hispanics and non-Hispanic whites believe blacks receive worse treatment, the survey indicated.

Among Hispanics, 33 percent said they strongly agreed with the statement that courts make reasonable efforts to ensure all litigants get adequate legal help. Only 29 percent of non-Hispanic whites and 27 percent of blacks said the same.

The survey was based on 1,826 interviews conducted between Jan. 13 and Feb. 15. About 1,200 people were randomly chosen. An additional 300 Hispanics and 300 blacks were selected "to ensure that the findings reflect the voices of the major groups in American society," the report said.

The sample was weighted so the three groups were represented in the same proportion as in American society — 12 percent black and 13 percent Hispanic and 72 percent whites and others. The survey had a margin of error of plus or minus 2.3 percentage points.

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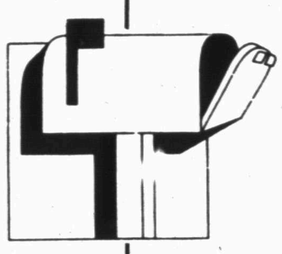
Letters to the editor

Water quality

Dear Editor:

I noticed IGA has stacked cow manure around their bottled water dispenser. Are they trying to make it taste like city water?

Omer Pointer



Thank You

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Scurry County Senior Center, I would like to thank our community for so generously supporting May Day 1999. Because of your caring and giving spirit we were able to raise a gross amount of $32,574, of which $23,245 was from the auction. This far surpassed our expectations.

The Center serves a special part of our society, those 60 years of age or more. Participation in the Center continues to increase, especially the delivery of meals to the elderly home bound of our community.

Center programs offer valuable support and companionship for those who participate. It is vital that we be able to continue these programs and once again, Scurry County folks have made it possible.

May I say "Thank You" again for your support and we look forward to seeing you on May 6, 2000.

Sincerely,
Carla Thompson, director

Reunion call

Dear Editor:

We're looking for former crew members of the U.S.S. CHENANGO (CVE 28) for a gigantic 55th reunion in Seattle, Sept. 10-13.

More than 3,000 men served aboard the "Lucky Lady" during World War II at Casablanca, Eniwetok, Tarawa, Guam, Leyte, the Marrianas and finally in Nagaski Harbor after the Japanese surrender.

Shipmates throughout America who served on the famous escort carrier are asked to contact the Reunion Committee, c/o Larry Lippert, president, Box 486, Alma, MI, 48801 or phone him at 1-517-463-1819.

Meet us at the DoubleTree Hotel at Sea/Tac in Seattle, Sept. 10-13.

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Winning



Deanie Francis Mills

A recent article in "Vanity Fair" chronicled the terrifying and tragic events which occurred off the coast of Australia on Dec. 26 last year, when the yacht race called the Hobart, which launched 115 sailboats, ran into a freak hurricane in the open ocean with virtually no warning. Seven boats were shattered by waves as high as 80 feet and winds approaching 100 miles per hour, and six sailors drowned. Dozens more were seriously injured, and even rescue helicopters ran the risk of being smacked by the high waves as they lowered rescue winches into the water — if the winds didn't bring them down first.

But it was the fate of one particular sailing crew of nine men, who leaped into two separate lifeboats — four in one and five in another — which caught my attention. I thought what happened to those two lifeboats holds a lesson that we can all learn from, because you don't need to be literally shipwrecked to know what it feels like when your life spins out of control and all appears lost.

You can survive the worst thing that can happen to you, or you can go down with the ship — it all depends upon attitude. And it all boils down to one crucial decision we must all make.

Before I explain what happened to the two lifeboats, you have to picture what they look like. Imagine a huge black inner tube that has a "floor" of rubber, and in the center, a bright orange canopy which can be tied shut — sort of like a pup tent. The bright orange tent is easily visible to rescue helicopters, and it protects the people inside from the worst of the elements. The rafts can be instantly inflated in an emergency, and can hold about four or five people knee-to-knee.

At 5:30 p.m. during the worst of the terrible storm, the vintage wooden yacht "Winston Churchill" was slapped flat on its side by a massive wave, flinging its crew into cabin walls and exploding windows. When the boat righted itself, it was missing a full six feet of its inner bulwarks, and it was going down fast. After making a frantic "mayday" call, the skipper, Richard Winning, an executive who ran his family's appliance company, scrambled everyone into two life rafts. In his boat was the 19-year-old son of a friend and two others. In the other boat was a marina manager named John Stanley and four other men.

Winning tied the two rafts together, but waves tore them apart barely ten minutes later. Soon the boats, climbing up the sides of 50-foot waves and plunging down, lost sight of each other.

Night fell. Some of the men were seriously injured, with cuts, bruises, and broken bones. The tents offered little protection from the huge waves, and they were ankle deep in cold water, suffering from hypothermia.

And then the unthinkable happened. A gigantic wave that sounded like a freight train tossed the raft containing John Stanley and the others and flipped it upside-down. That meant they were standing on the roof of the canopy in the pitch dark, neck-deep in water, with only inches from their heads to the bottom of the raft, and they were running out of air.

There was only one way to right the raft, and that was for someone to swim out of the submerged canopy with no lifeline, grab onto the raft from outside, and pull them upright.

To do such a thing would require immense courage and selflessness. The storm still raged, and whoever attempted it could be ripped away and lost within moments.

One of the men, Jimmy Lawler, stated, "It's impossible."

The other men agreed, and so they decided on another plan. They took a knife and cut a four-inch hole in the bottom of the raft to let in air. It worked.

For a while.

First, their combined body weights began to disintigrate the canopy underpinnings, forcing them to cling to the inside of the now doughnut-shaped raft. Then another black wave flipped them back over again — hurling the unprotected men airborne.

In the terrible chaos which ensued, three men were instantly lost — including Jimmy Lawler.

With the canopy destroyed, the raft was no longer readily visible to rescuers. It took many hours for the two remaining survivors of the raft to be found, by then near death themselves.

But what happened to the other raft? The same thing — almost.

