Commissioners to discuss hospital merger impact

Five items of new business, including discussion of the impact that a hospital merger will have on Cogdell Memorial, greet Scurry County Commissioners Court when it convenes at 10 a.m. Monday.

This will be the first chance the court has had to discuss the merger of Methodist Hospital and St. Mary Hospital and its possible impact on county-owned Cogdell Hospital.

In November, the court had formed a nine-member task force to draw up a request for proposals for the management or lease of the facility.

At that time, the court stipulated that the task force should have a proposal for the court to consider by the first of this month.

Following two meetings, the last being on Jan. 30 and the day the merger between the two Lubbock hospitals was announced, the task force announced it would take no further action.

Presently, Cogdell Hospital operates under a management contract with St. Mary. That contract expires in 1997.

Commissioner Jerry Gannaway, one of two commissioners on the task-force along with Ralph Trevey, said last week that he thought the court would stay on course with soliciting proposals.

"Even though they (St. Mary and Methodist) are now one, we still might come up with a better deal," said Gannaway.

He added however, that that was just his opinion.

Some members of the court had suggested that merging with another hospital, such as Methodist, might provide capital for facility improvements.

The court will also open and consider bids for a tractor for Precinct 3 and bids for bulk oil, diesel and unleaded fuel for county vehicles.

Also, the court will discuss a safety inspection report of Winston Field from the Federal Aeronautics Administration along with the consideration of a budget amendment, line item transfers and the approval of bills.

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Interviews begin in WTC's search for dean

A Western Texas College selection committee has narrowed the list of candidates for dean of student services to five, and on Friday interviewed two of them.

Interviews for the others are scheduled through March 8.

The committee is seeking to replace the current dean, Dr. Duane Hood, who has announced he will retire effective Aug. 31.

"This is a key position on campus," said WTC President Dr. Harry Krenek, a member of the six-person selection committee. "It will be difficult to replace Dr. Hood, who has served as dean of student services since the college was opened. We do feel like we have some good candidates and hope to have our recommendation to the board in March or April."

The five finalists include three from WTC. They are Jack Price, associate professor of management development and government; Julie Walters, assistant professor of mathematics; and Mike Harrison, professor of physical education. The other two are Dr. Ray Blythe with the continuing education program at San Antonio College and George Cormack, assistant dean of student services at South Plains College.

Price and Walters were interviewed Friday. Cormack will be interviewed Feb. 16, Blythe on March 1 and Harrison on March 8.

The five were selected from a list of 32 applicants.

Krenek said he hopes the individual hired will begin duties as soon as is feasible. April wouldn't be too early, he said.

Selection committee members are Kathy Hall, interim financial aide director; Rachel Brown, sophomore student from Jayton; Dr. Jim Palmer, professor of history and geography; Dan Osborn, counselor and assistant professor of psychology; Milton Ham, athletic director; and Krenek.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The virtues of hard work are touted by those who don't have calluses."

We read in a wire story where the number of applications to attend law school is shrinking.

Lawyer-bashing has been popular of late. A couple of TV shows have presented the legal profession in less than favorable light.

A lot of criticism of the criminal justice system reached a peak last year during the marathon and televised O.J. Simpson murder trial.

However some abuse of the system is ca[illegible]d by some people who have al[illegible]abused the law. The National Association of Attorneys General released a top ten list of frivolous lawsuits filed by inmates. Here's the list:

--In Arizona, a death-row inmate sued a correctional officer for taking away his Gameboy electronic game.

--In Arkansas, an inmate who described himself as a sports fanatic complained of cruel and unusual punishment when he was forced to miss watching the NFL playoffs.

In California, an inmate complained about his food. He said his sandwich was soggy and his cookie was broken.

--In Florida, a prisoner convicted of killing five people sued after lightning knocked out the TV satellite dish. He then had to watch network TV which he said contained too much violence.

--Also from Florida, an inmate sued to be served fruit juice at meals and three pancakes instead of only two.

--It must be tough in Florida. Another inmate sued wanting Reeboks, Adidas, Pony or Avia high-tops rather than off-brand sneakers issued by the prison.

--A suit filed in Missouri says inmates working in law libraries should be paid the same as attorneys.

--In nearby Mississippi, an inmate sued for not receiving a scheduled parole hearing despite the fact that he had escaped during the time the hearing was scheduled.

--In New York, an inmate sued for $25,000. He claimed that a defective haircut resulted in lost sleep, headaches and chest pains.

--And finally from Oklahoma. A prisoner sued because the food was bad. However, his petition also demanded bigger portions.

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2 probated terms revoked by judge

Two convicted felons saw their probation revoked and a third defendant was ordered to serve two more years of probation.

The action came Friday afternoon in 132nd District Court.

Senior District Judge Gene Dulaney revoked two seven-year probated prison sentences given Tommy Becerra Rodriguez, 22, of 512 39th St.

Rodriguez had pleaded guilty in 1994 on two counts of assault/family violence. He was also originally fined $500 and ordered to serve 50 days in the Scurry County Jail.

Because of an August, 1995 incident in which Rodriguez again caused bodily harm and failed to pay court ordered monies and failed to report, Judge Dulaney ordered concurrent seven-year terms in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and participation in the prison boot camp program.

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132nd District Court grand jury to meet

Some eight felony cases await the Scurry County grand jury when it convenes at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court.

DNA bank registers families

In September of 1993, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center was awarded $1.625 million to establish the DNA Bank of Alzheimer's Families for genetic studies into the cause of the disease.

Since that time, Dr. Shirley E. Poduslo, director of the study, and her staff have traveled around the state to enroll families with Alzheimer's disease into the DNA bank. Earlier this week, she and her staff were at Snyder Healthcare Center to enroll area familes into the program. Dr. Poduslo said she has plans to return to the facility to expand the bank and also to conduct the program at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

"By doing this research, we hope to find the gene responsible for this disease," said Dr. Poduslo.

Blood is drawn from the volunteers who are either related or are husband and wife.

"We will take blood from a patient's spouse as a control," she said. "We need to know what the patient's environment might have been and what they were exposed to as far as chemicals, pesticides, whether both smoked — a very detailed history."

Presently, there are 1,250 families enrolled with a total of approximately 5,000 family members.

Anyone wishing to participate in the program may call 1-800 661-0968.

"Only by identifying the gene or genes causing this disease will we be able to identify patients before symptoms appear and prevent this dreadful disease from happening," said Dr. Poduslo.



GATHERING DNA DATA - Snyder resident Ruby Gregory, center, participated in gathering data for DNA studies at Snyder Healthcare this week. Shown on the left is Dr. Shirley Poduslo, who is the director of the study, and drawing blood is medical research technician Elizabeth Pantoja. (SDN Staff Photo)

Cold weather to stay in area a little longer

It's not often on a weekend that people look forward to Monday and returning to work, but the prediction of warmer weather ahead may have Scurry Countains thinking that way — especially when record lows are expected across Texas on Saturday night.

The temperature dipped to a frigid 6 degrees Friday night and weather forecasts predicted a range from as high as 10 to a low of 4 Saturday night. A high in the 20s was expected Saturday with Sunday's warmest hour expected to just top the freezing mark.

Some light snow remains in the forecast through Saturday evening.

Road conditions in Scurry County are generally good, but motorists are advised to use caution. Impacted snow and ice remains in low-lying areas as well as some bridges and overpasses.

As the bitter cold moves off, highs will climb gradually into the 40s and then 60s through Wednesday.



FROSTY - The temperature on the West Texas State Bank sign was at six-degrees shortly before 7 a.m. Saturday. The temperature Saturday night could drop even lower but warmer temperatures are on the way. (SDN Staff Photo)

COT class will begin on Monday

Another correctional officer training class begins Monday through the continuing education division at Western Texas College.

It's too late for anyone to enroll in Monday's class, but applications for an April 15 class are being accepted through Feb. 15.

The latest class includes 50 students from Abilene, Ackerly, Anson, Brownfield, Childress, Coahoma, Colorado City, Estelline, Fort Stockton, Hamlin, Ira, Lamesa, Loraine, Lubbock, Paducah, Post, Rotan, Snyder, Stamford and Sweetwater.

The class ends Feb. 28.

Approved by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the 3½-week correctional officer training program offers eligible graduates a 95 percent employment placement rate within Texas' correctional institutions.

Individuals wishing to make application for the April 15-May 8 class or needing further information should contact the WTC Corrections Office at 573-8511, ext. 391.

6.4 quake hits China

BEIJING (AP) — An earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of at least 6.4 struck southwestern China's Yunnan province Saturday, killing at least 30 people and damaging buildings, water and electricity lines.

The quake cut communications to the town of Zhongdian, the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported.

The quake hit at 7:14 p.m. (6:14 a.m. EST) near Lijiang, a county seat and scenic area in Yunnan, about 1,300 miles southwest of Beijing.

ASK US

Q—When does Daylight Savings Time begin?

A—In just a couple of months; specifically, on April 7.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday 20 degrees; low, 8 degrees; 7 a.m. reading Saturday, 8; trace precipitation; total for 1996, .21 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Sunday, partly cloudy but warmer. High around 35. Wind becoming south, 10-20 mph.



Sunset: 6:20 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:09 a.m.

Of 33 days in 1996, the sun has shone 30 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

He who neglects discipline despises himself, but he who listens to reproof acquires understanding.

Proverbs 15:32

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Teen given life-saving liver transplant

HOUSTON (AP) — Now that 16-year-old Robbie Mooneyham has a new liver, the wait is on to see how well he can recover from the damage caused by his diseased organ.

The Cypress Creek High School sophomore was on the brink of death before he received the transplant Friday.

Mooneyham's original liver had stopped functioning and his brain was swelling in the hours before the new liver, which originally was headed for a patient in Galveston, arrived at Hermann Hospital around 5 a.m. Friday. The five-hour surgery was done by noon.

"We needed a miracle, and believe it or not, it happened," said Joel Mooneyham, the boy's father and an auto mechanics teacher at Cy Creek.

Dr. Patrick Wood said there's a good chance Mooneyham has no brain damage, but there was no way to be sure until he comes out of his drug-induced coma.

Doctors had kept Mooneyham comatose to protect his brain. The medication was to be stopped Saturday morning, and it was hoped that Mooneyham would become lucid this weekend.

"Hopefully, he'll wake up, open his eyes and say hello to his parents," surgeon Howard Monsour said.

The parents said they expect a complete recovery.

"I don't feel like God would have allowed it to go this far and then it turned into a tragedy," Frieda Mooneyham said.

Wood said Mooneyham could recover enough to continue playing football. He was a fullback on his school's sophomore team. Mooneyham also played the drums, bass guitar and trumpet in his church's band.

"If they recover the way we want them to, there really isn't much in the way of limitations," Wood said. "My guess is he'll have more limitations put on him by others."

Mooneyham has a 90 percent chance of surviving a year and an 83 percent chance of surviving five years, doctors said.

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A cash reward is being offered by Scurry County Crime Stoppers, Inc. for information leading to the indictment of the person or persons responsible for the following crime:

About 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, a Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) signal maintainer discovered the theft of approximately 2,000 feet of electrical communications wire. The stolen wire had been attached to utility poles that parallel the railroad tracks in an area near Fisher County Road 452, between Sweetwater and Hermleigh.

It is unknown when the theft occurred. However, the crime likely took place within two to 12 hours prior to the time the wire was discovered missing.

The suspect(s) drove onto the BNSF right-of-way and cut two wires from the utility pole line. About a quarter-mile length of the two wires was then pulled from the utility pole cross arms. A total of about 2,000 feet of wire was stolen.

The wire is described as insulated, #4 size, copper. Suspects generally sell the stolen wire to area scrap metal dealers. The 2,000 feet of wire weighs about 250 pounds.

Theft of the wire created a safety hazard to the railroad and public, as the wire delivers electric power to railroad crossing signals, track control switches and train movement signals.

Calls to Scurry County Crime Stoppers will remain anonymous. Your name will not be in any reports or disclosed to anyone. If you have information relating to this or any crime, please call Crime Stoppers at 573-6700.

Lt. Stephen W. Warren
Snyder Police Department

Clinton to propose 3% raise for fed workers

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's fiscal 1997 budget will propose a 3 percent pay raise for federal employees, less than workers wanted but maybe more than they can get Congress to approve.

Although Clinton's proposal would give some 2 million government employees a raise, union officials recalled that the president tried to freeze federal pay in the first year of his administration.

"They started out on the wrong foot on pay with our members and they continue to be on the wrong foot," said John Sturdivant, president of the American Federation of Government Employees.

Sturdivant declined to provide details of a meeting he and National Treasury Employees Union President Robert Tobias had with White House officials.

However, he did say that the administration first proposed a smaller raise, and that he responded in an "frank and sometimes undisciplined matter."

An administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, confirmed that the proposed increase would be 3 percent, and said that like past increases, it would be offset by cuts to agency budgets.

Clinton is expected to outline his fiscal 1997 budget proposal on Monday, and provide details of the plan in March.

The Washington Post reported today that it was unclear whether the proposal would be included in the Monday budget document or delayed until March.

Revival set for Feb. 11-16

Evangelist Rod Vincent of Humble will be the special guest for a week-long revival at the First Assembly of God Church, beginning Feb. 11.

Vincent was born and reared as a Catholic in South Louisiana and has been an evangelist for 15 years. He has ministered in 20 states and five foreign countries, preaching many revivals, camp meetings, youth camps, singles retreats and youth rallies. He has ministered on numerous television and radio programs.

The public is invited to attend the services, which will be conducted at 10:45 a.m., and 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 11, and at 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, Feb. 16.

First Assembly of God is located at 1809 College Ave.

Gregory wins handmade quilt

Ann Gregory recently won a handmade quilt given away during a fund-raiser for the Church of God.

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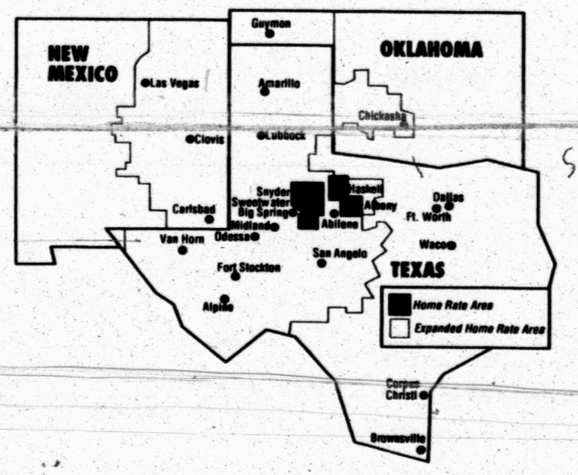
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The 3/4 Cavalry will patrol the Zone of Separation between the Bosnian and Serbian armies for approximately one year.

Sgt. Long is a 1987 graduate of Snyder High School. His wife, Angelia, and their son, Calvin, await his return in their new duty station in Schweinfurt, Germany.

Correspondence with Sgt. Long and family can be mailed to, 3-4 CAV. CMR 464 BX 306; APO AE 09226.

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Elvis trinket dealer, Presley estate are locking horns again

LONDON (AP) — An Elvis memorabilia dealer banished from the U.S. market has tried — but failed — to stop the singer's estate from registering The King's name and signature as trademarks in Britain.

Sid Shaw, who once proposed naming all future English kings Elvis, claimed victory nonetheless. He can still sell items ranging from soap to coffee mugs under his "Elvisly Yours" label.

"I'm happy in one way and saddened in another — I think Elvis belongs to the world," Shaw said Friday as he contemplated an appeal.

Shaw, 49, is a genuine Cockney from London's East End who first heard Elvis on Radio Luxembourg, which was young Britons' main source of rock 'n' roll in the 1950s. He has sold Elvis items since the late 1970s, and has had several tussles with Elvis Presley Enterprises Inc.

Shaw lost the first battle in 1991. The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a ruling granting exclusive trademark and publicity rights over Elvis' name, likeness and image to Elvis Presley Enterprises.

"I had my hands behind my back and I was punched in the mouth," Shaw protested. "I was mugged in the American legal system."

Shaw lost again when his suit in Britain, accusing the Elvis estate of harassing his potential customers, was tossed out by the judge.

Elvis Presley Enterprises applied for trademark registration in Britain in 1989 for The King's signature, as well as the names Elvis and Elvis A. Presley for use on soaps, toothpaste, deodorant and cosmetics.

Shaw fought back, telling the Trade Marks Registry that no one should be able to get a trademark on a dead person's name just because they were related. He also said he was in business in Britain first and the trademark would harm his livelihood.

The Trade Marks Registry, in a ruling issued Wednesday, gave the Elvis estate permission for the trademarks, but pointed out that Shaw can keep trading under his own label "Elvisly Yours."

The Presley estate said it has no objection to Shaw's "Elvisly Yours" products, although it wants the distinction to be clear between authorized and unauthorized Elvis goods.

Andrew Beeston, a Liverpool attorney who represents Elvis Presley Enterprises, said Shaw had been defeated, and was "looking for crumbs of comfort in the decision."

An attorney for Shaw, Stephen Whybrow, said his client had scored a win that involves a fine distinction.

Shaw could, for example, market barbecue sauce that had a picture of Elvis on the bottle, but he could not call it "Elvis Presley Brand Barbecue Sauce," the lawyer said.

In the "Elvisly Yours" shop, next to the Blue Moon Sauna and Massage in a dingy part of East London, Shaw scoffed at the wares of Elvis Presley Enterprises.

"They've got Elvis dirt. You can buy Elvis dirt," Shaw said, contemptuously showing a visitor a packet of soil from Graceland, accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

Shaw insisted Elvisly Yours has a classier line of products, such as the coffee mugs that say "Elvis lives." Beaming, he filled one with boiling water, and a dark square on the side faded into a picture of The King.

"I don't know if you're a fan or not," Shaw said, "but this is good."

TAP to begin series about children making choices

Helping children learn to make healthy choices will be the Targeting All Parents (TAP) topic for a new series beginning Monday.

Classes will be held every Monday for four weeks, beginning at 10 a.m. at Humble Smith. Bilingual classes will be held on Wednesday, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

According to the Texas Association of School Boards' Practical Parent Education Program, there are many considerations to take into account when making important decisions.

Parents and adults are frequently faced with very difficult choices. The world in which children are growing up in is becoming increasingly complex. They are constantly bombarded with an array of choices that are either very different from the ones faced by their parents when they were children or else must be made at a much earlier age.

Many choices involve ethical and moral values.

TAP is a program sponsored by the Snyder Independent School District with financial assistance from the Texas Education Agency to provide staff development and parent training for campus deregulation and restructuring to improve student achievement.

For more information about parenting classes, call 574-6012.

Man sentenced to one year in jail

TYLER (AP) — A 22-year-old Tyler man was sentenced to one year in jail Friday for stabbing a 10-week-old puppy.

James Lee Roberts pleaded no-contest to a charge of animal cruelty and requested probation. County Court-at-Law Judge Gene Ater imposed the jail term, instead.

Roberts said he stabbed the dog in January when it urinated on the carpet and then got vicious. He said he had to defend himself with a steak knife.

Hermleigh

Students of the Month

Hermleigh School has named its Students of the Month for December and January.

December

Recipients include Christina Wells, kindergarten; Megan Kariainen, first grade; Frank Smith, second grade; Brenda Torres, third grade; Amanda Bayer, fourth grade; Amelia Hermosillo, fifth grade; and Jeremy Roemisch.

January

Those listed include: Jonathan Hernandez, kindergarten; K'Leigh Jackson, first grade; Summer White, second grade; Amy Botts, third grade; Toni Jackson, fourth grade; Jana Brinkley, fifth grade; and Candace Gonzalez, sixth grade.

Teachers select Students of the Month based on the following criteria: academics, attendance, promptness in turning in work, cooperation and congenialty.

College junior wins crown

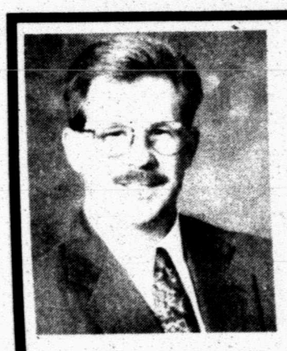
SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP) — Ali Landry, a junior at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, has been crowned Miss USA.

Miss Louisiana USA defeated 50 other contestants Friday night and was crowned by the reigning Miss USA, Shanna Lynn Moakler.