Richard Winning's raft was also flipped upside-down by a wave, but unlike the men in the other raft, who were unwilling to risk their lives and who had declared it "impossible," Winning had swum out of his upside-down raft, turned it rightside up, and saved the lives of all aboard.

Rescurers found them at first light, still in relatively good shape.

Richard Winning chose not to say, "It's impossible." He chose to tackle their problems, head-on, with courage, self-sacrifice, and a never-say-die attitude. By risking his own life, he saved the lives of three others, including a 19-year-old boy.

By attempting to do the "impossible," he made all things possible.

It is ironic that this man's name is "winning." We can all learn life lessons in survival from his example. No matter how fierce the storm, no matter how high the waves, no matter how dark the night — as long as we face our situation with courage, daring, and faith, we, too, will see the morning once again.



EDITORIAL COMMENT

Reaction to Colorado school shooting

The (Galveston County) Daily News

Concern is understandable and caution is prudent, but an unsettling lot of what we're seeing in the wake of the Colorado school shootings is hysteria.

In Illinois, a 15-year-old honor student was jailed and suspended from school after a minor tiff with a classmate led to his locker being searched.

His crime? A poem called "The Absurdity of Violence" in which he had written about a fictional student who "walked into a cafeteria and opened fire with a .22 carbine rifle," according to The Associated Press.

Closer to home, a 14-year-old Dickinson boy was jailed for days and still faces felony charges for writing about violent things in his personal journal.

A 14-year-old Texas City middle school student was sentenced by school administrators to eight months in an alternative education center for what is best described as popping off.

The boy reportedly told friends jokingly that he should get his trenchcoat and a gun and shoot up the school.

Dozens of similar cases have made the news, so it's likely that dozens more have occurred around the county.

School administrators say they can't afford to ignore expressions of violence.

"It is a tough situation because administrators charged with keeping schools safe are not taking any chances," Doug Bruenlin of the Family Institute at Northwestern University told the Associated Press. "But they are doing a fair amount of damage to kids who had no intention of doing any harm to anybody."

Perhaps all expressions of violence do require attention, maybe even intervention, just as do expressions of suicidal thoughts.

But we don't wrap every mildly distraught or only overly dramatic adolescent who says "I wish I were dead" in a straight jacket for a trip to a mental hospital.

It makes no more sense to slap the cuffs on every kid who expresses a violent thought.

Surely there should be some evidence of real intent and ability to do harm before attention becomes suspension, detention or incarceration.

Involving youth in antiviolence discussions

The Monitor (McAllen)

Three weeks have passed since the massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. Talk continues, however, regarding why it and similar school killings have taken place and how they can be prevented in the future.

Community leaders everywhere have called brainstorming storming sessions and town meetings to try to decide what can be done. President Clinton held one such meeting on Monday. Dozens of people were there, from government officials to celebrities such as Maya Angelou and Gloria Estefan. The Monitor sponsored a public forum last week to discuss the risks and causes of youth violence in the Rio Grande Valley.

To date, such gatherings have been dominated by adults -- school administrators, psychologists, law enforcement officials and the like. But one Valley group is taking a different approach: ask the young people themselves.

Avance, a nonprofit organization that deals with parenting education and childhood development, wants to help teen-agers discuss violence and other issues that affect them directly.

The idea is too logical for anyone at the government level to have thought about it. ...

This is a wonderful idea, one that should have come up long before now. Politicians, singers and police chiefs can speculate forever about what might motivate a teen-ager to shoot up his school. It's possible that such a person has the same motivation as an adult who goes on a similar killing spree. But it seems a valuable step to allow other teens the chance to discuss the actions of their peers, their point of view and the problems that might have sent them over the edge.

Many of the teens who have gone on school rampages have talked about feelings of alienation that they felt ignored or left out of their society. What better way to address such feelings than by giving young people a forum to address the issues to include them in the evaluation of violent acts and discussions about how they might be prevented. Avance's actions tell our young people that indeed they are a part of our society; that we trust them and value their ideas.

Closing the Brady Law loophole

San Antonio Express-News

Political pragmatism and the gun lobby have quashed a bid in the Texas Legislature to close a loophole that allows unlicensed dealers to sell weapons at gun shows without conducting background checks.

The effort officially met its demise this week.

Gov. George W. Bush, who said he favored the goal while pronouncing the state proposal flawed, challenged Congress to fix the mess it created.

So be it. Preferably, Texas should have come to terms with the issue because there is no assurance that Congress will pick up this or any other tar baby opposed by the National Rifle Association.

But it's no time to quit. Congress opened the loophole when it wrote the Brady Law. It should close it.

The loophole created a means for felons and underage buyers to get weapons, nothing to downplay in the wake of the spate of school shootings.

Two congressional bills that demand action are the Gun Show Accountability Act, S. 443, which will do what Bush says needs to be done; and S. 637, the Internet Trafficking Act, which ensures that gun transactions on the Internet comply with federal and state firearm laws.

Texas Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Phil Gramm should support the only gun lobby that counts on these bills: America's police chiefs.

Finally, while the Legislature did not shut down unlicensed gun dealers, we again urge Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander to monitor them. An unlicensed dealer who sells three or more weapons a year must collect and pay sales taxes. Let's make sure they do.

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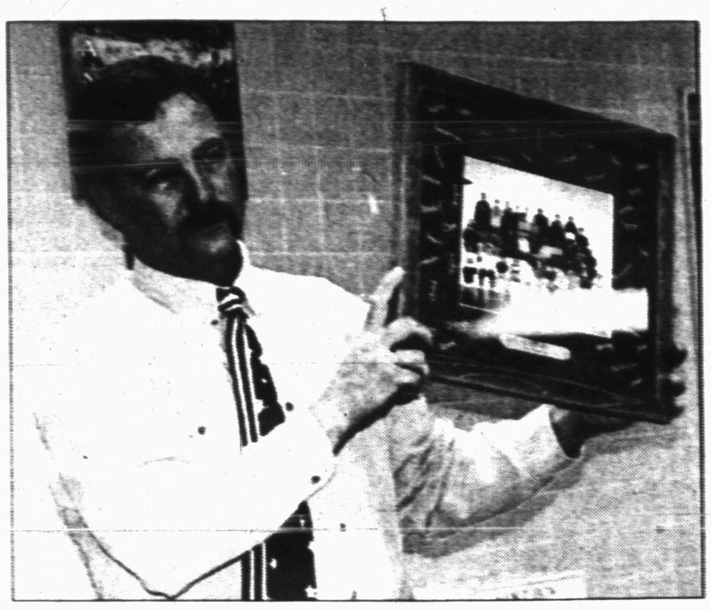


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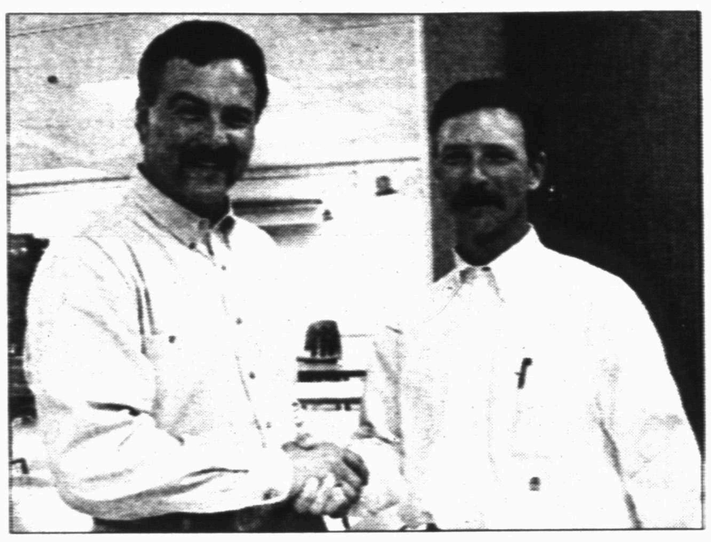
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DISPLAYS PICTURE — Richard Long, who is leaving the Ira FFA program after 17 years, holds a framed picture of this year's class, presented by Audra Oliver. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



GOOD LUCK — Richard Long, left, and Jay Waller, wish each other good luck Thursday night at Ira's annual FFA banquet. Long has accepted a similar position in Sterling City and Waller will begin work as Ira's ag teacher on July 1. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Long leaving Ira FFA

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praised what he called their "over achieving attitude." He said Ira is a unique place because, in spite of its size, the quality of students year after year is awesome.

"I've had a great set of kids this year," Richard said. "I will miss the kids and the people. The school has been good to me."

Richard came to Ira in 1982, right after he graduated from Texas Tech University. During those early years he said he focused on "doing the things I was familiar with."

He calls then until 1988 the "building years." Though he grew up observing his dad who was an ag teacher, he said that until you really start teaching yourself you don't really know what it will be like.

Those early years were a "growing up time" for him as he learned to deal with students, teachers, parents, administrators, livestock and livestock shows.

What he terms the "Ira tradition" began in 1989, the year his students won five state titles and sweepstakes. Since then the highs have really been highs, he said.

Ag students have earned over $120,000 in scholarships, and during the past four years combined students have brought home some $130,000 in sale money. That includes three breed champions in the sheep barn.

In recent years, Richard said the stock shows have "taken the spotlight." Other years it was the scholarships or leadership teams. He noted success comes in cycles for different aspects of the ag program and that as "the level of success in the program grows it gets harder to get in the spotlight."

Richard said one of the biggest contributing factors to Ira's success during the past 17 years, is that "The Lord has really blessed me in this program. The community and the school boards have always wanted a strong ag program. They financed it and they gave me the rope to operate. They let me run the program and they let me make mistakes too."

"The key to success," he added, "is everyone has to work as a team and have the same common goals."

Richard complimented his fellow teachers at Ira also, noting that he never had any conflicts with coaches or teachers about sharing students.

"We're there for the kids. I've always said I would never have been a teacher if not for the kids."

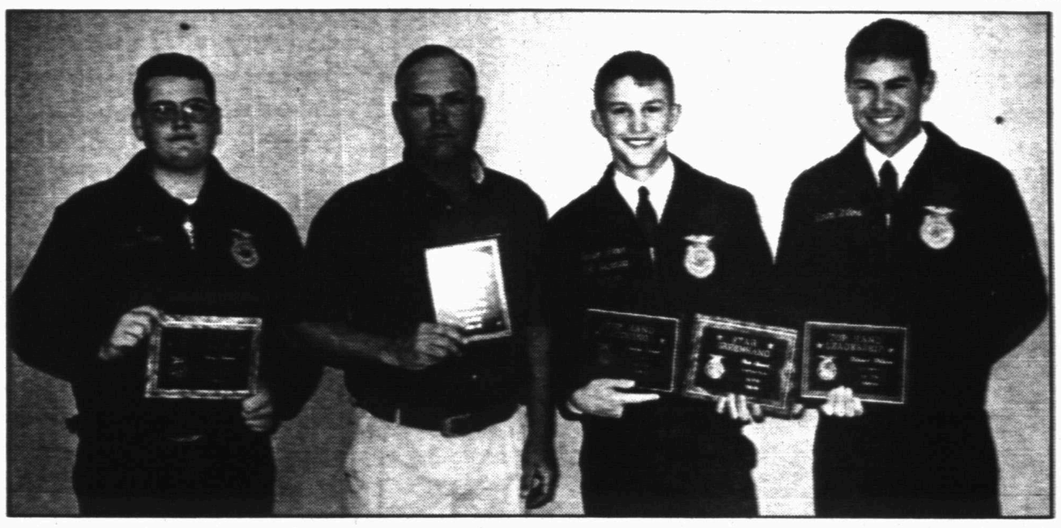
When Richard and his family move to Sterling City it will be a lot like going home as they are very familiar with the area. Richard's brother, Scot, is the vice president of the Sterling City National Bank. His parents live at Robert Lee which is about 35 miles away. Jeffri's parents live at San Angelo, about 42 miles away.