The 22-year-old from Breaux Bridge, La., said she plans to continue her involvement with the Women Helping Others Foundation "in an effort to provide crucially needed support in health education and wellness concerns for women and children."

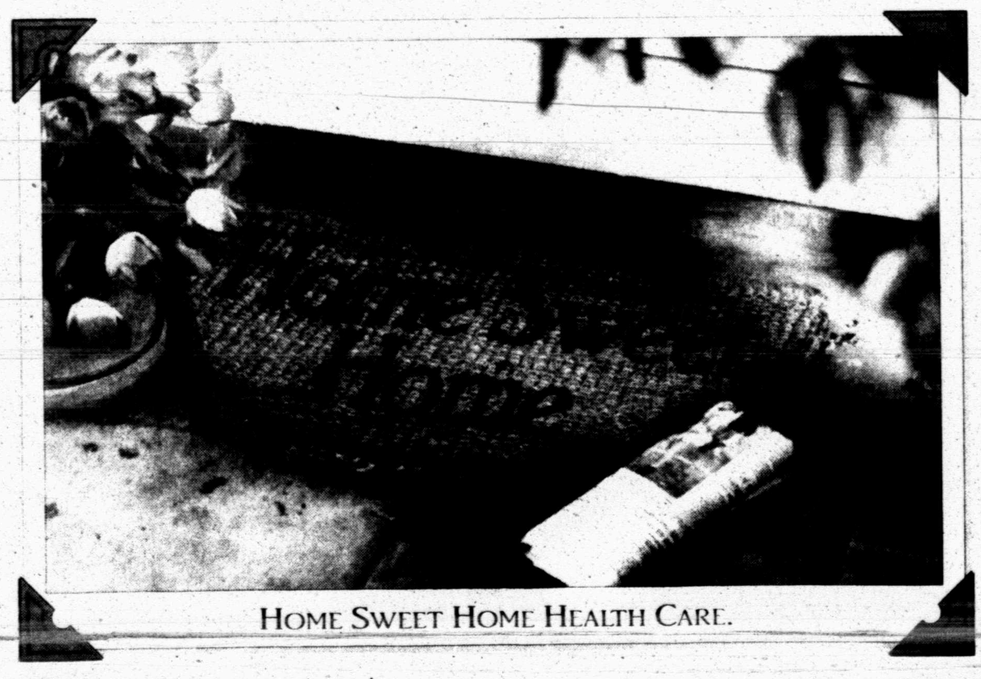
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Skin cancer said removed

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Talk show host Regis Philbin told viewers Friday he had a brush with skin cancer but a doctor "scooped it all out," and he was fine.

He peeled a bandage off his left hand to show his stitches to the "Live with Regis & Kathie Lee" audience in a New York studio and home viewers.

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REHEARSALS — Brenda Crosley, left, and Emily Hataway of Fluvanna are rehearsaing a scene from "Crimes of the Heart" which will be performed by the Colorado City Playhouse cast on Feb. 9-10 and Feb. 16-17. (See accompanying story.) (Photo Courtesy of the Colorado City Record)

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Colorado City...

'Crimes of the Heart' will open this month

COLORADO CITY — The Colorado City Playhouse cast is currently preparing for "Crimes of the Heart," Beth Hensley's prize-winning comedy/drama which focuses on family relationships.

It will open Feb. 9 for a two-weekend run. Marsha Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Seale of Snyder, will direct.

"Crimes of the Heart" tells the story of three sisters who have more than their share of bad luck. It is located in Hazlehurst, Miss. during modern times.

Becky or "Babe," played by Mary Alice Smith, former Snyder resident, has shot her no-good husband. Lenny, played by Brenda Crosley, is the long-suffering eldest sister who is facing spinsterhood as she cares for Old Granddady.

However, Old Granddady favors the middle sister Meg, played by Orphie Conner. Meg has been in Hollywood attempting to launch a singing career. Emily Hataway of Fluvanna is cast as the overbearing, obnoxious cousin, Chick Boyle.

Hataway has appeared in several Colorado City Playhouse productions including "The King and I," and "My Fair Lady." She has also performed in Ritz Theatre productions in Snyder and the Garza Theatre in Post.

Doc Porter, Meg's old flame, is played by Gary Redwine. Doc once spent a weekend in Biloxi with Meg but ended up with a broken leg and broken heart from the tryst. Young attorney Barnette Lloyd, played by Richy Womack, is representing Becky and becomes smitten with his client.

The play is scheduled for two weekends, Feb. 9-10 and Feb. 16-17. Tickets can be purchased at the Colorado City Opera House box office which opens Monday, Feb. 5. Call 915-728-4391 for reservations, 1-5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 1-8 p.m. (curtain time) on performance nights.

Woman and child take fatal plunge

PHOENIX (AP) — What began with a mother saying she wanted to show her daughter the view from the top of an office tower ended with a 20-story death plunge that left horrified witnesses asking: Why?

"You'd have to say to your child, 'Let's go to the roof and jump off.' How do you say that to your child?" asked Deanna Elliott, who saw Friday's plunge as she returned from church.

Sgt. Mike Torres, a police spokesman, said the mother, who appeared to be in her early 30s, apparently "scammed her way in and said she wanted to show her daughter the city."

Witnesses told authorities the woman and the blond-haired girl, who appeared to be 4 to 6 years old, took an elevator to the top of One Arizona Center and walked through the offices of a law firm to reach the roof.

Financial Focus

There's a lot of interest in interest rates.

Financial experts, consumers, the media - just about everybody, it seems, is constantly monitoring interest rates. And no wonder. Interest rate trends have a direct impact on virtually every segment of the U.S. economy.

Interest is the price you pay for borrowing money, or the price you get for lending money. In today's column, we'll focus on the borrowing side of interest.

A small change in interest rates can make a big difference to a borrower. For example, a 30-year, $98,000 mortgage with a 7.5 percent interest has a monthly payment of about $630. If mortgage rates rise to 9 percent, that monthly payment increases to $724. Over the 30-year life of a loan, that adds up to nearly $34,000 of additional interest.

So who decides whether interest rates will be 7.5 percent or 9 percent? Short-term interest rates are determined by the Federal Reserve System, known to most people as the "Fed".

The Fed is an independent government agency that regulates the nation's banking and monetary systems. It is governed by a seven-member board; board members, who serve 14-year terms, are appointed by the president and confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

The Fed's decisions about short-term interest rates depend on many things, including the level of inflation. When rates are low, borrowing is attractive. As Americans buy more goods and services, prices may rise, and so may inflation. When rates are high, the reverse happens: consumers spend less, which slows the economy, and as a result, inflation usually declines. Adjustments in interest rates can help control runaway inflation or stimulate a lagging economy.

The Fed directly or indirectly controls three interest rates. The federal funds rate is interest charged on overnight loans between banks. The discount rate is charged on loans from the Fed to banks. And the prime rate is the amount of interest that banks charge their most credit-worthy customers. Banks also use the prime rate to set other rates for consumer and business loans.

So, how do the Fed's actions affect the economy? Assume interest rates are currently low, and consumer borrowing is high. If economic growth begins to flirt with inflationary limits, for example 4 percent to 5 percent, the Fed may raise the federal funds rate. Banks, in turn, pass their higher costs to customers by raising interest rates on loans. Borrowing should slow down, and inflation should ease.

However, if an increase in the federal funds rate does not slow inflation, the Fed may then increase the discount rate. In turn, banks typically raise their prime rates, and the costs of borrowing rise further. Often, the Fed may have to raise the federal funds and/or discount rates several times until the desired economic slowdown is achieved. In slow economic times, the process is reversed: The Fed reduces interest rates, borrowing is encouraged, businesses grow, consumers spend, and the economy improves.

So, if you thought interest rates were simply a random factor of the economy, left on their own to do as they please, think again. They're important tools used by the Fed to prolong healthy economic growth, limit recessions and control inflation.

Mother wins custody of both twin daughters

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — First came the telephone call, then the sun broke through the cloud-filled day. And then, Brenda Taylor said, her twin daughter, Lauren, ill with a virus, started feeling better.

"Wow, what a day!" Ms. Taylor said after a Pima County judge granted her custody of 17-month-old Lauren in a bitterly contested legal battle with her former husband, Peter Tonnessen.

Ms. Taylor, 33, was awarded custody of the other twin, Megan, last fall.

Friday's custody order allows Tonnessen daytime visits one weekend a month with Lauren. He also gets a half-day's visit on Christmas, Easter and the Friday after Thanksgiving. He lives in Colorado Springs, Colo., but all visits must be in Tucson.

"It's been a long haul, but it's definitely been worth it," Ms. Taylor said. "I know that I am an excellent mother, but now it's on the record."

Teleconference designed for college-bound seniors

The Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation, in cooperation with the Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (TASFAA) Awareness Committee, is conducting teleconferences to inform high school counselors and high school seniors and their parents about applying for financial aid.

The teleconference will be held Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Jerry Worsham's classroom, Room 122, at Snyder High School.

The conference will air during the Texas Financial Aid Awareness Week, Feb. 5-11. The teleconference is designed specifically for college-bound high school seniors and their parents.

Two primary goals for this teleconference are to inform these students and their parents about the benefits of filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as early as possible and to assist these students and their parents in the actual completion of the FAFSA.

Students and their parents will be guided through the FAFSA step by step, so they can have a completed FAFSA in hand by the end of the teleconference, ready for mailing.

Both the students and their parents will need to have the following documents in had during the show in order to complete the FAFSA:

—One blank 1996-1997 FAFSA, with two or three #2 pencils with erasers;

—Loose paper or a note pad for questions, notes etc.;

—Social Security Card;

—Driver's License;

—1995 tax returns (IRS 1040, 1040A or 1040EZ);

—Records of untaxed income (such as AFDC, ADC, welfare, Social Security or veterans' benefits;

—Records of all investments, current mortgage information and bank statements.



Homer Anderson

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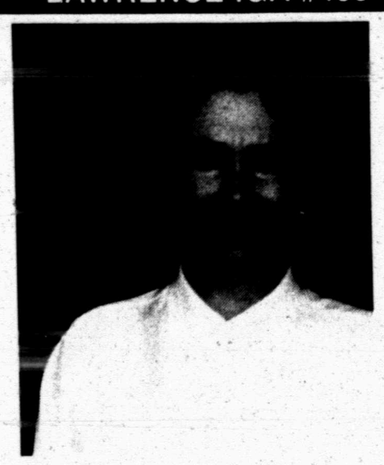


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Donna has lived in this area for 25 years. She is the daughter of Tommy and Bonnie Strickland. Donna is married to Glendal Garvin and they have 2 daughters, Melissa, 18, and Erica, 16.

Donna enjoys spending her spare time working crossword puzzles, spending time with her daughters and basketball games.

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Feb. 3, 1996



Today is the 34th day of 1996 and the 44th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1959, Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and Big Bopper were killed in a plane crash in Mason City, Iowa.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Horace Greeley (1811-1872), editor; Gertrude Stein (1874-1946), writer; Norman Rockwell (1894-1978), painter; James A. Michener (1907-), novelist, is 89; Simone Weil (1909-1943), writer-French Resistance activist; Fran Tarkenton (1940-), football player, is 56; Bob Griese (1945-), football player, is 51; Dave Davies (1947-), guitarist, is 49.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1986, Dennis Connors' Stars and Stripes recaptured the America's Cup by sweeping the Australian yacht Kookaburra III 4-0 in races held off Freemantle, Australia.

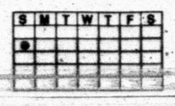
TODAY'S QUOTE: "The illusion that times that were are better than those that are, has probably pervaded all ages." — Horace Greeley

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1940, an ice storm struck Wales and southeast England devastating wildlife and livestock.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon.

Feb. 4, 1996



Today is the 35th day of 1996 and the 45th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1789, George Washington was elected president of the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles Lindbergh (1902-1974), aviator; Rosa Parks (1913-), civil rights leader, is 83; Ida Lupino (1918-1995), actress-director; Betty Friedan (1921-), feminist-writer, is 75; Dan Quayle (1947-), politician, is 49; Alice Cooper (1948-), singer, is 48; Lawrence Taylor (1959-), football player, is 37.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1951, Sugar Ray Robinson won the world middleweight boxing title when he defeated Jake LaMotta.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "When she finally stopped conforming to the conventional picture of femininity she finally began to enjoy being a woman." — Betty Friedan

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1984, the upper Midwest was struck with a severe blizzard that packed 80 mph winds.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Full moon.

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Man leaves trail of three dead wives

DETROIT (AP) — Like many mothers, Marie Wagner had reservations about the man her daughter was about to marry.

Mrs. Wagner got along with Lowell Edwin Amos just fine when they worked together at an auto plant in Anderson, Ind., and he was a brilliant guy in her opinion, but she also knew that Amos' first two wives died of unknown causes.

So when Mrs. Wagner got a call notifying her that her daughter, Roberta, had died of a cocaine overdose, she was suspicious.

"No one has that much bad luck," she said.

Amos, 52, now stands charged with murder by poisoning in the Dec. 10, 1994, death of Roberta Amos, 37. And Indiana authorities have reopened the investigation into the deaths there of Amos' first two wives and his own mother in the 1970s and '80s.

Roberta Amos was found dead in an Atheneum Hotel room in Detroit; the couple had been in town for a Christmas party for Amos' corporate consulting firm.

Amos told police he and his wife had been drinking at a restaurant and went to their room around midnight, when they began using cocaine, homicide investigator Donald Stawiacz testified Friday in the first day of a preliminary hearing. He said they inserted the cocaine anally and in Mrs. Amos' vagina.

The former girlfriend of Amos' business associate Norbert Crabtree testified that the Amoses were with her and Crabtree in their room until 4:30 a.m. Darcy Ann Smith said Mrs. Amos looked tired and like she'd been drinking, while her husband was jumpy and talkative.

Stawiacz said Amos awoke the next morning to find his wife dead in bed next to him. "I touched her and she was cold," he said Amos told him.

Amos said he cleaned up the room to get rid of evidence of cocaine, then called hotel security.

He also called Crabtree and asked him to come to his room. One of Amos' employees, Daniel Porcasi, said Crabtree called him and the two went together.

Amos met them at the door, shirtless, holding a towel and cigarette. He told them Mrs. Amos had taken cocaine and died in the night, Porcasi testified. "He said, 'She's laying in the next room — cold as a mackerel.'"

Porcasi said that after Amos asked them to take the bag from the hotel, he took it home and found inside a syringe with no needle, a sports jacket and a foul-smelling hotel washcloth with a unrecognizable substance on it.

He said Amos picked the bag up the next day and told him the syringe was for saline solution.

Wayne County Medical Examiner Dr. Sawait Kanluen testified Mrs. Amos had a "tremendous" amount of cocaine in her body — 15 times the amount typically seen in a cocaine overdose. He pronounced her death a homicide.

Mrs. Wagner said her daughter didn't use drugs.

And prosecutors said in court papers that Mrs. Amos would not have simply fallen asleep or died quietly had she overdosed. Dr. Suzanne White, assistant professor of emergency medicine at Wayne State University, said symptoms of a typical cocaine overdose reaction include nervousness and hyperactivity.

Still scheduled to testify are witnesses who say Mrs. Amos feared her husband of two years and was ready to leave him. Other records in the court file indicate Amos was seeing another woman.

Also, Crabtree told police that he and Amos had suffered a $225,000 loss during their first year of business.

Court records indicate Amos didn't benefit financially from Mrs. Amos' death. However, records show Roberta Amos and her mother had loaned Amos a total of $45,000.

Amos' lawyer, Cornelius Pitts, refused to comment on the case.

Amos, who faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison if convicted, was picked up Nov. 5 in Las Vegas, where he moved after his wife's death. It took Detroit police 11 months to put the puzzle together.

"Obviously, she's a 37-year-old healthy female that had a completely unexpected death. Then, the following day we started getting calls from these other locales regarding the other wives and the mother," said homicide Sgt. Patrick Henahan, "and that's what made us delve into it."

He refused to discuss a motive.

Amos' first wife, Saundra Heard Amos, 36, died in 1979 in their Anderson home. Amos told police she fell and hit her head in the bathroom. A neighbor said she later found Amos burning her clothes in the fireplace.

The autopsy found Dalmane, a sleep aid, and alcohol in her blood. But the cause of death was undetermined. Amos collected on a $350,000 insurance policy.

A few months later, Amos married Carolyn Lawrence, whom he had dated during his first marriage. She threw Amos out in 1987 after he refused to drop a large insurance policy on her, according to court papers.

He moved in with his mother, Mary Toles, who was found dead a few weeks later. Because she was 77, no autopsy was performed. Amos inherited $1 million.

The day Amos' mother died, Carolyn Amos took her husband back. In 1989, she died at their home near Middletown, Ind. Amos told police he thought she was electrocuted with a hair dryer while standing at the bathroom sink.

An autopsy found traces of Valium and alcohol in her blood but no signs of electrocution. The cause of death was undetermined. Amos received $800,000 in benefits.

Anderson Detective Michael Williams said investigators dusted off the Indiana case files after the Detroit death.

"When you have one situation, you don't have a track record. When you have two, you start looking," he said. "When you have three you get into a situation where you may have some kind of pattern."

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F. Lee Bailey and feds clash over seized stock

OCALA, Fla. (AP) — Robert Shapiro and F. Lee Bailey were back in court Friday, on opposite sides, as the government struggled to collect $20 million Bailey has been holding on behalf of a man accused of dealing drugs.

Both attorneys once represented Claude Duboc, a French-American arrested in Hong Kong in 1994 as part of a conspiracy to import tons of hashish and marijuana into the United States and Canada.

Duboc, who is still awaiting sentencing, agreed last May to testify for the government and forfeit $100 million in cash, bank accounts, real estate and other assets acquired with drug money.

It was Bailey's job to sell off Duboc's assets, including $6 million in shares of a Canadian pharmaceutical company, Biochem Pharma Inc.

The stocks' value has soared since then, to $26 million this week. But Bailey now claims to owe only the original $6 million, reasoning that he was the one who assumed the risk for the rest.

"The people of this country have been cheated out of $20 million by that man," Assistant U.S. Attorney David McGee said during the nine-hour hearing.

No agreement was ever signed, but Shapiro, who hasn't been speaking with his fellow Dream Team member since their falling out during the O.J. Simpson trial, said everyone familiar with the deal knew Bailey wasn't supposed to keep the stock or any money he received for it.

U.S. District Judge Maurice Paul ordered Bailey to come to court ready to present the stock and all bank records he acquired in the case.

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SPORTS

Tigers' playoff chances vanish

By Brent Taylor
Sports Editor

WOLFFORTH—Wayne Braziel hit a three-pointer with 38 seconds left in the game to pull the Snyder Tigers within four of the Frenship Tigers here Friday night.

In the end, it was Frenship spoiling upset minded Snyder and taking a 53-46 win in District 5-4A action.

With the loss, Snyder's playoff hopes are extremely remote while Frenship remains the first place team in the district.

Snyder took a 15-14 lead at the end of the first quarter behind 12 points from Rick Henderson. Frenship came out in the second period in a box-and-one defense and shut Henderson down. He finished the night with 16.

The big difference in the game was the second quarter where Snyder was outscored 19-8. Frenship took an eight-point lead into the dressing rooms, 31-23.

Snyder outscored Frenship, 13-10, in the third quarter, but it was Frenship getting the upper hand in the final period, 11-10.

Frenship was led in scoring by Buddy Brown with 15 and Zac Buchanan with 12.

For the season, Snyder goes to 18-8, 3-4 in district while Frenship is 25-5, 6-1 in league play.

Next action for Snyder will be Tuesday night when Lamesa comes to town. The varsity action is scheduled to tip off at 8 p.m.