In addition, Richard noted that he has "always liked that country. It's an area that has always been very dear to me." He's well acquainted with the area, knows almost everyone, and has friends and hunting buddies there.

An average of 182 pounds of mud is purchased each year by major-league baseball teams. The mud is rubbed on baseballs.



LONG SALUTED — Ira's FFA officers paid tribute to their teacher and adviser, Richard Long, who is leaving after 17 years. He holds the framed photo and poem he received Thursday night. Officers from left are, Perry Jamison, treasurer; Jerek Brown, reporter; Richard Wilkins, vice-president; Jensen Gainer, president; Jose Juarez, secretary; Korby Calley, who filled in for Logan Daves, sentinel. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



1998-1999 WINNERS — Ira FFA honored its members Thursday night during the annual banquet. From left are, Casey Chaney, Star Chapter FFA degree; Doug Fry, honorary chapter farmer; Jenson Gainer, Top Hand Judging; and Richard Wilkins, Top Hand Leadership. Not pictured is Chet Stuart who received the Star Greenhand Award. Gainer holds his plaque. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

To recover...

Elderly tornado victims struggle

MOORE, Okla. (AP) — Kathryn Ceyler, a widow in her 70s, hid in a closet when twisters shattered the home where she had lived for 29 years.

Unhurt but shaken, she wanted no part of the crisis centers and food kitchens that sprang up around the destruction.

"I'm an independent woman," she said.

A week later, however, she walked into the First Baptist Church in Moore for a hot meal and some groceries.

"I've never asked for any help in my life," she said, then admitted she needed some.

Mrs. Ceyler is among the many elderly victims of last week's tornadoes who have been forced to start over at a time of life when they may be least prepared to do so.

While many can draw on past experience overcoming hardships, others in fragile health or on fixed incomes will struggle to recover from their losses, Red Cross clinical psychologist Joyce Libethe said Thursday.

"If you're 70 or 80 years old you think, 'How can I rebuild at this age?'" said Ms. Libethe, who has been counseling Oklahoma tornado survivors.

With support networks weakened as friends and relatives die and children move away, senior citizens often have only strangers to turn to, she said.

"Maybe they've gone 70 years taking care of themselves and now have to go out and ask for help and that's not easy for them," Ms. Libethe said.

The anger, shock and depression that usually follow such devastation can be overwhelming for anyone, but even more so for some elderly, she said.

"You see a lot of withdrawal," she said. "You might find people thinking, 'I've lived a long life, now this has happened. Do I have the energy to cope?'"

Charlene Robb, 63, of Moore has asked herself that question. Breathing problems, a ruptured disk and an illness that causes chronic pain already had sapped some of the joy from her retirement from hospital work.

Then the storm destroyed her 23-year-old home.

"There's too much work ahead of me to even think of relaxing," she said Thursday as she ate lunch at a church food kitchen. "I just keep pushing ahead."

J.D. Billings, 66, retired from landscaping work four years ago and spent much of his free time fishing until he was diagnosed with lung cancer.

He and his wife, Christine, drove out of their neighborhood 15 minutes before the funnel clouds mowed through, chewing up the back of the Moore home where they had lived for 27 years.

After 7 years...

NBC axes 'Homicide'

NEW YORK (AP) — "Homicide: Life on the Street" has been killed off by NBC. The last new episode of the critically acclaimed show that has struggled all of its seven years with low ratings will be May 21.

From its premiere in January 1993, the series about a squad of Baltimore homicide detectives was never a ratings winner and fought for its life year after year. Airing Friday at 10 p.m. EDT, it has clung in recent seasons to third place behind ABC's "20/20" and CBS's cop drama "Nash Bridges."

It won numerous honors, including three Peabody Awards, the most recent of them last year for an episode about a commuter pushed beneath a subway train.

Filmed in Baltimore, the series wrapped for the season in March with cast and crew uncertain about their future. Official word of the cancellation is expected Monday, when NBC announces its fall schedule.

In a statement Thursday, NBC Entertainment president Garth Ancier thanked "Homicide" executive producers Barry Levinson and Tom Fontana and "their extremely talented cast and crew."

Cast member Yaphet Kotto, who lives in Baltimore, said he was saddened but not surprised.

"People have been literally emotional, crying in the streets and in the stores," he told WBAL-TV in Baltimore. "This is a very emotional thing with people who are fans of 'Homicide.'"

"I'm speechless. I'm bummed," said Tim Lee, who works at his family's dry cleaning business and used to chat with the show's writers when they dropped off their clothes.

"I grew up in Baltimore and I'm pretty proud of the city. To see something that puts Baltimore on Hollywood's map, and to have that canceled is pretty sad," he told The (Baltimore) Sun.

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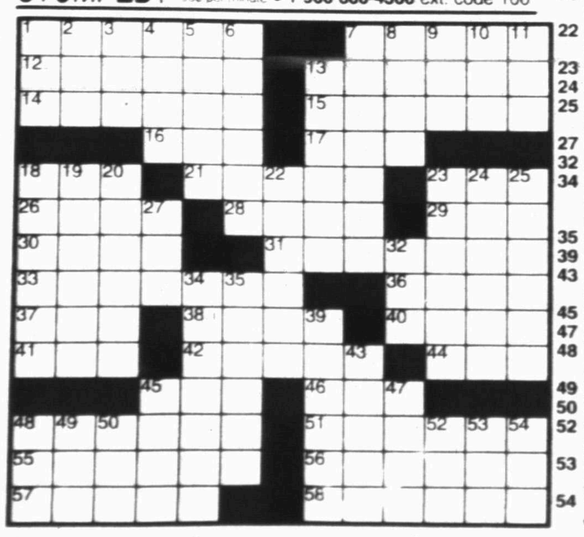
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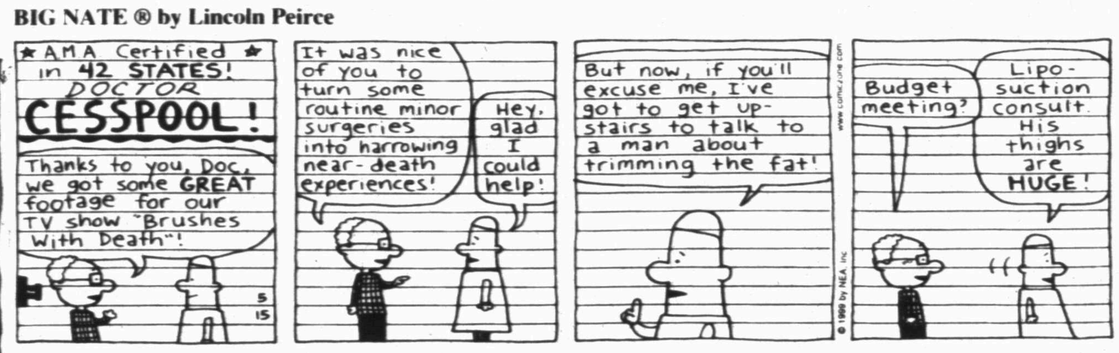
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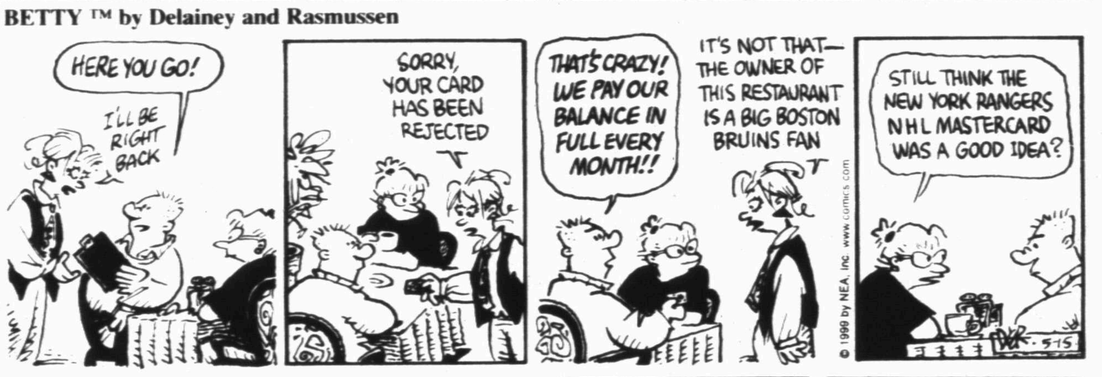
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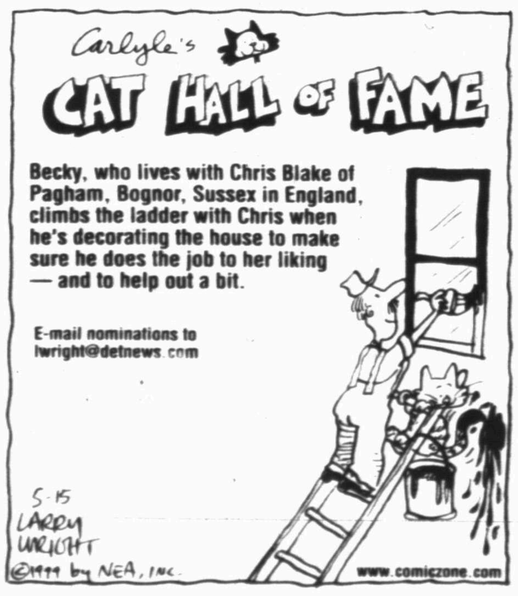


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KIT 'N' CARLYLE ® by Larry Wright







"I THINK IT'S TIME WE BOUGHT A NEW TV. THERE'S NOTHING GOOD ON THIS ONE."

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Business tips from advertising headlines

It was a long flight. My work was done and I was headed home. Too tired to work or think of an idea for a column, I leafed through a few business magazines. A headline grabbed my attention and I reached for my pen. I just discovered invigorating inspiration.

Business wisdom is where you find it. I discovered the common-sensical points in this column at 36,000 feet in advertising headlines.

Sagacity in advertising headlines? Well, you be the judge. Remember, wisdom is where you find it.

Headline Truths

•Be unforgettable. (Boxlight Projects) Here is the headline that got this column jump-started. "Be unforgettable" is sound business advice. To keep your customers and build your business, you'll need to make a strong, lasting impression with your quality, your service and your personal touch.

•Romeo and Cleopatra? Starsky and Gretel? Laurel and Juliet? Good partners make the difference. (Kemper Funds) Yes, it's true, carefully selected partners can help your business. Choose your bank, tax advisor, legal advisor and mentors carefully. The right choices will help ensure your long-term success.

•Your competitors are ready for E-Commerce — are you? (IBM) Well, are you?

•Would your company be interested in saving 38 cents? (Microsoft). There are two sides to every penny; how to earn it and how to spend it wisely. The answer to this questioning headline is "yes, we are interested in saving 38 cents, $38 or $38,000." Cicero said, "Men do not realize how great an income thrift is."

•Never underestimate the importance of people. (Hewitt) I've never seen a small business that grew into a big business without good people. You do become what you hire. So, hire the best you can find, and remember just how important they are to you.

•Even the Lone Ranger never rode alone. (Ernest and Young) Yes, even the Lone Ranger knew the value of working with good people. There is little in business that will lower your stress level any faster than having a sidekick you can depend on.

•Built like a battleship, runs like a speedboat, priced like a dingy. (Digital) This is what every good piece of advertising should do in its headline — create value. High quality, great performance at a small price. Try that in your next ad.

•He wants to talk about soybean futures and I want to talk about my future. (National Life of Vermont) Here's a great marketing lesson: Listen to your customers. Find out what is on their minds, then help them secure their futures, solve their problems and satisfy their wants. Remember, all customers are more concerned about their own future than they are about yours.