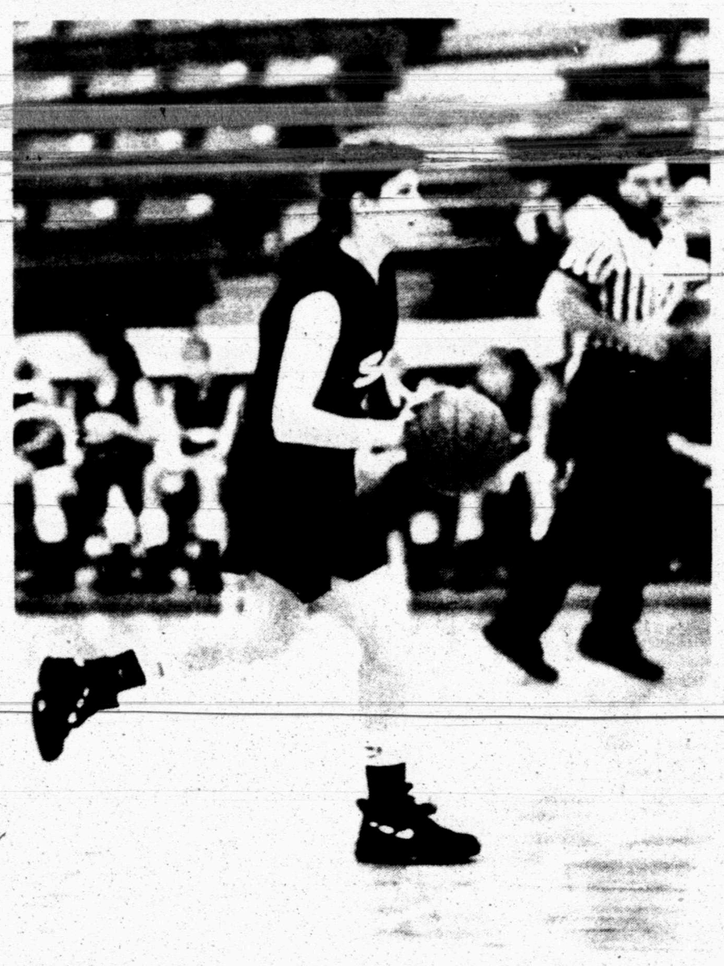
FRENSHIP 55, SNYDER 46

Snyder	15	8	13	10	— 46
Frenship	14	17	11	11	— 53

Snyder: Byram 1 0-1 6, Huestis 3 2-2 8, Braziel 0 0-0 6, Fambro 1 0-0 2, Henderson 3 1-4 16, McLeod 1 0-0 2, Hobbs 2 2-3 6, Totals 11 6-11 46.

Frenship: Allen 3 1-3 7, Brown 3 3-4 15, Ferrand 1 3-5 8, Buchanan 5 2-4 12, Decker 1 1-2 3, Welch 3 2-3 8, Totals 16 12-20 53.

3-Point baskets: Snyder 6 (Henderson 3, Braziel 2, Byram 1); Frenship 3 (Brown 2, Ferrand 1). Records: Snyder 18-8, 3-4; Frenship 25-5, 6-1.



DRIBBLE DOWN—Snyder Lady Tiger Mandy Hess brings the basketball down the floor Friday night during District 5-4A action against the Frenship Lady Tigers. Frenship came out on top, 62-35. Snyde will close out the season Tuesday night in the high school gym against Lamesa. (SDN Staff Photo by Brent Taylor)

Lady Raiders roll past Rice, 67-48

LUBBOCK (AP) — The names may change, but the results are the same for the Texas Tech Lady Raiders. They're still the class of the Southwest Conference.

After seeing her team humbled 67-48 by No. 8 Tech Friday night, Rice coach Cristy McKinney said she can compare this year's Lady Raiders to the squads that have won the last four SWC titles.

"Being right here, right now, they didn't seem to be a whole lot different," McKinney said.

Tech (17-2, 7-0 SWC) overwhelmed Rice (10-9, 3-4) to win its 25th straight at the Municipal Coliseum.

It was pretty easy, too, as the Lady Raiders scored 28 of the first 39 points, throttled Rice with their zone defense and coasted to their 12th consecutive win overall.

"We came out with a good look on our face, focused and ready to play," said Tech coach Marsha Sharp, whose team will play an exhibition game tonight against the U.S. National Team.

Michi Atkins scored six of her 19 points during a 10-0 run that gave Tech a 12-3 lead three minutes into the game. She added four points and one assist minutes later as Tech turned an 18-11 lead into a 28-11 margin with 7:35 left in the first half.

The Lady Owls, who have lost 14 consecutive games to Tech, hit only four of their first 17 field-goal attempts and had eight turnovers as Tech pulled away. The Lady Raiders led 36-19 at halftime, and Rice never got closer than 16 points in the final 20 minutes.

"The thing I'm disappointed in is I didn't think we played very hard," McKinney said. "I think we were intimidated."

Tech forward Alicia Thompson added 17 points and 12 rebounds, her 10th double-double of the season.

Guard Kim LaLonde led Rice with 14 points, and center Jennifer Hamilton added 11 points and seven rebounds.

Cardinals split with Westbrook

The Lady Cardinals from Hermleigh took a 56-49 decision over Westbrook Friday.

Kelly Gonzales was the leading scorer with 24. Jennifer Roemisch added 22 and Bridgett Moore 10.

The Lady Cardinals go to 6-16 for the season, 2-2 in district play.

On the boys' side, Westbrook took advantage of a very cold shooting night by Hermleigh and came away with a 62-45 win over the Cardinals.

Jack Hudgins was high point for Hermleigh with 18. Billy Luna added 11 while Michael Breitweiser and Joey Sanches each had six and Larry Lambaren four.

The Cardinals shot 19 of 77 from the field for 25%.

For the year, Hermleigh is 8-15, 1-3 in district play.

Hermleigh will travel to Loraine Tuesday.

Lady Bulldogs bite Loraine

The Lady Bulldogs from Ira kept their district record perfect Friday by defeating Loraine, 58-19.

Terri Robinson was high point for the 4-0 Lady Bulldogs with 16. Melissa Brasuel added 14 and Misty Chance 10. Also scoring for Ira were Jody Rankin eight, Brook Wilkes four, Rikki Wilkes, E'Lyssa Goolsby and Jacey McCright each with two.

For the season the Lady Bulldogs are 15-6.

On the boys' side, it was a different story as Loraine took an 87-42 victory.

Wade Wiggins was high point for the Bulldogs with 10. Heath Mathis and Todd Collom added eight, Judd Rogers seven, Scott Strong five and Jeremy Howard four.

The Bulldogs go to 0-4 in league play.

Next action for the Ira teams will be Tuesday night when they will travel to Westbrook.

Frenship too tough for Lady Tigers

By Brent Taylor
Sports Editor

WOLFFORTH — Jennifer Hardy proved too strong inside for the Frenship Lady Tigers Friday as Frenship defeated the Snyder Lady Tigers, 62-35.

Hardy had 17 points in the paint as Frenship remains at the top of the heap in District 5-4A.

The first quarter ended with Frenship on top 13-5 and they extended the lead in the second to take a 28-12 halftime lead. Frenship continued to pour on the pressure in the third by outscoring Snyder, 15-8, to take a 43-20 lead into the final period of play.

Erica Garvin was high point for Snyder with 23. She was the only player from Snyder in double figures.

For the year, Snyder drops to 13-15, 4-5 in district play. Frenship picked up its 21st win of the year against seven losses, and are 8-1 in district play.

In the JV game, Snyder was defeated by Frenship, 71-39.

There was only one other District 5-4A game played Friday night as Sweetwater defeated Estacado, 49-39.

Snyder will close out the season Tuesday night by hosting Lamesa at 6:30 p.m. in the Snyder High School gym. The JV will play at 5 p.m.

FRENSHIP 62, SNYDER 35

Snyder	5	7	8	15	— 35
Frenship	13	15	15	19	— 62

Snyder: Brown 1 1-2 3, McGrew 0 1-2 1, Miller 0 1-2 1, Kidd 0 3-6 6, Hess 0 0-1 0, Tucker 0 0-2 0, Garvin 6 5-8 23, White 0 1-2 1, Totals 7 12-25 35.

Frenship: Jantz 1 2-2 4, Potts 0 0-0 6, Moralez 0 0-2 0, Wilson 1 2-2 7, Lewis 2 0-0 4, Wright 5 1-4 11, Zouzalik 0 0-0 3, Bradley 3 4-9 10, Hardy 7 3-4 17, Totals 19 12-23 62.

3-Point baskets: Snyder 3 (Kidd 1, Garvin 2); Frenship 4 (Potts 2, Wilson 1, Zouzalik 1). Records: Snyder 13-15, 4-5; Frenship 21-7, 8-1. JV Score: Frenship 71, Snyder 39.

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Maggert leads at Pebble Beach

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — The AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am used to be known as the Crosby Clambake, and the way the leaderboard was jammed going into today's third round, it was like the old days when Bing called a party and everybody came.

Jeff Maggert had the lead at 8-under-par 136 after 36 holes, but he was only one stroke ahead of Loren Roberts, Steve Jones and Davis Love III.

Eight more golfers were at 138, including Tom Watson, Nick Faldo and the hottest player in the world right now, Phil Mickelson.

A staggering 13 more players were three strokes behind at 5-under-par 139.

And if the wind that usually whips off the Pacific stays calm over the last two rounds, Pebble Beach, Spyglass Hill and Poppy Hills, softened by rain earlier in the week, should continue to give up birdies.

"This is playing very, very easy," Maggert said after shooting a 68 at Pebble Beach. "The course is perfect for shooting good scores. If the greens were a little better, we'd see some real low scores."

There was no telling how low the scores would have been if the greens soaked by two days of rain earlier in the week had not been so marked up by the 360 pros and amateurs trudging over them.

Maggert, playing the back nine first, missed a 2-foot par putt on No. 13.

"That gave me a little wake-up call," he said.

Indeed it did. He hit a wedge to less than a foot for a birdie on the next hole and then made birdie putts of 18, 10 and 7 feet to get four consecutive birdies.

"I felt coming into this week everything was going pretty good for me," Maggert said.

DISTRICT 5-4A STANDINGS

MEN

Team	District W	L	Pct	Season W	L	Pct
Frenship	6	1	.857	25	5	.833
Sweetwater	5	2	.714	23	3	.884
Levelland	4	2	.666	19	9	.678
Snyder	**3**	**4**	**.428**	**18**	**8**	**.692**
Estacado	2	5	.285	14	15	.482
Lamesa	0	6	.000	8	16	.333

Tuesday's games: Snyder 71, Sweetwater 60; Levelland 44, Estacado 34; Frenship 75, Lamesa 64.

Friday' games: Frenship 53, Snyder 46; Sweetwater 56, Estacado 49.

WOMEN

Team	District W	L	Pct	Season W	L	Pct
Frenship	8	1	.888	21	7	.750
Levelland	7	1	.875	22	5	.814
Snyder	**4**	**5**	**.444**	**13**	**15**	**.464**
Sweetwater	4	5	.444	16	15	.516
Lamesa	3	5	.375	12	13	.480
Estacado	0	9	.000	5	22	.185

Tuesday's games: Sweetwater 55, Snyder 47; Frenship 60, Lamesa 50; Levelland 62, Estacado 27.

Friday's games: Frenship 62, Snyder 35; Sweetwater 49, Estacado 39.

NBA AT A GLANCE

By The Associated Press
National Basketball Association
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Orlando	32	13	.711	—
NewYork	28	15	.651	3
Washington	22	21	.512	9
Miami	20	25	.444	12
NewJersey	18	26	.409	13½
Boston	16	28	.364	15½
Philadelphia	8	35	.186	23
Central Division				
Chicago	41	3	.932	—
Indiana	30	15	.667	11½
Atlanta	24	20	.545	17
Cleveland	24	20	.545	17
Detroit	22	20	.524	18
Charlotte	21	22	.488	19½
Milwaukee	16	26	.381	24
Toronto	12	32	.273	29

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Midwest Division				
SanAntonio	29	13	.690	—
Utah	30	14	.682	—
Houston	30	16	.652	1
Denver	18	26	.409	12
Dallas	15	27	.357	14
Minnesota	11	31	.262	18
Vancouver	10	35	.222	20½
Pacific Division				
Seattle	32	12	.727	—
Sacramento	23	17	.575	7
L.A.Lakers	25	19	.568	7
Portland	21	24	.467	11½
Phoenix	19	24	.442	12½
GoldenState	19	25	.432	13
L.A.Clippers	16	28	.364	16

Friday's Games
Washington 113, Portland 97
Orlando 108, Atlanta 95
Indiana 116, Boston 108
Cleveland 107, Phoenix 85
San Antonio 101, Minnesota 90
Utah 122, L.A. Clippers 113
New Jersey 93, Vancouver 84
Chicago 99, L.A. Lakers 84
Golden State 114, Toronto 111

Saturday's Games
Portland at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
New York at Indiana, 1 p.m.
San Antonio at Orlando, 3:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Washington, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Denver, 9 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
Portland at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Detroit at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Utah at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

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SPORTS

After getting the ring & car, MVP Larry Brown seeks gold

DALLAS (AP) — Scott Casterline had been back in Dallas for about 12 hours. The night before, he was in Arizona hosting a Super Bowl party. Now, he was at home watching the big game on TV.

Casterline, an agent, was enjoying the close game. He was especially happy because one of his favorite clients, Larry Brown, was playing well. It was Brown's last game under his current contract, so the better he did, the more money they both would make in the near future.

Late in the fourth quarter, Brown made the play of his life. He snagged his second interception of the night and returned it 33 yards, sealing what would be a 27-17 victory for the Dallas Cowboys.

Now Casterline was really happy. He knew immediately that he and Brown would be making even more money.

"After the second interception, I threw on my suit and flew back to Phoenix," Casterline said.

Voila. The Super Bowl wasn't even over and the selling of Larry Brown had already begun.

Within hours, Brown was chatting with Bryant Gumbel and Joan Lunden on national morning TV shows. A date was quickly set for him to yuk it up with David Letterman. By the time Brown returned to Dallas on Monday, another half-dozen promotional spots were scheduled in New York and Washington.

"We got aggressive early on and I'm glad we did," Casterline said. "We need this week to do it because of the timing."

The MVP's traditional trip to Disneyland was out because the amusement park had picked which players it wanted before the game, regardless of who turned out to be the top star. No matter. Quicker than you can say Magic Kingdom, Casterline had so many offers that he was turning things down.

"We're talking about (endorsing) several products and service companies, all kinds of things," Casterline said. "But we're not going to go overboard. We're going to be selective. We want Larry's image to help them and them to help Larry."

Other dividends also came quickly, like Casterline being bumped into first class by American Airlines when he told them why he was flying back to Arizona last Sunday night.

During the flight, the plane's captain came out to greet him. He asked Casterline to pass on his congratulations to Brown and Casterline let the fan do it himself. Using the telephone on the plane, Casterline called Brown in his hotel room an hour after the game.

"The captain was real excited," Casterline said. "Somehow, they hooked it up so everyone on the plane could hear Larry talk. The people went crazy."

Now it's up to Casterline to get other NFL teams to go crazy over Brown.

It shouldn't be too difficult. Every year the Cowboys do well other teams get into off-season bidding wars in hopes that signing Dallas players will somehow bring them the same good fortune.

In recent years, it's made even-richer men out of Ken Norton Jr., James Washington, Jimmie Jones and Jim Jeffcoat — all defensive starters for the Cowboys who fled for larger paychecks.

Now it's Brown's turn.

His current contract, which was signed after his third season and was worth $500,200 this year, expires Feb. 16. If the Cowboys don't re-sign him before then, he'll be available to any NFL team.

Expect plenty of teams to have Casterline's phone number programmed into their speed dial by Feb. 15.

Both Casterline and Brown say they won't necessarily be swayed by the highest bidder.

"I've been very fortunate to be on a winning team in Dallas," Brown said. "I want to continue to enjoy the game, and not necessarily get caught up in the money."

Super Bowl final thoughts

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Some final thoughts from Super Bowl XXX and the Dallas Cowboys revenge win over the Pittsburgh Steelers. ...

How hard is it to win a Super Bowl trophy? The Cowboys earned their fifth Vince Lombardi trophy with the 27-17 win to tie San Francisco for the most in NFL history. That makes Dallas 5-for-30 since the Super Bowl was born and the Cowboys are considered one of the most successful franchises in league history. ...

There will never be a more spectacular team hotel for the Cowboys to stay or the most well-guarded as there was at The Buttes. You had to go through three "Checkpoint Charlies" and sometimes four just to get to your room. The Cowboys even had a guard to the media room, of all things. You had to announce your presence through the guard before you got access to the media room and the media guides. Set back into a butte (they call 'em mountains in Arizona), it would have been easy to hold off the U.S. Calvary, which some American Indians probably did a century ago. The "Top of the Rock" restaurant was spectacular and expensive. The final touch for The Buttes Hotel was Christmas tree lights in the cactus. ...

The cities of Phoenix, Tempe, Mesa, etc., put on a well-run Super Bowl, considering it was their first try. Traffic flowed and everyone had a smile. However, for the Super Bowl to return a new stadium will probably have to be built. Sun Devil Stadium is becoming antiquated. ...

Justice finally prevailed when old Cowboy Mel Renfro was voted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. His statistics were among the top five defensive backs to ever play the game. Renfro finally made it through the untiring efforts of Frank Luksa, Dallas Morning News columnist, who is one of 36 panelists voting on the Hall. Renfro, many times an All-Pro and Pro Bowler, may be the last Cowboy to make it for awhile. Luksa's next project? How about linebacker Chuck Howley, the MVP of Super Bowl V, who was also many times decorated and played on some great Dallas teams. Howley has gone so long that now he's at the mercy of the senior committee. Luksa must convince them of Howley's worthiness. ...

There's something to be said about the desert climate of Arizona. The Sonoran desert is beautiful, the golf courses wild and wondrous, and everyone is very friendly. Don't know if the unconcealed gun law has anything to do with the latter. With a license, you can pack a pistol here but never saw anybody doing it on the outside of their jackets.

SDN SPORTS WEEK

BASKETBALL

Monday: Lady Westerners at New Mexico JC, 6:00
Lady Tigers at Lamesa 9th, 6:00
Lady Tigers 8th at Lamesa, 5:00
Lady Tigers 7th at Lamesa, A & B, 5:00
Hermleigh JHS at Ira JHS 6:00

Tuesday: Lamesa at Lady Tigers, varsity 6:30, JV 5:00
Lamesa at Tigers, varsity 8:00, JV 5:00
Ira at Westbrook, VG, VB
Hermleigh at Loraine, VG, VB, 6:30

Thursday: Lady Westerners at Midland, 6:00
Lamesa at Tigers 9th, A 6:00, B 5:00
Lamesa at Tigers 8th, A 6:00, B 5:00
Lamesa at Tigers 7th, A 6:00, B 5:00

Friday: Tigers at Levelland, varsity 8:00, JV 5:00
Ira at Hermleigh, VG, VB, 6:30

GOLF

Sunday-Tuesday: WTC at Suntree Invitational Tournament, Suntree Country Club, Melbourne, Fl.

Friday & Saturday: Snyder Girls at Austin Invitational
Snyder Boys at Big Spring

TENNIS

Thursday: Colorado City at Snyder JHS

Friday & Saturday: Snyder at Lubbock Monterrey

BASEBALL

Tuesday: Snyder vs Snyder Exes, 6:00

Saturday: Three way scrimmage, Snyder, Big Spring & Midland in Big Spring, 11:00

SOFTBALL

Friday: Scrimmage, Snyder at San Angelo Central, 4:30

Saturday: Three way scrimmage, Snyder, Lubbock Monterey & Lubbock Coronado in Snyder, 12:00

TAYLOR MADE

By Brent Taylor Sports Editor

Several week ago I devoted this space to Snyder High School graduates who were in coaching fields.

One addition to the list is Ricky Vaughn who is an assistant track coach at the University of Texas at El Paso.

One change, David McGinnis is an assistant coach with the Chicago Bears and not the New York Giants as we first thought.

As was in Friday's SDN, Richard Gorman is changing jobs. He will now be the athletic director and head football coach at Post.

Taylor Made

I don't know if it is my imagination or not, but basketball officiating has seemed to deteriorat this year.

I have watched a lot of basketball at both the college and high school level and it seems the referees are letting the teams be a lot more physical...even to the point you can't tell if it is football or basketball.

I think the NBA has done more to hurt the game of basketball then help. The NBA refs hardly call anything and let players take four or five steps without calling traveling.

It is almost like the high school and college refs are trying out for NBA jobs.