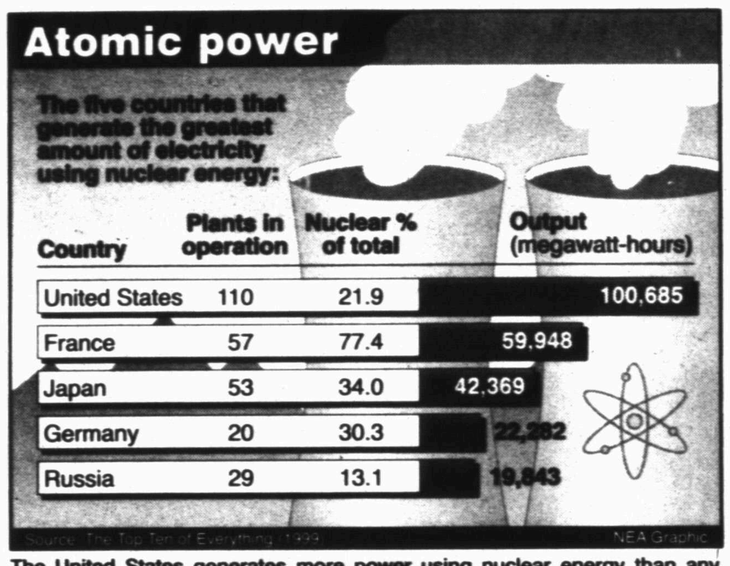
•Want success? Get information. (Business Start-up Online) This advice would certainly eliminate many early business failures. Every business owner gets paid for two things: 1) What you know, and 2) What you do. There is a definite tie between how much you know and your success. You will always need good information to make good decisions.

•Whatever it takes. (Centre) Now here is a great three-word strategy: Whatever it takes. Whatever it takes to satisfy customers. Whatever it takes to improve. Whatever it takes to reduce costs. Whatever it takes to increase your value.

•Read the Fine Print. (Winston) Good business advice and good legal counsel. Know what it says before you sign.

•How do you make sure you get the future you deserve? (American Express) I have an answer for this one. It hasn't changed very much over the years. Work hard. Work smart. Invest early. Keep your priorities right. Have fun. Be honest.

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



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Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Joe T. and Kandace Belew, 1999 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Jeremy and Michelle Strain, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Mike Tyrrell, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

John Carter Wiggins, 1999 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Horrace and Carolyn Bostick, 1999 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Allen Grimmett, 1999 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Banc One Texas Leasing, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

D.L. Peterson Trust, 1999 Ford pickup from Williamsburg Motors.

Esperanza Renteria, 1999 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Thomas C. Love, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Cody Joe Denman and Alexa Ginett Moore, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Hermilo Arizpe vs. Dalvin Wayne Alexander and Midwest Electric Cooperative Inc., suit for damages.

Citibank South Dakota vs. Charlotte Clifton, suit on sworn account.

Johnny and Mickey Ferris, individually and as next friend of Johnna Ferris, a minor vs. Dwight Lee Lovett, suit for injuries.

Scurry County vs. Belinda Davis Arey, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Thomas A. Rosson Jr., et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Paragon Royalty Inc., et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Cardiopulmonary Aerobics, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Mary Joy Mantle, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Cynthia Roberts, aka Cynthia McArthur, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Barbara Dean Rosson Marshall, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Ramona Pena and Martin Pena Jr., divorce granted.

In the marriage of Russell Scott Sharp and Deana Kay Sharp, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Kristi Renee Babcock and David Dean Babcock, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Federal National Mortgage Association to Aurelia Almanza, the north 75 feet of the east 140 feet of Lots 5-7 in Block 19 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

Russell Jones Jr. to James E. and Lola Gaddis, all of Lot 4 in Block 34 of the Town of Hermleigh.

Jean Blackwell to Karla Jean Gardner, Marsha Kay Hopper and Karol Lynn Brumbelow, all of Lot 3 in Block 63 of the W.H. Wilson Subdivision of the Scarborough Addition.

First National Bank of Aspermont to David and Manuelita Davis, all of the southwest one-quarter of Section 9, Block 98, H&TC survey.

Elza H. and Hazel Darlene Grant to Rodney and Theresa Dupree, Lot 1 in Block 48 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Sandra Kay Baker, independent executrix of the estate Roy M. Hanson, to Sandra Kay Baker and Roy Malcolm Hanson Jr., all of Lot 29 in Block E of the Highland Park Addition.

Juanita Hanson to Sandra Kay Baker and Roy Malcolm Hanson Jr., all of Lot 29 in Block E of the Highland Park Addition.

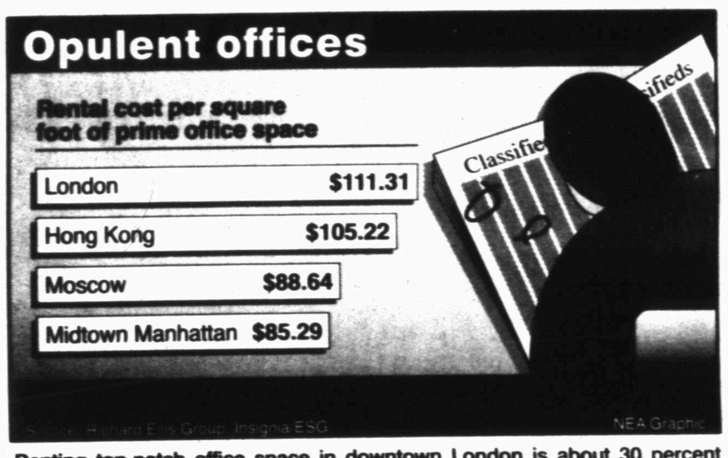
Donovan L. and Jacqueline Buckland to William Kyle and Michelle S. Hilliard, all of Lot 14 in Block 12 of the Park Place Addition.

Inocencia Ynguanzo to Johnny and Anita Martinez, Lots 15-18 in Block 89 of the Original Town of Fluvanna.

United Supermarkets Inc. to Snyder Publishing Co. Inc., an 0.0322-acre tract out of a 4.53-acre tract in Section 154, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Frances L. Stevenson, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Malven K. Stevenson, to Dick J. and Joanne H. Crill, all of Lot 6 in Block 27 of the Winston Company Replat of the south one-half of Blocks 24-28 of the Colonial Hill Addition.

B.G. and Rosie Wood to Edith Dywone Stokes, an 0.0208-acre tract out of the northwest one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.



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✱ LISTING THE *cause of death in the obituary is at the family's discretion.*

When the hospital called, you thought it was a minor cut, another broken collarbone. The hospital nurse mentioned inhalants. That was a mistake, you thought. But you soon learned "sniffing" – inhaling household products to get high – was not a mistake. It was a habit. A habit that could've started with over 100 ordinary, everyday products like markers, correction fluid and spray paint. A habit that makes paraphernalia out of socks, soda cans, lunch bags. A habit that can damage the brain, heart, kidneys, liver. A habit that can even kill the very first time. You stare at your child, and wonder if maybe that wouldn't have been better.

✱ IT IS APPROPRIATE *to include the child's nickname if well-known.*

It's been 16 hours since your child was pronounced dead. The relatives you phoned didn't know about inhalants. It seems no one did. You haven't slept in two days but somehow, you keep going. Because you have a funeral to arrange. And people to console. And someone from the obituary section is on the phone. They need to know about the child you just lost.

✱ FAMILIES WILL *often prefer to have the funeral home handle the obituary.*

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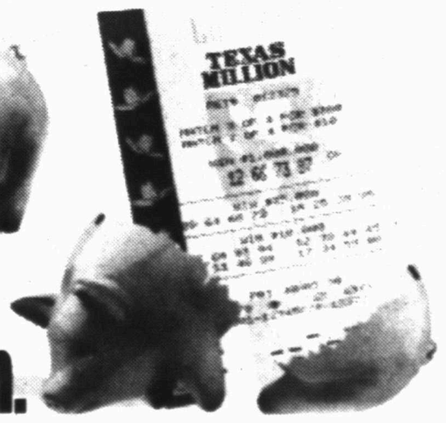
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7 Chances To Cash In.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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College Co-Ed Wants Separation From Roommate Who Clings Fast

DEAR ABBY: My problem concerns my roommate. We are both third-year college students who transferred to a university together last summer. Because we moved here together, there was no urgency to go out and make new friends. However, I have begun joining clubs and getting involved with church on my own.

My roommate doesn't say anything when I go out with my new friends, but she's obviously miffed when I return. If I try to get her involved, she clings to me and makes fun of the other people in the group. She doesn't enjoy doing many of the things I do, and acts sullen and bored when I include her but gets upset if I don't.

Our lease will expire in August, and we recently received a letter asking whether or not we would be renewing. Both of us agreed that we wouldn't live here next year because it's too expensive, so she keeps asking when I want to go apartment hunting. Abby, I have already been looking secretly, and I don't know how to tell her I prefer not to live with her anymore. I still consider her a friend, and I don't want to hurt her.

What should I do? Another friend tells me that "the devil I know is better than the one I don't know," and that I should just live with my current roommate again next year.

IN A BIND IN BOSTON

DEAR IN A BIND: Part of the learning experience in going away to school is meeting new people and adjusting to new situations. Since you are no longer comfortable living with your present roommate, she must be told ASAP that you intend to make other arrangements. That will give her plenty of time to find comfortable living quarters for herself.

Be prepared to stand firm, because if she's as dependent as you have described, she'll try to argue and maneuver you into changing your mind. Firmly stress that you still want to be her friend, but that it's important that you both grow and spread your wings during your senior year of college.

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DEAR ABBY: May I remind people that there are single fathers who care for their children? Most people seem to think that only mothers have custody of young children. Believe me, a number of single fathers are raising their children.

A few years ago, I took my 20-month-old daughter into the men's room to change her diaper. On the way in, I saw a woman look at me in shock and horror that I was taking a baby girl into the men's room.

Another customer had a different reaction. She said, "Isn't that sweet! Her father is taking care of her." I wanted to shout: "No, it's not sweet. She is my daughter and I love her. I am not trying to be 'sweet.' I am trying to take care of her and raise her with morals, feelings for others, and the ability to stand on her own two feet someday and contribute to society."

Abby, the bottom line is people should be aware that there are able single fathers as well as single mothers.

DOUGLAS L. GAYNOR
IN VIRGINIA BEACH, VA.

DEAR DOUGLAS: In case anyone has forgotten — I'm printing your reminder. I salute you.

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DEAR ABBY: On Jan. 11, 1994, my nephew made a fatal mistake. He accepted a ride from a man who had been drinking. Three hours later, we received a call from my nephew's wife — he was on a respirator and was not expected to survive due to severe brain damage. It seems the driver had trouble making a curve in the road because he was speeding and intoxicated. The car struck a tree. The driver left him and the scene. Although it was a horrible shock, certain staff members at the hospital were able to guide us to the decision to donate his organs and tissue.

Death is never easy or painless, but take it from me — grief can be transformed into an energy that can save the lives of so many. The death of one person can spare the lives of five or more people, and can even give sight to the blind.

There are also living donors: kidney, bone marrow, blood, red cells and platelets — the possibilities are endless.

On April 16, I took my nephew's daughter to Washington, D.C., for the 1999 National Donor Family Recognition Ceremony. My family was joined by my nephew's kidney recipient. It was a celebration of a life that is burning brightly in others.

We still miss him very much, but we have been shown by God that there is no death. I encourage all to find a way to give. Even the smallest donation is larger than none.

LORI NELSON,
FORT WORTH, TEXAS

DEAR LORI: Your letter carries a powerful and positive message.