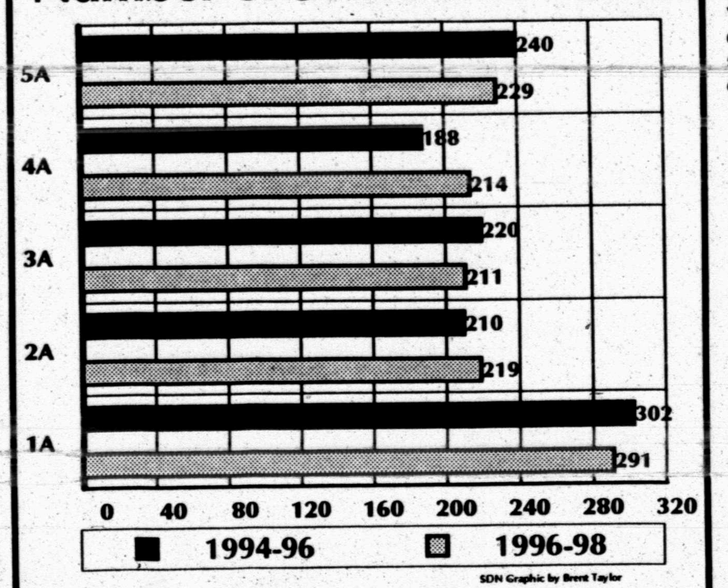
If something is not done to get the officiating level back up, the game of basketball is in trouble.



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Famed singer, dancer dies at age 83

LOS ANGELES (AP) Actor. Dancer. Singer. Director. Gene Kelly was all that — and a teacher, too.

A consummate showman who transformed both American dance and the Hollywood musical, Kelly died Friday at age 83 from complications of several strokes.

The former ditch digger and law school dropout was one of the country's top entertainers in the 1940s and 1950s. His joyful dancing, boyish good looks, and regular-guy demeanor made him the perfect performer for postwar America.

Kelly was as influential as he was popular. His athletic, occasionally audacious steps inform modern choreography to this day.

"Gene was one of a kind. He revolutionized dancing in film," Frank Sinatra said in a statement. Kelly "was a disciplinarian and a perfectionist — I should know. I practiced for hours and hours and couldn't believe it when I saw myself dancing with Gene on the big screen."

Kelly danced with Sinatra. Kelly danced with Debbie Reynolds. Kelly (twice) danced with Fred Astaire. Kelly danced with cartoon characters. More than anyone, though, Kelly danced with moviegoers.

Kelly's movie musicals — from "Anchors Aweigh" in 1945 and "On the Town" in 1949 to "An American in Paris" in 1951 — brought the stately steps of Astaire to the masses. Where Astaire was polish, Kelly was muscle. Astaire danced in top hat and tails, Kelly in T-shirts and blue jeans.

"He once told me dancing was a man's game, as much of a sport as baseball itself," said Liza Minnelli, whose mother, Judy Garland, co-starred with Kelly in his 1942 film debut "For Me and My Gal."

"And he made us believe that. He changed our minds and suddenly, all of America wanted to dance just like Gene Kelly," Minnelli said.

Kelly dabbled with serious roles but was more at home in lighthearted, idyllic stories. His most enduring cinematic image was a rain-drenched spin around a streetlight in 1952's "Singin' in the Rain" — a moment of pure romantic abandon in what is widely considered the greatest American musical ever made.

Reynolds, Kelly's "Singin' in the Rain" co-star, said he made her a star. "He taught me how to dance and how to work hard, to be dedicated and yet still loving as he was to his family and friends," she said.

Kelly's influence spanned generations, lasting right up to today's pop stars Madonna, Michael Jackson and Paula Abdul, as well as modern dance avatar Twyla Tharp.

"He was a terrific guy who was very generous with me," said dancer-actor Gregory Hines. "We spent a significant amount of time together in the '80s and I valued it. He inspired me as a young boy growing up. ... He left a tremendous legacy for us to see and enjoy and learn from."

Watching Kelly's dance routines today "is like going to school with a great teacher," entertainer Ben Vereen said. "But Mr. Kelly showed other things: that you could take charge of every facet of your career. He was a consummate entertainer and innovator."

Said Barbra Streisand: "I saw him in (1958's) 'Marjorie Morningstar' and fell in love. That crooked smile. He leaves his legacy of great talent for us to enjoy forever."

Born in Pittsburgh in 1912, Eugene Curran Kelly started dancing as a child and worked briefly as a dance instructor, service station attendant and ditch digger.

After graduating college in 1933 and dropping out of law school, he danced with his brother in theaters and nightclubs and helped out at his mother's dancing school. He made his Broadway debut in the 1938 Cole Porter musical "Leave It to Me." Then it was on to Hollywood.

After serving in the Navy's Photographic Section during World War II, Kelly reigned at MGM in the postwar era, when the studio was the pre-eminent producer of movie musicals.

Kelly gave a bravura performance in "An American in Paris." He created the dances, climaxed by the 17-minute ballet with Leslie Caron to George Gershwin's music.

"I've always held that you shouldn't underestimate the intelligence of the movie audience," Kelly once said.

Disney CFO to become Hilton CEO

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After less than a year as chief financial officer of the Walt Disney Co., Stephen F. Bollenbach has been named president and chief executive of Hilton Hotels Corp.

On Friday, he became only the third chief executive in the history of the Beverly Hills-based hotel-casino company, following Conrad Hilton and son Barron Hilton, who will remain chairman.

Bollenbach is best known for splitting up hotel-casino concerns, most recently at Host Marriott Corp. His future at Disney dimmed last summer when agent Michael Ovitz was selected as No. 2 to Disney chairman Michael Eisner.

Bollenbach was regarded as a major catch for Disney when he quit as Marriott chief executive to join the entertainment company last April. He was credited with persuading Eisner to borrow heavily to complete the $19 billion merger of Capital Cities/ABC Inc.

He joins Hilton at a crucial juncture. After more than five years of off-again, on-again attempts to sell all or part of Hilton, or spin off its casinos into a separate company, Barron Hilton announced last month the company would continue as a unit for now.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Monday, Feb. 5, 1996

Do not impede your path or limit your hopes and expectations in the year ahead. You can achieve your goals if you're prepared to make the commitment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Yield to your charitable inclinations today if there is someone you can help. Good deeds are good seeds that could produce a harvest later. Major changes are ahead for Aquarius in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your perceptions may be more accurate than usual today. Trust these instincts and don't think the results are too good to be true.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Make your presence felt today in situations where self-appointed leaders have fouled up. You will know how to do the greatest good for the greatest number.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) That gentle buzzing in your ears today may mean that friends are talking about you. If you could eavesdrop on their conversations, you'd feel flattered.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) A valuable contact you made recently might have an unusual proposal for you today. However, think it over, because the benefits will not be readily apparent.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may establish a warm relationship with a new person. This person could enter your life today or in the near future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Today could be gratifying if you become involved in a creative endeavor where you use your hands, as well as your imagination, for a worthwhile purpose.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do not be bashful today about letting others know how you feel about that special someone. Make it a point to compliment him or her in front of others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Instead of wasting your time watching the soaps, put your artistic talents to work and beautify your surroundings. You will like the results.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not decline any invitations today that give you an opportunity to mix with a new group. Contacts established now could be more significant than usual.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You will have an excellent opportunity to achieve something that could produce long-range benefits. It might come about in increments or stages.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you are with vociferous people today and you want to command their attention, you'll find that whispering will have more impact than shouting.

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Your Birthday

Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1996

In the year ahead, build upon previously established foundations instead of looking for new fields to conquer. Situations which gave you resistance might now be full of opportunities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In situations that affect you personally, your thinking will be right on-target. However, when you try to make judgments for others, you might be way off base. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you're hoping or expecting to get more than your share from a particular deal, you may experience disappointment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you're invited to a social activity today, don't overstay your welcome. If you arrive early, try to be one of the first to leave.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Today, guard against the inclination to blame your mistakes on loved ones who are actually trying to help you. Do not cause them to pull away from you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you might enter into a discussion with a person who feels as strongly about an issue as you do. Unfortunately, you will be on opposing sides.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You should not be a borrower or a lender today. In either position, you may find yourself squarely behind the eight ball.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even though you might solicit advice from others today, you may ignore their suggestions and erroneously do things as you initially intended.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Acknowledge your physical limitations today. Do not overexert yourself or try to lift things that are too heavy for you to move.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Use caution when conducting yourself at social gatherings today. Even small mishaps could be blown out of proportion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do not take your luck for granted today if the stakes are a bit higher than usual. If you miscalculate, and you might, you may cause others to suffer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Subdue the temptation to boast about your accomplishments today, even if you do something outstanding. Praise will sound better coming from an observer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Take extra care with your possessions today, especially those you keep in your car. Do not leave your car unlocked when you go to the mall.

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NASA's shuttle boss said quitting

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Bryan O'Connor, who piloted NASA's space shuttle Atlantis and commanded a medical-research flight by Columbia before becoming shuttle director, will quit at the end of this month.

O'Connor said he wants to pursue other interests.

"The current transition under way in the shuttle program management presents an occasion for me to leave NASA without causing a significant disruption," he said in a brief written statement Friday.

O'Connor, 49, piloted Atlantis in 1985 and commanded a Columbia flight in 1991. He has been with NASA 16 years.

Last month, the chief of NASA's space flight program, Wayne Littles, announced he was leaving his job at NASA headquarters in Washington to become director of Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala.

'Just friends,' Miss New York says

" NEW YORK (AP) — Miss New York Helen Goldsby insists she's just friends with the millionaire investment banker with whom she's accused of having an affair.

"I don't deny being very fond of him," the 25-year-old Goldsby said Friday in an interview on "Geraldo." "We are friends, and we were not secretive about being friends. We went places together, but we were always surrounded by other people."

Goldsby, who has been ordered to give up her crown by state pageant officials because she took a job as a Broadway understudy, was named last week as the homewrecking other woman in Audrey Adams-Maillian's divorce filing.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Widow Remembers Husband By Sharing His Love of Horses

DEAR ABBY: I found this "Horse's Prayer" in my late husband's desk in 1991, the year he died. He loved horses and took very good care of them.

My husband was a farmer and a dedicated man who took pride in his work. He unloaded horses and cattle for the Southern Pacific Co. for 25 years.

CATHERINE E. LANFRANCO, FRESNO, CALIF.

DEAR CATHERINE: Thank you for sharing it. I know many of my readers who love horses will relate to it.

A HORSE'S PRAYER

Feed me, water me and care for me. And when my day's work is done, provide me with shelter, a clean, dry bed, and a stall wide enough for me to lie down in comfort.

Talk to me. Your voice often means as much to me as the reins.

Pet me sometimes, that I may serve you the more gladly and learn to love you.

Do not jerk the reins and do not whip me when going uphill.

Never strike, beat or kick me when I do not understand what you mean, but give me a chance to understand.

Watch me, and if I fail to do your bidding, see if something is wrong with my harness or feet. Examine my teeth when I do not eat. I may have an ulcerated tooth that is very painful.

Do not tie my head in an unnatural position, or take away my best defense against flies by cutting off my tail. (I don't take away *your* mosquito curtains.)

Don't smoke in my barn or leave me tied up overnight and perhaps burn me to death while you are sleeping in your comfortable bed.

And last, my master: When my strength is gone, do not turn me out in a pasture with no shelter and let me freeze to death, or sell me to some cruel owner to be slowly starved or worked to death, but take my life in the kindest way, and your God will reward you — hereafter.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

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DEAR ABBY: My mother has plenty of money. In fact, she's obsessed with it. We keep telling her to spend it and enjoy life, but she doesn't listen. It's like money is her god.

The topper came on my daughter's birthday. My mother sent her a card with nothing in it! I never thought she'd be so tight she'd deprive her grandchild. Believe me, $10 wouldn't have hurt her at all.

Since talking to her only makes her angry, if you print this letter, maybe she'll see it, recognize herself and wise up.

UPSET IN DULUTH

DEAR UPSET: Please keep in mind that no one is obligated to give birthday gifts. Gifts are voluntary. Many grandparents cease giving gifts when children fail to send thank-you notes.

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DEAR ABBY: Whatever you say, I promised my sister I'd do.

My boyfriend, "Chuck," has been married three times and has children from all three marriages. Chuck told me he had married young the first time and just made "bad" choices the other two times.

Before I get in any deeper with Chuck, my sister suggested I call his ex-wives and get their side of the story. She also heard that he'd been engaged before. My sister says Chuck is bad news. I believe he is just the romantic type who jumped into these marriages after whirlwind romances with what turned out to be crazy women. What do you think?

BEING CAREFUL

DEAR BEING CAREFUL: Listen to your sister and chuck Chuck. Her advice is right on target.

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DEAR ABBY: A heartfelt thanks for mentioning the Peace Corps volunteers in your New Year's Day blessings. This is something I have never heard before, and I was in the first Peace Corps group in Honduras in 1962.

Those of my peers who are trained to go to other nations and subjugate or kill the inhabitants there are offered many inducements or rewards, such as government assistance in schooling, home loans, health insurance and care, Veterans Administration hospitals and point preference on tests for government jobs.

I have no problem with this. However, to my knowledge, none of these rewards are offered to returning Peace Corps volunteers, those of us who were trained to understand and love the people of other lands and to offer them our friendship.

In a Christian country that supposedly espouses love for all mankind, what kind of statement does this make about our true attitude toward others?

KENT D. MYRICK, PHOENIX

DEAR KENT MYRICK: It's shameful. A brief history of the Peace Corps:

In January 1960, Sen. Richard L. Neuberger of Oregon and Congressman Henry S. Reuss of Wisconsin asked Congress to study the possibilities of a youth corps program. Later that year, Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota proposed that Congress create a Peace Corps.

Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts used the proposal for a Peace Corps in his 1960 presidential election campaign. He declared, "There is not enough money in all America to relieve the misery of the underdeveloped world in a giant and endless soup kitchen, but there is enough know-how and knowledgeable people to help those nations to help themselves."

Kennedy was elected president in November 1960. He established the Peace Corps in March 1961. The first volunteers started training at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J. Sargent Shriver (Kennedy's brother-in-law) was the first director.

More than 80,000 [illegible] have served as Peace Corps volunteers.

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DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Lost in Kansas City, Kan." — the person with no sense of direction — really hit home with me. The phrase "directional dyslexia" is a great way to describe someone who suffers from this problem.

I have had it for as long as I can remember. I'm a schoolteacher, and my friends make fun of me, saying things like, "I can't believe you went to college." They don't realize that lacking a sense of direction has nothing to do with intelligence or education.

It is frightening to have no idea which direction is correct. I have gone to the same mall for 20 years and still can't pinpoint where a particular department store is. I can drive the same route many times and never know whether to turn left or right.

My solution is to always have my cellular phone with me. It has come in handy many times. I have one very understanding friend I call. She stays on the line and gives me directions until I arrive at my destination.

Please, Abby, urge your readers to have a little compassion for those of us with no sense of direction.

NO LAUGHING MATTER, FORT LAUDERDALE

DEAR NO LAUGHING MATTER: Your suggestion to carry a cellular phone so you can get directions is a good one. If your Good Samaritan's line is busy, you could also call the business you're trying to find. Some enterprising salesperson may be willing to guide you to your destination. Also, a compass for your dashboard may be helpful.

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Donations sought for opera house

PARIS (AP) — UNESCO appealed for donations Friday to rebuild Venice's famed La Fenice opera house, gutted by fire earlier this week.

La Fenice, a fixture in the city of canals for 204 years, was burned to a shell Monday. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

"I call on individuals, organizations, governments and all who care about musical culture to contribute," said Federico Mayor, director-general of the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

"The loss of this artistic and historical monument touches us all, and we must do our part to help it rise from its ashes," Mayor said.

Venice is on UNESCO's World Heritage List of 469 cultural and natural sites of "outstanding universal value."

Rebuilding La Fenice's outer structure alone is expected to cost $43 million, while total costs have ranged in the hundreds of millions of dollars.



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Striker replacement order thrown out

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton exceeded his authority when he barred federal contracts from going to companies that hire permanent replacement workers during strikes, a federal appeals court said Friday.

Clinton said he would instruct the Justice Department "to take all appropriate steps to have this decision overturned." He said he continues to believe his executive order was "economically sound, fair and legal."

In throwing out Clinton's 1995 executive order, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit said the order conflicted with federal labor law, which guarantees the right to hire permanent replacements.

"It is ... undisputed that the (National Labor Relations Act) preserves to employers the right to permanently replace economic strikers as an offset to the employees' right to strike," Judge Laurence Silberman wrote for the panel of three judges, all Republican appointees.

Clinton's order was challenged by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the American Trucking Associations, the National Association of Manufacturers and other groups.

Friday's ruling "is a total repudiation of the president's decision that he has the right to trump Congress and reverse rights granted to employers under the NLRA," said Stephen Bokat, vice president and general counsel of the Chamber of Commerce.

Clinton, in a statement issued at the White House, said, "The right of workers to strike has long been one of America's envied freedoms."

"This executive order — which furthers the economic and efficient administration of federal contracts — signals the kind of productive labor-management relationships that are needed in today's economy," the president said.

Labor Secretary Robert Reich said, "We don't want American service men and women in Bosnia trying to keep the peace while driving around on tires made by rookies and replacement workers."

AFL-CIO President John J. Sweeney said, "This ruling serves those employers who want to wage war on workers, and hurts the rest of us."

The White House has argued that replacement workers undermine the collective bargaining process and reduce worker productivity, thus affecting the economy.

A lower court ruled that courts could not review Clinton's executive order. But Silberman said courts can review allegations that a presidential order violates the NLRA.

The appeals court rejected the government's argument that another federal law gives the president broad authority to set government procurement policy.

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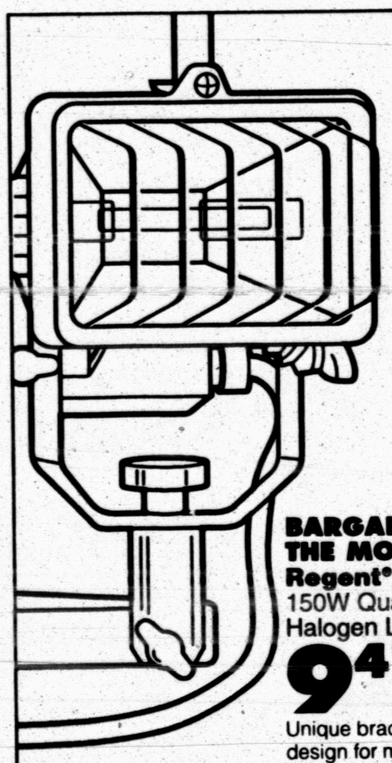
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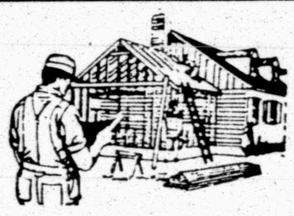
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3705 Galveston, 3-1-2. 20T
2908 42nd, 3-2-2cp. 47.5T
3509 40th, 3-2, shop. 56.5T
4500 Beaumont, 4-3-2. 93T
309 35th, 2-1-2. 25T
5404 Cedar Crk, 3-2½-2, $115T
3011 39th, 3-1, Owner Finance.
2213 44th, 3-2, CH/A. 36.5T
306 35th, 3-2. 25T
3706 Ave. U, 3-2, CH/A. 54T
3002 40th, 3-1, CH/A. 35T
2301 41st, CH/A, red. 25T
304 36th Place, 3-1-1. 28T
2304 30th, 3-1. 30T
3604 Ave. V, 3-2-2. 75T
~~**3797 Ave. V**, 4-3-1.~~ 58T
4600 El Paso, 3-2½-2. 90T
1904 Ave. M, 2-1-1, ch/a.
2906 El Paso, 3-2-2. 56.5T
3112 Ave. C, 4-1-2, O.F. 35T
IRA, 4 bd., 2 bth., red.
Gary Brewer Rd, 4-3-2. 85T
2903 36th, 3-3-2. 89T
Country, 3-2-2cp, apx. 5A. 65T

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010 LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Scurry County Commissioners' Court will open bid proposals for the purchase of a **Used Tractor for Precinct Three**, Monday, February 5, 1996, at 10:00 a.m., during Special Session of the Commissioners' Court. Specifications may be obtained at the County Judge's Office, Scurry County, Snyder, Texas.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Scurry County Commissioners' Court will open bid proposals for the **purchase of Fuel and Bulk Oil**, on Monday, February 5, 1996, at 10:00 a.m., during Special Session of the Commissioners' Court. Specifications may be obtained at the County Judge's Office, Scurry County, Snyder, Texas, 79549.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Pennzoil Exploration & Production Company, 4632 W. Hwy. 180, Snyder, Texas 79549, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Canyon Reef, Formation, SACROC Unit Lease, Well No(s). 19-03. The proposed injection well is located approximately 9.5 miles Northwest from Snyder, Texas in the Kelley-Snyder Field, in Scurry, County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 6806' to 7036' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the 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, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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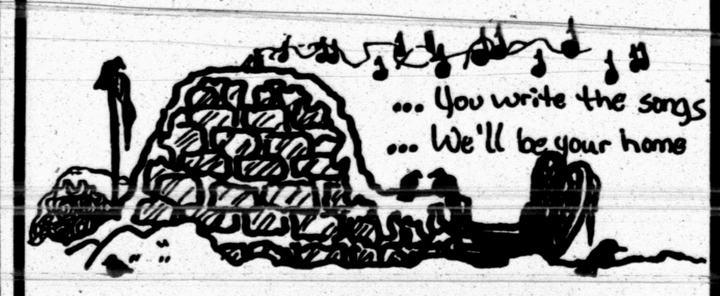
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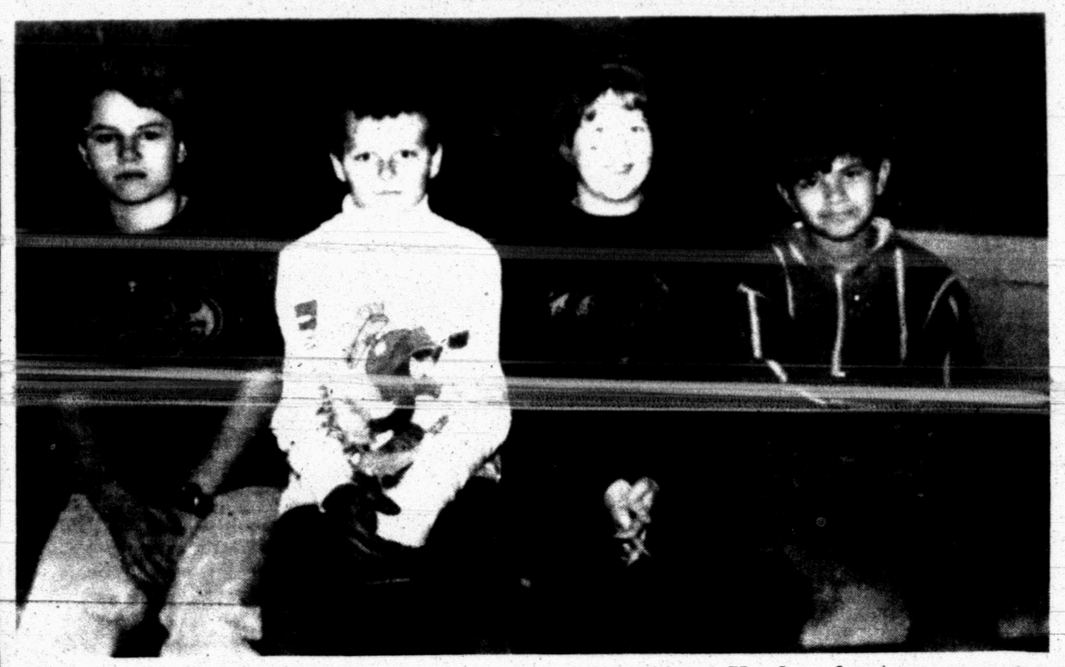


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ANNUAL STAFF — These Hermleigh students make up the annual staff for the 1995-1996 school year. Back row, from left, Dennis McHaney and Bridget Moore, co-editors; Tammie Holder, Amanda Berry, Michelle Gray; front row, Billy Luna, Michael Breitweiser and TJ Wood. Michelle Roemisch and Joey Sanchez are not pictured. (SDN Staff Photo)



6TH GRADE CLASS OFFICERS — Hermleigh sixth grade class officers recently elected include from left, Lacy Doggett, president; A.J. Frizzell, vice president; Kendra Nachlinger, secretary; and Ben Barrera, treasurer. (SDN Staff Photo)

Arrests keep officers busy

City officers arrested 34-year-old Roberto Ramirez Quinones, 1226 Smith Ave., at 12:59 Saturday morning for felony driving while intoxicated. He was taken into custody in the 1600 block of Scott Avenue.

At 11:32 a.m. Friday, officers arrested an 18-year-old male on an outstanding city warrant for no driver's license.

A 23-year-old female was arrested at 2:56 p.m. Friday on outstanding city warrants.

A 42-year-old male was arrested at 10:46 p.m. Friday on outstanding Department of Public Safety warrants out of Brownwood.

Following a report of loud music from apartments in the 100 block of 37th Street at 12:55 a.m. Saturday, two people were arrested on various charges. Taken into custody were a 24-year-old male who was charged with contributing alcohol to a minor and on city warrants for speeding and failure to appear and a 17-year-old male who was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol. One juvenile was also taken into custody.

At 12:59 Saturday morning, officers arrested a 36-year-old male for public intoxication.

In other activity Friday, an officer was requested by Larry Carrisalez at 605 19th St. in reference to dog food and chicken feed being taken from his property.

A person requested an officer at 11:55 a.m. Friday in reference to someone causing damage to a rent house. An offense report for Class A criminal mischief was submitted.

A family disturbance was reported at 6:22 p.m. Friday.

At 4:18 Saturday morning, an assault was reported and charges were expected to be filed later in the day.

Paper trail links immigrant to war crimes

BOSTON (AP) — The tattered records tell the tale: A mother and her 6-year-old daughter are taken from their home in November 1941 and sent to a prison in Nazi-occupied Vilnius, Lithuania.

Then, the chief of the security police orders them placed in the custody of a squad that specialized in killing Jews.

A few weeks later, a clerk types their epitaph: "Dealt with in accordance with orders."

Now, U.S. Justice Department officials say the records and others like them are evidence that a retired machinist participated in the killing of Jews during World War II and shouldn't be allowed to stay in the United States.

Prosecutors filed papers Friday asking a judge to revoke the citizenship of Aleksandras Lileikis, the 88-year-old former police chief living in the suburb of Norwood. They alleged that he concealed his war crimes when he emigrated to this country in 1955.

While officials said there is no living witness to Lileikis' alleged acts, U.S. Attorney Donald Stern said "there is a shockingly complete paper trail."

"We're certain that we have documents which demonstrate his participation in the murder and execution of Jews in Lithuania," Stern said. "There's nothing abstract about the fact that this man personally participated."

The government says that handwriting and document experts have authenticated the papers, which came to light only after the end of the Cold War in the Lithuanian capital.

to answer questions in the case, citing his Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination. His attorney, Thomas Butters, didn't return a message seeking comment.

The U.S. Attorney's office, which first filed its civil action against Lileikis in September 1994, is seeking a summary judgment from U.S. District Judge Richard Stearns.

At a news conference Friday, prosecutors discussed the documents, which include orders used to send Jews to a Vilnius prison and to the killing squad, which was known as the "Special Detachment."

The Special Detachment, a unit of the German Security Police, executed tens of thousands of Jews at the hamlet of Paneriai, shooting them with captured Russian rifles, according to Yitshak Arad, a historian of the Holocaust who filed an affidavit in the case.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Irene Wagner, 2301 Ave. T; Nelda Brooks, 2405 42nd; Louise Gonzales, P.O. Box 770; Griselda Perez, 1007 26th.

DISMISSALS: Lyle Brace, Angelica Murillo, Esmeralda Robledo, Dena Williams, Nelda Brooks, Louise Gonzales, Rebecca Heidenheimer, Mendia Hunter.

CENSUS: 62 (Med., Surg.-18, Long-term Care-39, CCU-2, OB-1, Nursery-1).

Court OKs new trial

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Saying jurors weren't properly instructed on malice, the state's high court has thrown out a conviction in the slaying of a man partially skinned alive before he was shot to death.

The 4-3 decision Friday by the Nebraska Supreme Court grants a new second-degree murder trial for Dennis Ryan, and is the latest in a string of similar decisions by the court that has caused a growing controversy.

Ryan was 15 when he was convicted of second-degree murder in the 1985 slaying of James Thimm at a survivalist camp near Rulo. Dennis Ryan's father, Michael Ryan, was convicted of first-degree murder in Thimm's death and has been sentenced to death.

Thimm was beaten, sexually abused, shot, stomped and partially skinned while still alive. His fingertips had been shot off on one hand.

The Supreme Court majority affirmed its view that malice remains an element of second-degree murder despite a 1978 criminal code that struck all references to malice in such cases. The court said juries in such cases must be instructed on the malice requirement, and Dennis Ryan's jury wasn't.

Since it began taking that view in 1994, more than a dozen men convicted of second-degree murder have received new trials, sentences or plea bargained to lesser charges.

State Attorney General Don Stenberg said the majority decision "continues to undermine public confidence in the criminal justice system."

He said he would ask the high court to rehear the case. Such requests are seldom granted.

Stenberg said the opinion amounted to the court majority writing law rather than interpreting it.

The majority's unsigned opinion said that if the law were not interpreted to require malice, the statute would be overly broad and could lead to absurd legal situations.

Political Briefs

Is Forbes out of step with GOP?

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Texas Sen. Phil Gramm on Friday held out GOP rival Steve Forbes' support for a national health-care plan 23 years ago as evidence the publisher is out of step with Republican voters.

"I believe when people look at the Forbes record, they are going to see there are two Steve Forbeses," Gramm said. "One is the conservative of the slick TV commercials. The other is the moderate and the liberal that writes magazine articles."

Gramm cited an editorial Forbes wrote in 1973 for Forbes magazine in which he supported a health care plan being pushed in Congress by Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and others. The plan called for nationalized insurance run by a federal health security board.

Forbes wrote that compared to other proposals, the Kennedy plan was "probably the most realistic answer" to the question of getting health insurance coverage for everyone. The Kennedy plan never become law.

Town readies for first caucus vote

IOWA, La. (AP) — Just off Interstate 10 on the outskirts of Louisiana's Cajun country, a tall blue water tower emblazoned with the word Iowa gives visitors the first hint there's a town beyond the swamps.

Iowa — and that's pronounced EYE'-uh-way around these parts — is a one stoplight town with a handful of local businesses lining main street. The 1,224 residents know one another by name, and folks still wave at the occasional stranger who passes through.

So when the locals read in the newspaper that their town was going to be the site of the nation's first 1996 Republican presidential caucuses most just thought it was a misprint.

"I was probably more stunned than anything," said Vicki Peshfoff, a clerk at a local pharmacy. "I know I thought it was probably a big joke at first. Nothing ever goes on here."

It did start out as a joke.

Bush campaign got illegal funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government investigated George Bush's 1988 campaign for seven years, gathered four binders of evidence and determined he had accepted $223,000 in illegal contributions — then concluded it was too late to penalize him.

Bush's campaign recently got off with a simple reprimand letter for an infraction that normally carries thousands of dollars in fines, Federal Election Commission records show.

In the Dec. 11. letter, the commission urged the Bush campaign's lawyers to "take steps to ensure that this kind of activity does not occur in the future."

That's a safe bet. Bush lost the presidency in 1992.

The FEC concluded that a court would have thrown out any penalty attempt since so much time had passed, spokeswoman Sharon Snyder said. Such federal cases generally are subject to a five-year statute of limitation.

A lawyer for Bush's campaign had a different explanation. He said the campaign had acted properly and the FEC dropped the matter because it didn't have a good case.

CARDS OF THANKS



Heartfelt Thanks

We would like to thank you for the Christian sympathy that was shown to us during the loss of our loved one. Special thanks to Tim and Robert who assisted in the services and to the ladies who prepared and served lunch.

May God Bless You All
The Family Of Connie Vincent





Our beloved Dad & Grandfather, Porfirio "Pete" Guzman went to be with our Lord on Sept. 29, 1995. Our beloved Mother & Grandmother also recently went to be with our Lord. We would like to thank everyone for the love shown to our family during our losses. Everyone of you expressed your sympathy in the way the Lord led your heart to. May God Bless you.

Connie Romero & Family
Lisa Winsor & Family
David Guzman & Family

Thank You

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one for the kindness shown us by the many floral offerings, prayers, food, and kind words of support in the loss of our loved one.

A special thank you to the Snyder EMS personnel and the staff at Cogdell Hospital for their diligent efforts and extraordinary care.

The Family of Don Tucker, Sr.

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Berry's World



"How about this for our version of a flat tax — we tax everybody until they're FLAT BROKE!"

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



What inflates the pulse rate?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I recently read a column by you on the effects of imipramine for panic, anxiety and depression. You listed cardiovascular toxicity. Is this potentially dangerous, or does it simply mean the cardiovascular system may act in an abnormal way, such as by generating a constant increased pulse rate which happens to be my case? With the drug, my pulse is typically in the area of 100. If I add reactions to panic, my rate increases to 120 or over.

DEAR READER: Imipramine (Tofranil and others) is a commonly used drug for depression. It also appears to have a role in treating anxiety/panic disorder, a condition marked by excessive apprehension.

The manufacturer lists many potentially adverse consequences of the medication, including low blood pressure, high blood pressure, palpitations, heart block (electrical abnormalities), heart failure, and heart attack — all signs of cardiovascular toxicity. Clearly, any one of these side effects is serious. Fortunately, all are rare.

Nonetheless, most authorities recommend that patients taking imipramine have baseline cardiograms (before beginning therapy) and — if any abnormality is present — close supervision thereafter.

Your rapid pulse is probably not solely related to imipramine. As you know, panic disorder can also cause a high pulse rate. Nevertheless, you should bring this symptom to your doctor's attention, because you may need an adjustment in dose, a change to another anti-depressant, or the addition of a second drug, such as Xanax, to control your anxiety attacks when they are especially bothersome.

To give you more information, I am sending you free copies of my Health Reports "Consumer Tips on Medicine" and "Mental and Emotional Illness." Other readers who would like copies should send $2 for each report 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: For the past three years, I've suffered from unexplained bruising. The first thing that happens is an itch and when scratched, I develop tiny red, round spots in the area. Within a day or two, that area then turns into huge black and blue bruises. My doctor has tested me for everything from thyroid to leukemia, yet all testing is normal. Could I have a vitamin C deficiency?

DEAR READER: A vitamin C deficiency can, indeed, cause bruising. However, unless you are a diet faddist, I doubt that such a deficiency is your problem. Normal, well-balanced diets contain more than enough vitamin C.

I suspect that the cause of your bruising is trauma: in a word, scratching. As people age, their skin becomes thin; capillaries in such skins easily burst, even with trivial injuries, such as scratching.

Inasmuch as you have been thoroughly tested, I advise you to seek help from a dermatologist. Why do you itch? That's the REAL issue, in my opinion. Once the cause of your itching — be it an allergy or a common disease such as eczema — is diagnosed and treated, the bruising may not recur. To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Eczema and Psoriasis." Other readers who would like copies 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.

You don't know it's happening, you can't feel it... but inside your body right now there is a miraculous event taking place. Millions of tiny blood cells are, at this very moment, squeezing through the walls of your blood vessels. Of course, this is only one of the billions of wondrous reactions occurring inside you every second. However, one of the features of this very special phenomenon is that scientists are beginning to understand why and how it happens; the more they learn, the more astounding it becomes.

The process starts in the bloodstream which contains, among other things, trillions of lackadaisical, off-duty roundish cells with the tongue-twisting name of polymorphonuclear neutrophils. This peacetime army consists of blood cells with a whitish cast, as opposed to the red blood cells which contain hemoglobin pigment. Each neutrophil has a nucleus and a variety of granules, some of which are minuscule physiological hand grenades. Neutrophils look harmless enough under the microscope; they resemble transparent over-ripe avocados with the pits in place. But they are far from harmless. In fact, they are assassins, mobile commandos, an elite corps of dedicated guards who attack by sticking to blood vessel walls, squirming through the walls, poisoning microbes and eating them.

These white blood cells are being constantly manufactured in the bone marrow. When an infection is sensed by the body, the cells congregate in the area to eradicate the enemy. As blood cells and bacteria die in violent combat, they become the amorphous white discharge we call pus. In the past decade, investigators have begun to appreciate the complex biochemical events which characterize this war on infection.

To begin with, neutrophils are alerted to the presence of a problem because normal skin (or any other tissue) spills proteins into the bloodstream when bacteria invade the body. These proteins are called chemotactic peptides and they excite the patrolling neutrophils to a Pearl Habor-like level of activity. Once activated, their membranes become sticky and ruffled, they change shape by increasing their surface area, and they decrease their electrical charge — making them more likely to cling to other, more highly charged tissue.

In the second phase of attack, neutrophils become chemically attached to the insides of blood vessels closest to the point of inflammation. This adherence is diminished by the presence of cortisone or alcohol.

Once anchored, the neutrophils undergo a striking metamorphosis. Like soldiers readying for combat, the cells prepare for battle by elongating, as microscopic amoebas, they begin to penetrate tissue between the compartments which form the walls of the blood vessels. Using a system analogous to that which causes muscles to contract, neutrophils stretch and relax in worm-like movement, constantly directed toward the heaviest concentration of chemotactic material. Sugar and specific granules within the neutrophils appear to provide the necessary energy for locomotion.

During the next phase of assault, the killer cells actually move to the center of inflammation, engulfing bacteria and packaging them in envelopes called phagocytic vacuoles. Having taken prisoners in this manner, the neutrophils do not spare their captives. Within the neutrophils, certain granules are poison-packets which bombard the hapless, encapsulated germs with blasts of caustic toxins, including hydrogen peroxide. As might be expected, during the process, the microbes use their own tactics; they, too, have potent chemical weapons. The neutrophils may die and release their quarry, in which case the defenses have been breached. Fortunately, however, the warriors usually are able to digest the germs — and then go looking for more. And all this happens while you are reading your Sunday paper or walking on the beach.

A last word. Antibiotics are the neutron bombs of the scenario. By crippling and disabling bacteria, they enable neutrophils to perform more efficiently.

Sometimes I cannot escape the view that the living body is a microcosm of the world at large. Is that concept too impertinent? Let's consider the behavior of bees....

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Thirsty fish

Fish drink water. In fact, fish that live in the ocean drink considerably more water than freshwater fish. Ocean fish must drink water constantly because the salty water they live in absorbs moisture from their bodies, causing them to dehydrate.

Frigid cold reminds Chicago of last July's heat problems

CHICAGO (AP) — Applying lessons learned during last summer's killer heat wave, city workers checked up on shut-ins, the poor and the elderly Friday as the mercury plunged to minus 15. It was 121 degrees colder than July.

"The biggest issue is getting cold people into warm places," said city spokesman Terry Levin. "The bottom line: anybody who is cold can be taken somewhere warm."

The city declared an "extreme weather emergency" — its highest level of weather alert — to manage the season's coldest blast and avoid a repeat of last summer's weather catastrophe, in which 625 people died in Cook County.

The initial effort seemed to be paying off. The Cook County medical examiner's office reported only two cold-weather related deaths on Sunday, and none Friday.

Around the nation, the cold was blamed for at least 14 deaths, mostly due to traffic accidents on icy roads. Others died from hypothermia and house fires started by people trying to thaw frozen pipes.

Chicagoans tend to be better equipped to handle cold weather than hot, Levin said: "It always gets cold in winter — heat is always a necessity. Air conditioning is not."

Still, it was bitterly cold Friday, even by the Windy City's standards. As temperatures dropped to 15 below with a wind-chill of 43 below, 2,000 people called the city complaining they were without heat. About 5,500 piled into homeless shelters, and Chicagoans burned up 2 billion cubic feet of gas in 24 hours.

The emergency plan was set in motion by a phone call from the National Weather Service to streets and sanitation commissioner Eileen Carey Thursday afternoon. Told that wind chills could reach 35 below, Carey notified the mayor's office and the fire department, a command center was opened, and fire commissioner Ray Orozco was placed at its helm.

City hall operators, tow truck drivers and building inspectors were working late, and police and social workers called the elderly and infirm to ensure they had heat. If they didn't answer, someone was sent to their home. Those without heat were offered a lift to warming centers.

The effort's total cost was impossible to quantify Friday, but Levin said "there's a lot of overtime in virtually every department. Every department is working round the clock."