The most frequent source of transplant organs are the estimated 6,000 to 10,000 people who die of brain death each year in intensive care units in hospitals. Most of the donors are otherwise healthy individuals who are injured in freeway accidents, shootings or other tragedies.

The biggest obstacle in organ procurement is resistance on the part of families. Although health-care professionals request that families donate, many families who are approached are reluctant to permit it. That is why it is vital that those who want to become organ donors explain their wishes to their families early on. Organ donation cannot take place without the approval of the survivors.

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DEAR ABBY: I wonder whether you may have missed the boat in your recent response to "Concerned Friend in Berkeley," who felt that an unmarried male friend was unhappy being the only unattached member of a group of friends made up of couples. You suggested that she discreetly seek to involve some single women in the group's activities and "let nature take its course."

However, reading between the lines of her description of her friend as "too shy to seek out a relationship, too proud to let his friends introduce him to a woman, and too private to discuss his feelings in depth," it sounds quite possible that he might in fact be gay, but deeply closeted (perhaps seeking to deny it even to himself).

One should not, of course, jump too hastily to such a conclusion, but neither should the very real possibility be overlooked. There are still many such people in this day of relative openness.

JIM RICKETSON,
RICHMOND, VA.

DEAR JIM: That's true. However, he could also be a person who enjoys being single, and feels no compulsion to bring a date if there's no one in whom he's particularly interested.

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Datebook

Saturday, May 15, 1999

Today is the 135th day of 1999 and the 57th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1602, English navigator Bartholomew Gosnold discovered Cape Cod.

On this day in 1930, Ellen Church, the first airline stewardess, went on duty aboard a United Airlines flight between San Francisco, Calif., and Cheyenne, Wyo.

On this day in 1970, President Richard Nixon appointed the first two female generals in American history: Elizabeth Hoisington and Anna Mae Mays.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Dante Alighieri (1265-1321), poet; L. Frank Baum (1856-1919), writer; Pierre Curie (1859-1906), chemist; Katherine Anne Porter (1890-1980), writer; Richard J. Daley (1902-1976), mayor; Eddy Arnold (1918-), singer, is 81; Jasper Johns (1930-), artist, is 69; Paul Zindel (1936-), writer, is 63; Brian Eno (1948-), musician, is 51; George Brett (1953-), baseball great, is 46; Lee Horsley (1955-), actor, is 44.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1994, Laura Davies won the McDonald's LPGA championship in Wilmington, Del.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The covetous man is ever in want." — Horace

TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

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Sunday, May 16, 1999

Today is the 136th day of 1999 and the 58th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1903, George Wyman of San Francisco became the first person to cross the United States in a motorized vehicle. He crossed the country on a 1.5 horsepower motorcycle.

On this day in 1988, Surgeon General C. Everett Koop made public a report on the addictive effects of nicotine.

On this day in 1991, Queen Elizabeth became the first British sovereign to address Congress.

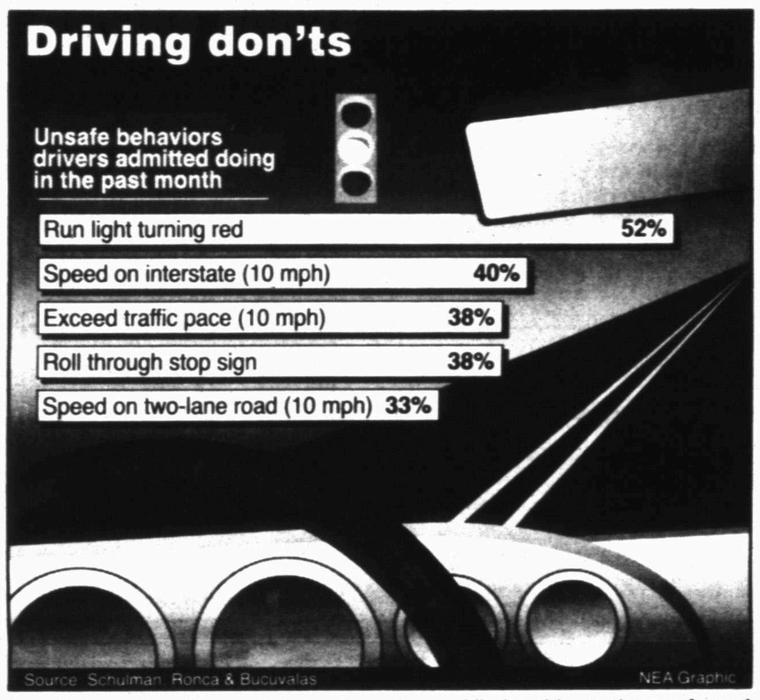
TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Honore de Balzac (1799-1850), novelist; William H. Seward (1801-1872), U.S. statesman; Henry Fonda (1905-1982), actor; Studs Terkel (1912-), writer, is 87; Woody Herman (1913-1987), musician; Liberace (1919-1987), musician; Billy Martin (1928-1989), baseball player-manager; Olga Korbut (1955-), gymnastics great, is 44; Debra Winger (1955-), actress, is 44; Janet Jackson (1966-), singer, is 33.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1939, the American League held its first night game. The Cleveland Indians beat the Philadelphia A's 8-3.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "In this world, you must be a bit too kind in order to be kind enough." — Pierre Carlet de Chamblain de Marivaux

TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon (May 15).

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In addition to ignoring posted signals and speed limits, drivers also confessed to weaving in traffic and making angry gestures while behind the wheel.

GOP criticized over farm funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans rejected $5.3 billion in emergency aid for farmers, but farm state Democrats say they'll continue their efforts on the issue.

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., tried to get the money included in a supplemental spending bill being worked out by House and Senate budget negotiators.

But when put to a vote, the farm aid proposal, which started as a $4.3 billion deal but increased as lawmakers added riders, got a 14-14 tie vote. One Republican, Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont., voted with all the Democrats in favor of the package.

Instead, the committee agreed to $566 million for farmers, which includes money to replenish the shrinking coffers that supply farm loans.

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