On Chicago's North Side, crisis intervention worker Wynetta Granger found 67-year-old Dorothy Gilbert and her adopted son, Timmy, 11, relying on a space heater in a two-bedroom apartment without heat and hot water.

"My hands are just like ice," said Gilbert, who had called the city to complain about the lack of heat. "I was so cold I thought I was outdoors."

"I put on three sweaters today," Timmy added.

Gilbert refused to go to a warming center, saying a relative was coming to help her. But social workers stayed on the case, sending a building inspector to Gilbert's apartment after they were unable to contact her landlord.

City vans also prowled Chicago's intricate web of underground streets, a favorite spot for the homeless, encouraging its denizens to take shelter.

Public schools were open — technically. Absences were being overlooked.

"One-half of our students are here," said Ms. Edith Coleman, assistant principal of a West Side elementary school where roughly 200 of 475 students were absent. "They were chilly, but they're here."

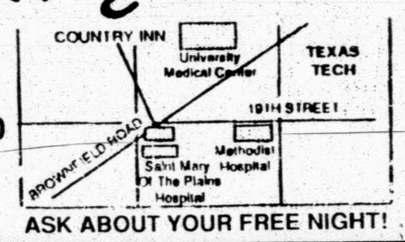
City officials also fretted that Chicago's water mains, some 5 feet below the surface but perilously close to the frost level, might turn to ice.

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Arctic cold front: low temp records fall

By The Associated Press

It was so cold in Peoria they brought the igloo inside.

Record temperatures that had stood for a century tumbled like dominoes as a deadly Arctic cold front refused to budge — forcing mercury readings well below zero for days at a stretch.

A banana froze hard enough to pound nails in Minnesota, criminals stayed inside in Kansas City, and students at Richwoods High School in Peoria, Ill., moved their igloo-building science project into the cafeteria to avoid frostbite.

"It's so cold, my eyelashes were freezing to my cap," said bicycle messenger Dean Davidson in Chicago, which Saturday morning set a record low for the date of minus 16.

Parts of southern Maryland were socked with a foot of snow overnight, with another foot forecast for sections of the eastern shore. Washington, D.C., picked up 8 inches.

Ice-laden branches pulled down power lines, cutting electricity to tens of thousands in the South. Freezing rain and sleet coated roads with ice, and heavy snow fell in a band from Oklahoma to West Virginia.

Subzero temperatures were recorded across the Plains, the Midwest and much of the South on Friday, freezing pipes, knocking out heating systems, silencing car batteries and closing schools in several states.

At least 17 deaths have been blamed on the severe weather this week, including that of a Tulsa, Okla., man believed to have Alzheimer's disease. He was found dead in a park a day after he drove away from his nursing home in a delivery van.

At least 11 people were killed in weather-related traffic accidents in the South.

The coldest spot in the country Friday was Tower, Minn., where the 60-below reading broke a 97-year state record, and that was without the wind chill. Someone even demonstrated how to pound nails with a banana.

Temperatures also plummeted to record lows for the date in Montana, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Colorado and Illinois.

It reached minus 24 in Spokane, Wash., breaking the old record of 19 below set in 1893, and it was 34 below zero in La Crosse, Wis., 2 degrees colder than the 1873 mark.

Rapid City, S.D., barely missed breaking its all-time low of 34 below, set in 1899, with a reading of 31 below.

Records of all sorts fell in Wisconsin. Eau Claire set a record low of minus 35 on Friday, as the state estimated that 15,000 jobless compensation claims were filed during the week — about 50 percent greater than normal.

Excavation of Bosnia's killing fields begins

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — As the United Nations began the quest for an estimated 27,000 missing people, Bosnian Serb forces complied with a deadline Saturday to withdraw from parts of Sarajevo.

The commander of NATO peacekeeping forces in Bosnia said the Serbs complied with a midnight deadline to pull their army out of five Sarajevo suburbs.

U.S. Adm. Leighton Smith made the announcement Saturday at a briefing attended by Secretary of State Warren Christopher, in Tuzla, the northern city that is the headquarters for U.S. troops in Bosnia.

Smith also told Christopher that the Serbs had taken over some territory in northwestern Bosnia. The transfers are required under the Dayton peace accord signed in Paris in December.

Muddy bones, skulls and bits of rotting clothes — the remains of 1992 war victims — were dug up Friday a town about 100 miles northwest of Sarajevo.

Manfred Nowak, the top missing persons expert for the U.N. Commission on Human Rights, looked on as a team of coroners, soldiers and workmen uncovered five sets of remains in the town of Jajce. Officials said up to nine people could be buried there.

Nowak Saturday visited a coal mine in the northern town of Ljubija, where bodies of executed Muslims and Croats reportedly are buried. He said land mines placed in the pit may hinder attempts to search for the bodies.

The U.N. says some 27,000 people, most of them Muslims, are missing, and many are believed buried in mass graves across Bosnia and Croatia. The job of sorting out their whereabouts falls to Nowak, who is working with the Red Cross.

With guns largely silent in Bosnia, the question of missing people has taken on greater urgency.

Teacher, two students killed in junior high school shooting

MOSES LAKE, Wash. (AP) — A 14-year-old boy with a high-powered rifle killed a teacher and two students and seriously injured another student inside their junior high school classroom Friday, police said.

The student was arrested shortly after he entered Frontier Junior High School at about 2 p.m., went to a classroom and began firing, police said.

"Numerous shots were fired and one teacher and three students were shot," Sgt. Dennis Duke said in a news release.

A 13-year-old girl who was shot in the abdomen was flown in serious condition to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, about 150 miles to the west, said Tim Cooper, a spokesman at Samaritan Hospital in Moses Lake.

Killed were Leona D. Caires, 49, and students Arnold F. Fritz and Manuel Vela, both 14, Grant County Coroner Penny Sibley said.

Parents of several students in the classroom said the shooter walked into class wearing a trench coat that concealed his rifle, according to Dan Black, editor of the Columbian Basin Herald.

The boy pulled out the rifle and shot three students in the front row, then shot the teacher as she moved toward him. He allowed the wounded girl and another girl to leave the classroom, Black said.

Physical education teacher Jon M. Lane then ran down the hall and confronted the boy, who turned the weapon on Lane and told him to put the barrel in his mouth. Lane knocked the gun out of the boy's hands and wrestled him to the ground, Black said.

Lane declined to discuss what happened Friday night, telling an Associated Press reporter, "I'd really rather you talk to the Moses Lake School District."

Obituaries

Dupree Allen

1920-1996

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Dupree Thurman Allen of Hermleigh who died Friday, Feb. 2, at his residence in Hermleigh after a lengthy illness. He was 76.

Mr. Allen married Marva Nell Jones on Dec. 21, 1957 in Abilene. She died on Feb. 2, 1992. Mr. Allen was a member of the Junction Street Church of Christ in Kerrville. A Hermleigh resident since 1978, he served in the U.S. Navy 13 years and was a millwright for Brown and Root.

Survivors include three daughters, Brenda Molina and Ellen Allen, both of Hermleigh, and Vicki Guidry of Houston; and one son, Skip Allen of Clarksville, Ark.

Audray Pollard

1910-1996

Funeral service is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church Chapel for Mrs. Audray Pollard, 85, longtime Snyder resident. Officiating will be the Rev. Marty Akins, pastor of First Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Pollard died at 5:15 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Born Feb. 14, 1910 in Clay County, she married Odie Pollard on Sept. 4, 1927 in Blue Grove. He died on Aug. 25, 1990.

Mrs. Pollard was a homemaker and a member of Bethel Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by four brothers and four sisters.

Survivors include one daughter, Betty Rudd of Snyder; five sons, Bill Pollard, Bob Pollard, Farris Pollard, Ken Pollard, all of Snyder, and Ray Pollard of Fort Stockton; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.



Sue Carpenter

Sue Carpenter

1919-1996

Graveside service for Etta Sue Dunn Carpenter of 2204 41st Street is set for 2 p.m. Monday at Hillside Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Larry McAden, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

Honorary ballbearers are Parker Byrom, Vaughn Vann, Tony Solis, Nicholas Travis Solis, Michael Clay Byars, Wendell Clay Wilbourn, Merle Wilbourn, Don Horn, Dannie Pierce and Morris Ray Surratt.

She slipped into the loving arms of Jesus early Friday morning, Feb. 2, 1996, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

She was the daughter of Luther Clay and Cora Agnes Ragon Dunn of the Mulberry Canyon area at Merkel, Texas. She was born Dec. 23, 1919 in Coleman, Texas.

She married Leroy Travis "L.T." Carpenter on April 10, 1938, in Coleman. He passed away Aug. 13, 1989. They moved to Snyder in the summer of 1956. She attended Draughns Business School in Abilene. She received her GED from Western Texas College in 1991 at the age of 70. She was the oldest person to ever receive a GED at that time and inspired other Senior Citizens to do so later. She also received a Certificate in Computers in 1990 from Western Texas College.

She is survived by three daughters, Jean Yvonne Childs of Amarillo; Barbara A. Wilbourn of Clyde; Karen Sue Solis of Chickasha, Okla; two grandsons, Wendell Clay Wilbourn of Lampasas, Nicholas Travis Solis of Chickasha, Okla; three granddaughters, Merleann Byars of Fort Worth, Heather Renee Witte and Christi Michelle Solis of Chickasah, Okla; two great-grandchildren, Michael Clay and Ashlea Jean Byars of Fort Worth; one sister, L.C. Bible of North Dade, Fla; and one brother, A.L. Dunn of Abilene.

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Judge Dulaney also sentenced Connie Ann Sumruld, 24, of Colorado City to serve a seven-year probated term for probation violation which included driving while intoxicated last December.

Sumruld, who pleaded guilty in 1994 to felony theft, had originally been given a five-year probated sentence with deferred adjudication and a $500 fine.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong revoked the probation of Mary Colette Middlebrooks, 33, of Dallas who had been convicted in 1994 for possession of a dangerous drug.

Middlebrooks had originally been given a five-year probated sentence and a $500 fine. Because of a delivery of a controlled substance conviction on Jan. 5 in Dallas County, the probation was revoked and she was ordered to serve five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

A five-year probated sentence with deferred adjudication was handed down Friday morning following a guilty plea for credit card abuse.

Roy Kent Sutton, 19, of Cambellsville, Ky., pleaded guilty to the May 4, 1994 offense of credit card abuse. Judge Armstrong sentenced Sutton to five years in prison, probated for five years. In addition, Sutton was fined $500 and ordered to make $496.12 in restitution.

Deferred adjudication means that if the defendant successfully completes his probation, there will be no record of his conviction.

What's Up?

Youth Center to be closed

Due to the weather, Scurry Youth Center will be closed Saturday and reopen at 6 p.m. Monday.

WTC boosters to convene

Western Texas College Booster Club will meet at noon Monday at Golden Corral for a dutch treat luncheon. Visitors are welcome.

Civil defense sirens

Snyder's civil defense sirens will be tested at noon Monday, weather permitting.

Stanfield Parent Council

Stanfield Parent Council will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the school.

United We Stand to meet

United We Stand, America will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in Towle Park Barn. The public is invited.

Video series continues

A video series "Getting to know God" by Glenn Owen, is airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. The fourth tape, "Getting to know God's Presence," will be shown at 7 p.m. Monday.

Snyder Band Booster Club

Snyder Band Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school band hall.

County appraisal district

Scurry County Appraisal District board of directors will meet at 8 a.m. Tuesday to consider the proposed use of high accuracy network points.

FAA boosters to meet

Snyder FFA Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the high school ag department. Those planning to attend the San Antonio and Houston livestock shows are encouraged to attend.

Free tax help available

Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) provides free tax assistance to persons age 60 and older, and to low income persons of any age, in preparing their income tax returns. This service is available free at Scurry Senior Citizens Center each Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m.

For more information, call 573-4035 or 573-3822.

Beautification committee

Snyder Beautification Committee will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at City Hall. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Pick 3

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

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(seven, five, zero)

Cash 5

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

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(one, nine, twelve, eighteen, twenty-nine)

Medicare moratorium on emphysema surgery outrages some doctors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Medicare has stopped paying for surgery that lets emphysema sufferers breathe easier, questioning how well the operation works and who should perform it.

The cutoff has outraged doctors who have suffocating patients clamoring for the procedure.

"There's no other way of treating these patients," said Dr. David Dantzker, a pulmonary specialist who is president of Long Island Jewish Medical Center.

Lung reduction surgery does not cure emphysema — and no one has proved that it prolongs life. But research shows it can dramatically improve patients' quality of life, letting many breathe on their own for the first time in years and resume such basic activities as taking a shower or going shopping.

Medicare has covered the surgery for most patients for three years. But that ended on Jan. 1, when the Health Care Financing Administration, which administers the federal insurance program for the elderly and disabled, declared the $18,000-$25,000 operation experimental.

The move is supposed to be temporary, until the government analyzes how safe and effective the surgery is.

A final decision could take a year, said HCFA technology director Steven Sheingold. But HCFA will meet March 27 to consider a special program allowing the most seriously ill patients to undergo the surgery at Medicare's expense.

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Sarah Carne has taught English in Snyder for more than 20 years

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Sarah Carne has devoted 30 years to teaching, spending the past 23 years with the Snyder Independent School District where she retired in December.

During her career, Sarah's teaching assignments have ranged from high school students, both regular and disadvantaged, to an all-boy reform school, and Head Start classes.

She joined the ranks of newly degreed teachers in 1965, serving two years at Trent, where she taught high school English, speech, theatre and directed the one-act play.

New to the profession, Sarah said she "tried to do everything," including helping students organize a variety of fund-raisers to finance class trips.

Since Trent's mascot is the Gorillas, some of her students also built a life size gorilla replica with wire and papier-mache, Sarah explained.

On Day One at Trent, the new teacher faced her first challenge. Wanting to make "a good impression," Sarah had dressed in a navy blue and white outfit. No sooner had she entered the classroom than a male student walked up to her and streaked her white blouse with a long stream of ink.

Startled, she asked for an explanation. That's when the student told her it was disappearing ink, which faded within a few moments.

Sarah's college training had not covered situations like that. But by not overreacting, and perhaps hauling the student before the principal, she had prevented a relatively harmless prank from turning into an disasterous situation. That taught her a very valuable lesson, she said.

From Trent, she next taught senior English and speech at Union City, Tenn. for two years, working with disadvantaged students, whom she described as "fascinating."

Most of the class members were males, except for two girls, and one of the students was a fifty-something man who wanted to complete his high school education. He received a lot of respect from the other students, she added.

Though the class "was quite strange" in its own way, Sarah said they really dissected Shakespeare, especially "McBeth." She learned as much from her students as they did from her.

One important lesson was to always answer questions directly."

Though her students had "problems with authority," "learning difficulties," and "low test scores," Sarah said, "They surprised me with what they could do."

She also gave out a fair amount of swats as teachers in those days were expected to discipline their students.

During her first summer in Union City, she taught Head Start classes at Fulton, Ky., about 30 miles from Martin, where she lived. The following summer, she was named director of the Head Start program.

The next year, she resigned from Union City and enrolled in graduate school at the University of Tennessee, located in Martin. For the next year, she completed advanced work in guidance and counseling. However, she never received her master's degree because she did not stay for the "orals," she explained.

In many ways, Sarah said her Union City students helped to prepare her for her next position — teaching in a Nashville reform school, the Spencer Youth Center.

At the youth center, Sarah's primary task was to organize and implement an EDL (Educational Developmental Language) lab. She was given a start-up fee of $50,000 to purchase the necessary supplies and materials. She taught there for three years.

Sarah's classes averaged 15 boys per period, several periods a day. In the beginning, her students ranged in age from 8 to 18 and later 12 to 18. A common sight, Sarah said, was her marching each group of boys to the EDL lab.

During the three years she was there, Sarah conducted the lab for two and then spent the final year teaching reading at the main building.



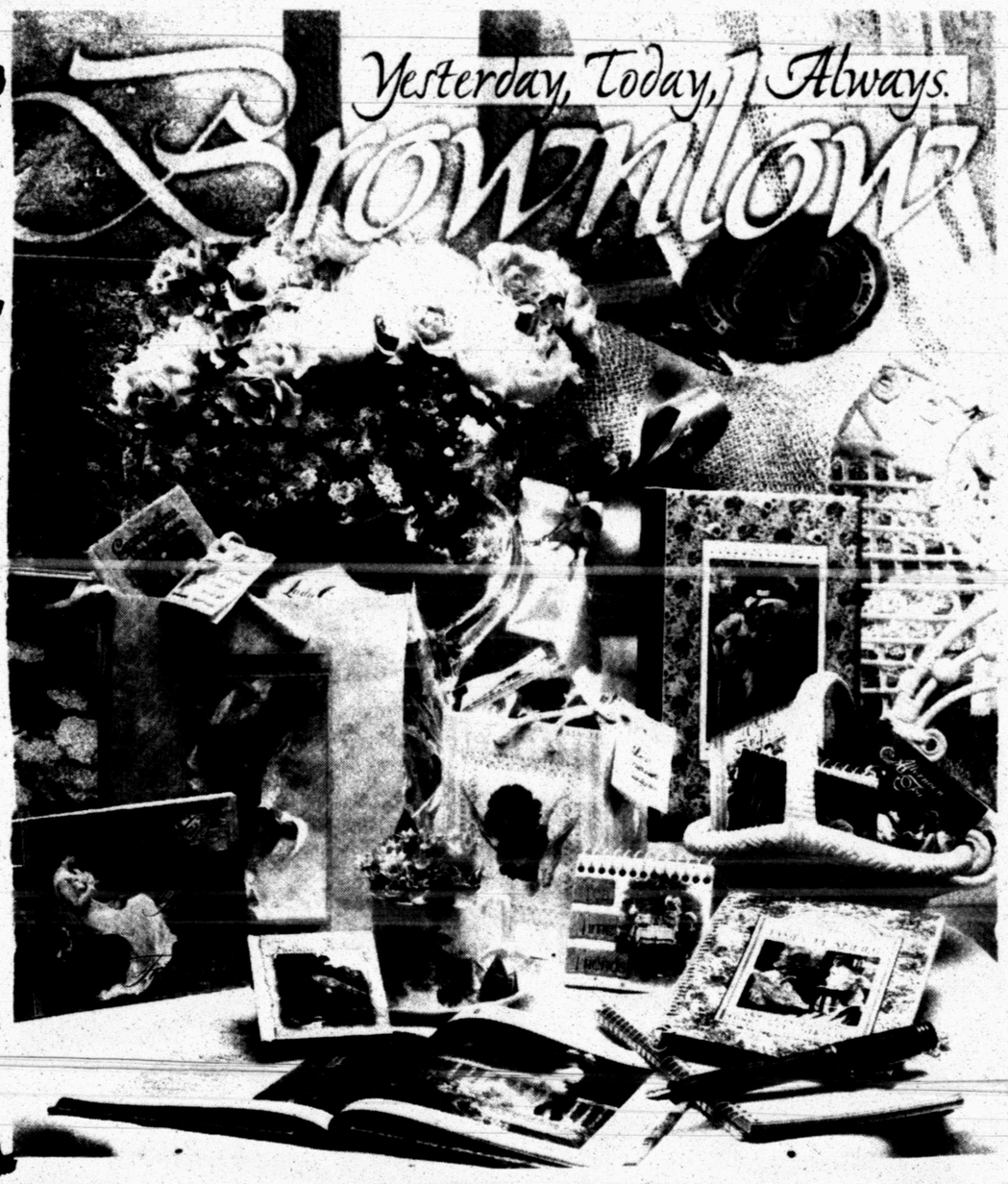
NEWLY RETIRED — Sarah Carne, longtime Snyder High School English teacher, retired in December after 23 years with the local school system. She has taught 30 years in all, beginning her career in Trent. She is now enjoying more time to read. Future plans may include volunteer work and, perhaps, some traveling. (SDN Staff Photo)

After the Spencer Youth Center, she returned to Texas in late July, staying with her mother in Roby. The feeling that both women then shared — that Snyder would be lucky — proved correct. When a high school English teacher left mid-year, Sarah was hired to take her place.

She taught junior English at first and then transferred to the junior high for a year where she taught

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Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

Canyon Reef 4-H Club; Senior Citizens Center; 7 p.m.

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

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

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call Nathalie at 573-0015.

Alpha Study Club; MAWC; 3 p.m.

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

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

Beta Sigma Phi; MAWC; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Snyder Christian Women's Club Prayer Coffee; home of Joyce Cooper, 3717 Dalton Dr.; 9:30 a.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal building; paint day with Karen Rinker as hostess; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ministerial Alliance; Willow Park Inn; prayer meeting at 9:30 a.m., regular meeting at 10.

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

Noah Project Advisory Committee; MAWC; noon.

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

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

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

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; (last Friday of the month is the birthday, open meeting); 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving; Snyder Savings & Loan Community Room, 27th & College; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1 to 4 p.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Mande Henry, Reeves promise vows

Mande Nicole Henry of Hermleigh and Gregory Allen Reeves of Lubbock were united in marriage Saturday, Dec. 30, 1995 at 2 p.m. in South Plains Church of Christ in Lubbock. Henry James, friend of the bride's family and who married the bride's parents, officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Tommie and Nell Henry of Hermleigh. The groom is the son of Charlie and Janie Reeves of Lubbock.

The bride, escorted by her father, was given in marriage by her parents. Her floor-length wedding gown of ivory shantung descended into a chapel train. It featured a lace bodice and sleeves, accented with pearls and crystal sequins. Her double-layered fingertip veil was gathered into a pouf and attached to a band of beaded and sequined flowers. Cascading from the gathered pouf were pearls, sequins and flowers. The dress was made by the bride's mother.

For the traditional something old and borrowed, the bride wore a strand of pearls borrowed from her mother that had belonged to her paternal grandmother. Something new was her bridal attire, and her garter was blue.

She also wore pennies, minted in the years of the couple's births, in her shoe for luck.

The bride carried a cascading bouquet of magnolias, accented with wildflowers, tied with ivory ribbon and tulle.

Stephanie Stapp of Austin was maid of honor. Serving as bridesmaids were Meredith Goodwin of Liberal, Kan., Emily Vermillion of Lubbock, Lei Holcomb of Abilene, all friends of the bride, and sister of the groom, Melissa Reeves.

Bridal attendants' gowns, made by the bride's mother, were of matching hunter green silk shantung, with sweetheart necklines and pleated elbow-length sleeves. They carried cascading bouquets of magnolias, wildflowers and ivy tied with ribbon and tulle.

Lindsey Nail of Lubbock, flower girl, also wore a hunter green silk shantung dress featuring an ivory collar decorated with a fabric flower. She carried a small ivory basket containing ivory and hunter green knotted ribbons.

The groom wore a black designer tuxedo with formal satin shawl lapels and tails and a hunter green paisley bow tie and vest.

Best men were Michael Reeves of Lubbock, brother of the groom, and Jeff Seale of San Antonio, cousin of the groom. Groomsmen were Ron Nail of Lubbock, Ron Caporale of Lubbock and Don Mittanck of St. Louis, Mo.

Best men and other male attendants wore black designer tuxedos with black cummerbunds and bow ties.

Ring bearer Justin Nail of Lubbock, twin brother of the flower girl. He wore an outfit exactly matching the grooms'.

Serving as candlelighters and ushers were Jimmy Henry of Hermleigh, brother of the bride, and Josh Hudgins, cousin of the bride from Hermleigh. They wore tuxedos matching the groomsmen. Also serving as usher was Philip Ratliff of Bronte.

The couple's exchange of vows were backed by two heart-shaped candelabras, accented with greenery and ivory bows.

A cappella music was provided by Christy Reeves, sister-in-law of the groom. She sang "The Rose" as the candles were lit, and "In My Life" as the families were seated and the unity candle was lit by the parents. As the wedding party entered, she sang "Speak Softly Love."

During the ceremony, Reeves sang "Love of a Lifetime" as the couple lit the unity candle. She also sang "The Lord's Prayer."

Guests were registered by Tanya Seale of San Antonio, cousin of the groom. The table was decorated with a basket of ivy and a picture of the couple.



Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Reeves
(Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

A reception was held at the church following the ceremony. The bride's table, covered with hunter green and ivory table cloths, was tied with ivory bows at each corner and center. It was centered with a basket of ivy, surrounded by candles. A crystal heart holding nuts and an ivory heart-shaped mints, also graced the table.

The four-tiered, heart-shaped wedding cake was iced in ivory. Each cake layer sat on individual pedestals varying in height wrapped in ivy. A Precious Moments bride and groom topped the cake, served by Lisa Carlton and Shara Phillips of Lubbock and both cousins of the bride.

The groom's table was covered with matching hunter green and ivory cloths also tied with ivory bows at each corner and center. A basket of ivy surrounded by candles served as a centerpiece. Silver dishes filled with nuts and chocolate football-shaped mints were also placed on the table.

The groom's parent's hosted a rehearsal dinner at the Fifty Yard Line in Lubbock on Friday evening prior to the wedding.

The bride is a 1990 graduate of Snyder High School and a May 1996 candidate for graduation from Texas Tech University with a degree in multidisciplinary science.

The groom is a 1985 graduate of Coronado High School in Lubbock and a 1989 and 1993 graduate of Texas Tech with a master's degree in English. He is employed by Lubbock Independent Schools.

After a wedding trip to Disney World, Mr. and Mrs. Reeves have resided in Lubbock.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	NORTH	02-03-96
	♠K Q 3	
	♥A 8	
	♦J 9 3 2	
	♣Q 10 4 2	
WEST		EAST
♠10 8 5 2		♠A J 9
♥Q J 10 5		♥9 7 6 4 3
♦K		♦10 8 7 6
♣9 8 7 3		♣5
	SOUTH	
	♠7 6 4	
	♥K 2	
	♦A Q 5 4	
	♣A K J 6	

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥Q

There's no catch here

By Phillip Alder

When I first moved to the United States, I couldn't get a credit card.

"Why won't they issue me a credit card?" I asked my bank manager.

"Because you don't have a credit record."

"And how do I get a credit record?"

"By using a credit card."

It was a classic Catch-22.

Players sometimes feel they are in a Catch-22 situation at the bridge table. The thinking goes like this: "I can do this or that, but whichever I select will be wrong when the other line would have worked."

Of course, this negative philosophy is counterproductive. Be positive by going with the percentages — which South failed to do in today's deal.

Playing in three no-trump, South won the first trick with dummy's heart ace and led a diamond to his queen. After winning with the king, West continued with the heart 10. South cashed the diamond ace, inwardly groaning when West discarded the spade two. Suddenly the "sure" nine tricks were down to eight.

Since South needs only three diamond tricks, the percentage play is to start with the ace. If only low cards appear, play a club to the dummy followed by a diamond to the queen. If the suit is 3-2, everything is fine. If West has four diamonds, you get three tricks without difficulty. If East has four diamonds, he must duck the second round. Then you switch to spades, establishing nine tricks via one spade, two hearts, two diamonds and four clubs.

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Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY

Dot Casey directed Duplicate Bridge Club on Friday, Sunday and Tuesday. Friday there were seven tables.

N-S

1. Dot Casey, Margaret Birdwell.
2. Ena Carroll, Sue Mize.
3. Ann Davis, Monte West.

E-W

1. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Rube McKinley, Tizzy Hall.
3. Margaret Costin, Billie Marie Long.

SUNDAY

Two tables. Swiss Team.

1. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson, Rube McKinley, Nona Morrison, Margaret Birdwell, Jane Hinton, Frances Stevenson, Mal Stevenson.

TUESDAY

Four tables.

1. Tizzy Hall, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. LaVerne Hood, Mippy Brownlee.
3. TIE: Margaret Birdwell, Maribeth Vestal and Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.

Ophra to celebrate in Disney World

CHICAGO (AP) — What's Oprah doing to celebrate her show's 10th anniversary? She's going to Disney World — and so is her studio audience.

She announced the trip at a taping of the Oprah Winfrey Show on Wednesday, and the 217-member audience "just went wild."

The talk show host said Disney World contacted her with the idea for the trip. The theme park is marking its 25th year.

"It's our anniversary, Oprah. It's your anniversary," Disney World's invitation said. "We would like to send your entire audience to Walt Disney World."

No date has been set for the weekend trip, which will be featured on an upcoming show. The show with the announcement of the trip airs Monday.

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Mr. and Mrs. A.Z. Thomas of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rhonda LaVone, to Jim E. Underwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Underwood of Snyder. The future bride is a nurses' aide for Cogdell Home Health. Miss Thomas and Underwood have made wedding plans for April 20 in the Trinity United Methodist Church at 3 p.m. (Photo by Ted Bigham)



The Garden Editor

By Dr. Ted Brice

"When is the best time of the year to prune my trees and plants?" I'm asked that question many times during the year. The basic answer is when plants are dormant, and that time is now. You should never prune at any other time except when an emergency occurs such as being struck by lighting or by any other damage to a plant or tree. When I say prune, I am not talking about topping a tree. This should never be done at any time. There are a few exceptions to when to prune — such as climbing roses, which we will cover later in this column.

When you prune a limb or any part of a plant, the cut should be made as close as you can get to the main trunk or limb. Always make the cut at an angle that will let any rain water run away from the tree and not in toward the tree. Always make a smooth cut, not a ragged cut that could strip or peal excess bark.

After cutting the tree or plants, we have for many years used a pruning paint to cover the cut area. The idea behind painting was to protect the open surface from insects and diseases entering the new open area. Within the past few years it has been proven that painting after pruning is not necessary. I would like to say here and now that I have mixed feelings about this theory. I still paint any new open area that is over one inch in diameter.

Now, let's look at pruning roses. The information I am giving you here should be followed exactly. This information about pruning is for all roses except climbers and pillars. Roses should be pruned around Feb. 15, and should be cut to about 20 inches from the ground. This will let the rose bush put out new growth, which is where the new buds will be produced.

Remember that roses bloom on new growth.

Now lets look at pruning climbers and pillar rose bushes. These two types should be pruned immediately after they have bloomed the previous year. This will let the bush produce new wood that will harden before winter. That wood would be classified as old wood and that is where these two types of roses will produce their new blooms. Please do not confuse the pruning dates of these roses.

I do hope this information will help you with your pruning. Gardeners, let me leave you with this thought, "God does not deduct from man's alloted time those hours spent gardening. Good gardening until next time," from Dr. Ted Brice, the Garden Editor.

Dr. Brice will answer any questions about gardening by writing to SDN, P.O. Box 949, Snyder, Tex. 79550. Please send a self-addressed and stamped envelope for his immediate reply.

Prospectors set gem show

Big Spring Prospectors Club has scheduled its 27th Annual Gem and Mineral Show for Saturday, March 2, from 9 a.m. to 5 pm. and Sunday, March 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Howard County Fair Barn.

Displays, working demonstrations, lapidary dealers will be featured. There will be hourly door prizes, two grand prizes, a spinning wheel for children and adults. According to a fair representative, there will be fun and an educational time for all ages and admission is free to everyone.

School Menus

Hermleigh

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Fruit
Cheese Toast
Milk

TUESDAY
Juice
Buttered Grits
Toast
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Toast & Jelly
Milk

THURSDAY
Juice
Biscuits/Gravy
Milk

FRIDAY
Fruit
Cinnamon Rolls
Milk

LUNCH
MONDAY
Barbecued German Sausage
Potato Salad
Mixed Vegetable
Hot Rolls
Peanut Butter Bars
Milk

TUESDAY
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce
Shredded Lettuce
Soft Bread Sticks
Pink Applesauce
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Pea Salad
Hot Biscuits
Spice Cake
Milk

THURSDAY
Stromboli
Tater Tots
Tomato Wedges
Chilled Pineapple
Milk

FRIDAY
Barbecue on a Bun
Potato Chips
Pork & Beans
Scoop-o-Raisins
Milk

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY
Chicken Spaghetti
Cream Style Corn
Chopped Broccoli
Fruit Salad
Texas Toast
Chocolate Chip Cookies

TUESDAY
Braised Pork Chop
Great Northern Beans
Mustard Greens
Tomato Wedges
White Cake w/Strawberries

WEDNESDAY
Liver and Onions
Mashed Potatoes
Green Black-eyed Peas
Cottage Cheese & Pear Salad
Brownie

THURSDAY
Lasagna
Golden Carrots
Italian Green Beans
Tossed Salad
Cheese Apple Crisp

FRIDAY
Fried Fish
French Fried Potatoes
Baked Beans
Cabbage-Carrot-Green
Pepper Slaw
Red Applesauce

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MONDAY
Sloppy Joes
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Orange

TUESDAY
Chalupas
Corn
Vegetable Salad
Brownies

WEDNESDAY
Barbecued Weiners
Whole Potatoes
Green Peas
Biscuits
Brownies

THURSDAY
Fried Chicken
Creamed Potatoes
Green Beans
Rolls
Raisins

FRIDAY
Burritos w/Chili & Cheese
Corn
Vegetable Salad
Applesauce

Snyder

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
French Toast Sticks w/Syrup
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk

TUESDAY
Flapjacks w/Syrup
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk

WEDNESDAY
Cinnamon Rolls
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk

THURSDAY
Donut
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk

FRIDAY
Sausage & Biscuit
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk

LUNCH
MONDAY
Cheeseburger
Chicken Burger
Burger Salad
French Fries
Fresh Pears

TUESDAY
Beef Burrito
Beef Tacos
Lettuce & Tomatoes
Refried Beans
Apple Cobbler

WEDNESDAY
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Stuffed Potatoes w/Crackers
Fresh Green Beans
Applesauce
French Bread

THURSDAY
Steak Fingers w/Cream Gravy
Baked Chicken
Whipped Potatoes
Fruit Cocktail
Hot Rolls

FRIDAY
Turkey Pot Pie w/Hot Roll
Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Tossed Salad
Fresh Apple

Slater videos paparazzi

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Christian Slater likes to turn the tables on the paparazzi by turning the camera on them.

"I pretty much go everywhere with a video camera," he said in Thursday's editions of the New York Daily News. "My mission is to sort of follow them around."

The actor, who stars in the new action film "Broken Arrow," acknowledges that enduring paparazzi is part of the price of fame. But he insists on trying to protect his privacy.

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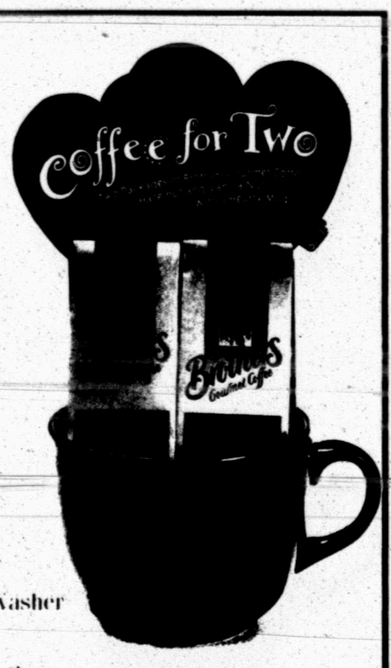


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Cost effective programs

COLLEGE STATION — Park and recreation agencies can help communities prevent social ills and save money by returning to their roots, a national profile of recreation programs for at-risk children and youth suggests.

The profile, published by Texas A&M University researchers in the fall 1995 issue of the Journal of Park and Recreation Administration, shows agencies are increasingly involved in social programs that were a major part of the fledgling U.S. parks and recreation movement in the late 1800s.

Further, the cost of programs that head off social problems seems to be far less than remedies that must be applied later, said Dr. Peter A. Witt, professor and head of recreation, park and tourism sciences department at Texas A&M.

"It's like the commericals about keeping good oil filters on your car," Witt said. "You can pay for it now, or pay for it later."

At-risk young people are generally those who are viewed as being "at risk of not growing up to lead a productive life," Witt said. Risk behaviors are those such as drug use, gang membership, juvenile sexual activity and dropping out of school.

Among the precursors to such behaviors are lack of structured activity time, adult mentors, adequate supervision, supportive peers or supportive environments. Agencies more frequently are addressing those issues, as social activists like Jane Addams, founder of Chicago's Hull House, did near the turn of the century, another of the study's authors said.

"Our study suggests that agencies of all sizes and types are targeting at-risk children and youth with recreation programs," said Dr. John L. Crompton. "The primary focus of these programs is prevention of social problems, rather than intervention."

Crompton said urban crowding and influxes of immigrants sparked activism for recreation programs on behalf of young and poor people in the late 1800s, as did economic depression in the 1930s and racial and other social issues in the 1960s.

Crompton, a professor in the Texas A&M recreation, park and tourism sciences department, conducted the profile with Witt and Lorina Espericueta Shultz, recreation coordinator for the city of Cedar Park, Texas who received her master's degree from the department.

The researchers conducted a nationwide survey of park and recreation agencies to determine the extent of such programs for youth. The perception in the field was that these programs were expanding across the nation, but little hard data existed, Witt said.

The survey was sent to 1,017 agencies that were members of the National Recreation and Parks Association, or located in Texas cities of more than 50,000 population, or otherwise found in the 100 largest U.S. cities.

Respondents totaled 628. Of those, 55 percent reported that they targeted some portion of their programs for at-risk youth. Within that group, 61 percent offered separate programs specifically targeted for those youth, while the remaining 39 percent reported at-risk youth were targeted among other groups with those programs.

Where separate programs were offered, the profile reported, approximately 14 percent of agencies' program budgets were devoted to serving at-risk children and youth. The average cost of serving a young person for a year was approximately $169.

"That figure is particularly interesting given the costs of incarceration. In Texas, the average cost of detaining a juvenile in state facilities is in excess of $43,000 a year," Crompton said.

The average cost of serving at-risk youth was determined by summing the total amount of money reported for specifically targeted, separate programs and dividing by the number of youth reported served.

Crompton added, "The figures suggest that if we can succeed in preventing the detention of just one out of every 250 at-risk youth served by these programs, the programs are cost-efficient."

An example of such a program, Witt said, is in Fort Worth, where late-night programs of the city's park and community services department target members and potential members of gangs with traditional recreation programs, such as sports, games and crafts.

Trained staff members observe youth for behavioral, health or other problems and can refer them to other services for help.

Another effort is at 20 schools in targeted neighborhoods in Austin, where first - through fifth-graders can take part in structured after-school activities with mentors and peers.

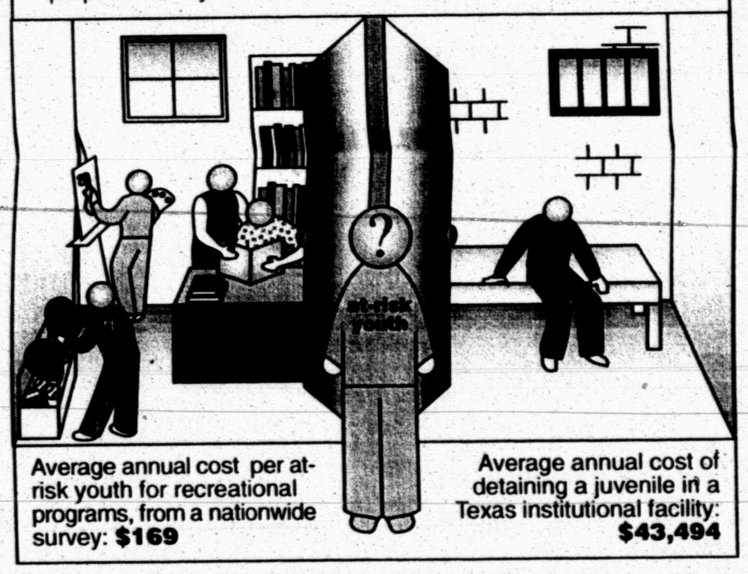
Both programs have drawn praise. However, to determine more about their impact, Texas A&M researchers are studying such programs for effectiveness by comparing participants.

In Austin, for instance, all students in a school are included in either the control group of non-participants or the experimental group of participants. Students take part in the program voluntarily, and grades of participants have been shown to improve more than those of non-participants.

"We're measuring whether better use of after-school time by at-risk children means more enthusiasm for school, improved self-esteem, better grades and decreased risk behavior," Witt said.

Programs for at-risk youth may save money

Recreational programs targeted toward helping at-risk children and youth avoid gangs, drugs, dropping out and other potential problems are increasing nationwide, according to a national profile of such programs by Texas A&M Researchers. Funding such programs is far less costly than detention of juveniles, proponents say.



Average annual cost per at-risk youth for recreational programs, from a nationwide survey: **$169**

Average annual cost of detaining a juvenile in a Texas institutional facility: **$43,494**



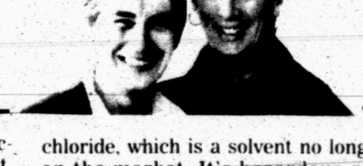
COSMORAMA DINNER — Mippy Brownlee, Naomi Harlan, Dorothy Rosson and Frances Stevenson were pictured visiting prior to the Cosmorama Study Club's dinner meeting Thursday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)



GARDEN CLUB MEETING — Glenda Glasscock, president of Snyder Garden Club, presented Thelma Carlile, member of Rosebud Garden Club in Big Spring, a gift of appreciation for presenting the program at Thursday's meeting in the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Her topic was "Mealtimes and Memories," the title of a cookbook she authored and is now available at Countryplace. The meeting was also a memorial for Bernice Parker who died last month and was a longtime, dedicated member of SGC. Her daughter, Donna Fowler, (right) read a poem she had written and each member told of a special memory of Mrs. Parker.

Ask Anne & Nan

By Anne B. Adams and Nancy Nash-Cummings



DEAR ANNE AND NAN: I have several questions that you might be able to help me with:

(1) When I was growing up, it was possible to buy some sort of bitter-tasting stuff that one could put on children's fingers to help them break the habit of thumb-sucking. I have been unable to find it. Does it still exist, or is there a homemade recipe that one can use?

(2) We purchased an old house a number of years ago and have been renovating it. In the house are these glass globes held in place on the wall by wire containers. They were an old-fashioned form of fire extinguishers. I am told they are unsafe and that I should remove them as they generate a toxic chemical when used. I am also told that they are valuable and that some people collect them. Rather than throw them away, I would like to know if I can sell them and, if so, where.

(3) We have mice in our attic and have been wondering if there is any kind of repellent like deer repellent. We cannot plug in one of those electronic devices as there is no outlet. Our problem is that they make nests in the fiberglass insulation on the floor of the attic and occasionally fall down between the walls and get trapped. We don't mind the mice in the attic, but when they fall into the walls and die they smell terrible for about a week. This has happened more than once and we are pretty tired of it. I suppose the mice that died weren't too happy either. — **P.L. PHILLIPS, Malvern, Pa.**

DEAR P.L.: We believe that if a child sucks his thumb it's OK. Our kids sucked their fingers and we figured they needed to. We never made a big deal about it, and we can assure you they gave it up when they were ready.

We spoke to Larry Meyer, a collector of fire extinguishers, like yours. They are called grenades. He told us that grenades were sold door-to-door and there are hundreds of thousands of them out there.

These are filled with carbon tetrachloride, which is a solvent no longer on the market. It's hazardous and must be disposed of at a hazardous-waste collection site. It's a known carcinogen and it also attacks the ozone layer. When your community has a hazardous-waste disposal day, take your grenades to be emptied.

Larry told us, "These grenades are valuable only if someone wants them. There are just a handful of people who collect them. The most common one is the Red Comet. It's the unusual shapes that are sought," he said. Among them are grenades that are cylindrical and have a 32-caliber blank and fusible line. These go "bang!" when tossed.

As for your mice, recently a couple of Vermont readers wrote to us about using oil of peppermint to discourage mice. Mice, our readers told us, won't go near oil of peppermint. The oil is available at the drugstore. Put a little on cotton balls and scatter these on top of the insulation. We bet they'll stay off it.



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Sarah Carne retires after 23 years at Snyder High

eighth grade English. The next year, Sarah returned to the high school English department where she would teach another 21 years. In the beginning, she taught junior English and CVAE (Coordinated Vocational Academic Education) English, switching to freshman English in later years.

Sarah has many fond memories of teaching at Snyder High School, including the day one of her students looked out a window and reported seeing someone "moon the building."

Another time, she mistakenly thought that students had painted stripes on her car, but on closer examination the effect was caused by a combination of lights and tree shadows.

Born in Rotan and reared in Hamlin, Sarah has memories of "running in the mesquite fields and catching train rides" as a child. They are some of the best memories of her life.

Another special memory is the time she and a friend went to the Hamlin Cemetery where they collected some sea shells. Sarah felt so guilty about taking some with her that during the middle of the night she returned to the cemetery alone just to put then back.

She grew up with an older sister and a younger brother, and a dog named "Teddy."

Though Sarah enjoyed reading, she said she never liked to read out loud in class because she sometimes stuttered. At an early age, she also developed severe allergies which caused her to "miss a lot of school."

She might not have been allowed to advance to the second grade if not for a special friend, Miss Mae James, who helped her to be promoted even though she had missed a lot of school that year. Sarah later learned that James, a retired teacher, had taught the school principal. There was probably no way he could have said no, Sarah laughed.

It wasn't until many years later that she learned she was allergic to milk.

Sarah described her mother "as a hard worker," who was a drive-in cook who also fixed big meals for Lions Club and Rotary Club functions. Though physically, "tiny," Sarah said her mother "was a very strong woman," adding, "I don't know how she did all the things she did."

Sarah's dad was a farmer but later switched to being a trouble shooter for the Hamlin Oil Mill. In later years, he was put in charge of the parts department.

After he hurt his back on the job, Sarah said he continued to work "on and off" at the mill until he retired.

Sarah graduated from high school in 1961. At that time, a college education seemed a far off dream so Sarah went to work for Hamlin Memorial Hospital as a nurse's aide. And, if not for the generosity and kindness of three Hamlin residents, the door to a college degree might never have opened for her.

As it turned out though, Sarah did earn a degree from Hardin Simmons University in Abilene; a bachelor of arts in education. She majored in English and had accumulated almost enough hours to have majors in both speech and theatre as well.

Ira Clements arranged for Sarah to secure a National Defense loan. In addition, he also gave her $200 each fall and spring to purchase some clothes.

A couple, Mr. and Mrs. Tate May, paid her an allowance of $10 a month for personal items. Mrs. May also gave Sarah some of her own clothes to wear.

Sarah said they even remade one of the formal dresses into "a beautiful dress" for her, including mittens.

With a pair of shoes newly dyed blue, Sarah said she felt she was dressed like someone who had just stepped "out of the Neiman Marcus Catalog."

Sarah had met Mrs. May through the library where she (Mrs. May) volunteered. An avid reader, Sarah was a frequent visitor.

Sarah said the only way she could possibly repay the trio for their generosity, kindness and encouragement, was to help others in the same way. That is what she always tried to do with her students — to motivate them and to help them believe in themselves.

During those frugal college days, Sarah and her best friend, Nikki Jones, scraped together enough money each week to do their laundry, which they carried in large duffle bags.

Once Sarah enrolled in college, she had to choose a major. Becoming a teacher was not then uppermost in her goals. She considered nursing and anesthesiology, both natural choices since she had worked at the hospital and had spent one summer as a dental assistant for a Dr. Snyder.

However, since "math was never my best subject," Sarah discarded that choice in favor of teaching because "I have always loved English."

Besides enrolling in college, Sarah also weathered two other major life changes. First, her dad died during her junior year. That had a devastating affect on her. The following year, she married a member of the U.S. Air Force. The marriage ended a few years later when they were living in Nashville.

Newly retired, Sarah said she "enjoyed all of her years as a teacher" and will miss her students, whom she has always thought of as "my children."

However, she also looks forward to more leisure time. Besides reading and volunteer work, she may do some traveling.

Scurry County Folks

Continued from 1B

by Shirley A. Gorman

Family Focus

By James C. Dobson, Ph.D.



Q. We have an adopted child who came to us when he was 2 years old. He was so abused during those first couple of years that my husband and I cannot let ourselves punish him, even when he deserves it. We also feel we don't have the right to discipline him, since we are not his real parents. Are we doing right?

A. I'm afraid you are making a mistake commonly committed by the parents of adopted children. They pity their youngsters too much to control them. They feel that life has already been too harsh with the little ones, and they must not make things worse by disciplining them.

These guilt-laden attitudes can lead to unfortunate consequences. Transplanted children have the same needs for guidance and discipline as those remaining with their biological parents. One of the surest ways to make a child feel insecure is to treat him as though he is different--unusual--brittle. If the parents view him as an unfortunate waif to be shielded, he will see himself that way, too.

Parents of sick and deformed children are also likely to find discipline harder to implement. A child with a withered arm or some non-fatal illness can become a little terror, simply because the usual behavioral boundaries are not established by his parents. It must be remembered that the need to be controlled and governed is almost universal in childhood; this need is not eliminated by other problems and difficulties in life. In some cases, the desire for boundaries is maximized by other troubles, for it is through loving control that parents express personal worth to a child.

Q. What about good-natured teasing and joking within the family? Is it harmful to laugh and kid each other?

A. The most healthy families are those that can laugh together, and I certainly don't think our egos should be so fragile that we all have to walk on cracked eggs around each other.

However, even innocent humor can be painful when one child is always the object of jokes. When one of your children has an embarrassing feature, such as bed-wetting or thumb-sucking or stuttering or a striking physical flaw, the other members of the family should be encouraged to tread softly on the exposed nerves of that child.

Also, one should not ridicule a child for his size, whether he is a small boy or a large girl. There is nothing funny about that subject. Here is a guiding principle that should help: It is wise not to tease a child about the features he is also defending outside the home. And when he asks for any joke to end, his wishes should be honored.

Q. Should parents ever force a child to eat?

A. No. I am no expert on nutrition, but I believe a normal child's appetite is governed by the amount of food he needs. He will get hungry when he needs nourishment.

However, I do believe the parent should carefully guard that appetite, making sure he satisfies it with the foods his body requires. A bit of sugar in the afternoon can make him disinterested in his dinner. Or he may sit down at the table and fill his stomach with juice or one item on his plate.

Thus, it may be necessary to give him one kind of food at a time, beginning with iron-rich meat and other proteins, followed by less important items.

Once he is satisfied, I can see no value in forcing him to continue eating. Incidentally, the parent should know that a child's appetite often drops off rapidly between 2 and 3 years of age. This occurs because his time of maximum growth rate has subsided, and his need for food is reduced.

This column is brought to you courtesy of the Colonial Hill Baptist Church. These questions and answers are excerpted from the book, Dr. Dobson Answers Your Questions. Dr. Dobson is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home. Send your questions to Dr. Dobson c/o Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 (c) 1982 Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

AP poll finds widespread doubts about Mrs. Clinton's truthfulness

NEW YORK (AP) — Only 25 percent of Americans think Hillary Rodham Clinton is telling the whole truth about Whitewater, according to an Associated Press poll taken after she testified before a grand jury.

Twice as many Americans, 52 percent, believe Mrs. Clinton is hiding something, and most of those people are not brushing it off as trivial, the poll found. The distrust is hurting Mrs. Clinton's image, and only four in 10 hold a favorable opinion of the first lady.

At the same time, a substantial minority is withholding judgment. And Americans are split almost evenly on the potential political impact of Mrs. Clinton's legal situation, with 43 percent seeing a serious, long-term effect on President Clinton's future, and 47 percent expecting no such effect.

The poll of 1,017 randomly selected adults was taken by phone last Friday night through Wednesday. Mrs. Clinton had just gone to a federal courthouse to answer the Whitewater prosecutor's questions about last month's mysterious appearance at the White House of her long-sought legal billing records.

The grand jury subpoena of a first lady was unprecedented, and there was no way for the public to know what was said in the secret session. Nearly three in 10 were left unable to rate their opinion of the first lady.

The opinions of the rest are: 17 percent very favorable, 22 percent somewhat favorable, 15 percent somewhat unfavorable and 17 percent very unfavorable.

Mrs. Clinton's ratings are more positive among women than among men, and she also did better with older Americans, registered voters and, of course, Democrats. But even stronger than party affiliation as a predictor of her rating is whether people believe she is telling the truth about Whitewater or related matters.

Of those who say she is hiding something, 47 percent consider it very important for investigators to learn about, and an additional 27 percent say it's somewhat important.

Results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points in the poll by ICR Survey Research Group of Media, Pa., part of AUS Consultants.

Misprinted Nixon stamp sold at New York auction

NEW YORK (AP) — A misprinted 32-cent Richard Nixon postage stamp sold for $16,675 at auction, well above the expected price.

Christie's auction house had estimated the stamp would fetch between $8,000 and $10,000, but the bidding Thursday quickly went to $14,500. The 15 percent auctioneer's commission added $2,175 to the price.

The stamp came from a misprinted sheet sold in Virginia; the image of Nixon is inverted and split.

The anonymous buyer, who was not present at the sale, began detaching individual 32-cent stamps for mailing letters, but soon realized they might be valuable, said Brian Bleckwenn, a Christie's expert.

He offered a single stamp for sale to get an idea of what all 160 of his misprints might be worth, Bleckwenn said. If each were to sell for the price paid Thursday, the lucky buyer would take in about $2.3 million.

If more misprints surface, the value of an individual misprint could go down. In all, 80 million Nixon stamps were printed last year.

For now, the man is not offering any other of his misprinted stamps for sale, Christie's said.

The record auction price for stamps is $1.1 million paid in 1989 for a block of four 1918 Jennies, a 24-cent stamp with a picture of a biplane printed upside down.

Simpson can't buy commercial time on TV

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Several cable TV stations and a tabloid newspaper that offered extensive coverage of the O.J. Simpson trial have refused to sell advertising to Simpson for his commercial video — a rejection his producer calls unfair and even un-American.

The National Enquirer, which has had Simpson on its front page more often than not since the slayings of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman, rejected an ad for Simpson's $29.95 made-for-profit, mail-order video because it was deemed "inappropriate," said Brian Williams, Enquirer senior editor.

"There are two reasons," Williams said. "One is the serious nature of the events. There are two dead bodies."

The other reason, he said, was anticipated reader protests.

"We think it's inappropriate and our readers have told us that in various ways," Williams said. "I think the crimes speak for themselves. I think those two dead bodies speak more eloquently than we could."

Video producer Tony Hoffman said no cable station, with the exception of Black Entertainment Television, was willing to sell him air time for the commercial. Simpson did a live interview with BET last week.

Help preparing income tax forms available at center

Senior citizens who need help preparing income tax forms can receive assistance in the Senior Citizens Center starting Wednesday.

Bernhard Bartels has been trained through the American Association of Retired Persons and will be in the center from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Bingo and an Eight Ball Tournament are scheduled in the center at 10 a.m. Monday. Forty-two is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday; Canasta at 1 p.m. Wednesday; Skip-Bo at 9:30 a.m.Thursday and bridge at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

A 30-minute video titled "Historic Homes of Scurry County" will be shown in the center at 11:15 a.m. Thursday. The video was produced under the auspices of the Scurry County Historical Commission and can be purchased from the commission. It begins with a brief tour of some of these historical markers on and near the courthouse square followed by a tour of 15 homes.

Other programs in the center during the week include a musical program by Hoss Clayton's band at 11 a.m. Tuesday and a musical program by Mary Torrence, Herman Richburg and Carl Stokes at 11:15 a.m. Wednesday. The Kitchen Band is to perform at Snyder Healthcare Center at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The Retired Teachers Association will meet in the center at noon on Monday. The Golden K Kiwanis Club's weekly luncheon is scheduled for noon on Tuesday. The ladies pool lesson begins after lunch on Thursday.

Nominations are now open for the Senior Center's 1996 Valentine King and Queen, with voting to be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Feb. 12-13. The winners will be announced at the noon meal on Feb. 14.

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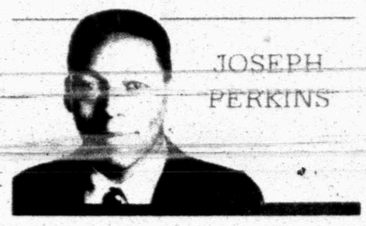
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Flat tax makes plain sense



JOSEPH PERKINS

I'm beginning to have my doubts about the GOP-I thought it was the party of ideas; that the only reason it has failed to convert such Republican ideas as the balanced budget and congressional term limits into public policy is because of Democrat obstruction from either the White House or Congress.

Then I tuned in to the recent GOP presidential debate in Iowa. For much of the 90-minute session, magazine publisher Steve Forbes was set upon by his fellow Republicans for supporting a federal flat tax.

Phil Gramm said Forbes' flat-tax plan would be unfair to working people. Pat Buchanan said the Forbes plan sounded like it was "worked up by the boys at the yacht club." Lamar Alexander said enhancement of Forbes' flat tax "would be a disaster for America." And although front-runner Bob Dole did not slam Forbes in Iowa, he has taken out TV ads that describe his plan as "risky."

Americans have become accustomed, by now, to hearing class-warfare rehetoric coming from liberal Democrats, who think the federal tax code should be used to redistribute wealth. But it's shocking to hear Republican presidentieal hopefuls sounding off like latter-day Marxists.

The GOP need not have endorsed Forbes' "pure" flat tax of 17 percent on income (excluding capital gains). But they also shouldn't have undermined the very idea of a flat tax by savaging the Forbes plan the way they did. Forbes simply was raising public consciousness about the need for a simpler, flatter tax code. His fellow Republicans have all but shot that idea to hell.

Yet, surveys show that both individual and corporate taxpayers want a flat tax. Indeed, in a USA Today/CNN/Gallup poll, 48 percent of respondents said they'd be better off under a flat tax, against only 35 percent who thought they'd be hurt.

And in a Coopers & Lybrand survey of chief executive officers at the nation's fastest-growing companies, 63 percent favored a flat tax on all personal wages and benefits.

The American public has not united around a particular flat-tax plan, whether Forbes' or anyone else's. But they know they hate the present tax system. It is so complex that every president since Richard Nixon has made mistakes on his tax return, and each has been required to pay the Internal Revenue Service back taxes and fines.

A flat-tax system would be so breath-takingly simple that even those of us lacking accounting degrees could figure it out. You get rid of all the tax deductions, credits, exemptions and exclusions for individuals and businesses. You stop collecting Social Security taxes, capital-gains taxes, fuel taxes and excise taxes.

You settle on a single flat rate between 17 percent (which Forbes favors) and 20 percent. Every individual above the poverty line pays that rate on their gross income. Every business pays that rate on their profits.

It's hard to see how this kind of flat tax would be unfair to working-class folks, as Gramm suggested. After all, when you combine income taxes with Social Security taxes, most lower-income workers end up paying more than 20 percent to Uncle Sam.

Buchanan suggests that the flat tax would be a sop to the rich if capital-gains taxes are dropped. But 40 percent of annual capital gains are realized by Americans with incomes of less than $50,000 (mainly when they sell their homes). I'm sure they don't consider themselves rich.

Alexander is the most off-the-wall when he claims that the flat tax would be disasterous for the country. It hardly would be disastrous if American taxpayers saved the $20 billion a year they now spend to have their tax returns prepared for them. It hardly would be disastrous if the federal government cut its tax-collection costs from $75 billion a year to $25 billion a year.

The flat tax is an idea whose time has come. And any Republican presidential hopeful who hasn't the vision to recognize this doesn't deserve to be the party's standardbearer.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Letters to Bosnia

Whether you agree with the Clinton Administration sending U.S. troops to Bosnia, it's a fact that they are there, and may be for some time.

Not everyone supports the purpose of the mission, but most realize the necessity to give moral support the U.S. service men and women involved. With that in mind, individuals, school or senior groups might want to consider writing service personnel in the peace-keeping effort.

People wishing to write to Army, Air Force or Marine Corps members of the U.S. land forces, but not to a specific individual, can address their letter or package to:

Any Service Member
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APO AE 09397

The address for Navy and Marine Corps personnel aboard ships supporting the Bosnia mission is:

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FPO AE 09398

Mail also can be sent to families of servicemen deployed in the Balkans. The address is:

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Operation Joint Endeavor
APO AE 09399

Mail to specific individuals in Operation Joint Endeavor can be sent through their home stations.

Packages should not weigh more than 70 pounds and be no larger than a shoe box. Postage for letters is the regular 32 cents.

Dealing with repeat offenders

The El Paso Times

Texas Legislators are justifiably angry that almost half of state convicts released in 1991 committed crimes within the next three years. More than just complaining, though, the legislators ought to explore progressive solutions. ...

One thing is certain about repeat offenders: neither philosophy of extreme punishment or extreme pampering will work. Many prisoners cannot be helped because they don't want to be helped, and in such cases strict sentencing and continued incarceration is the answer. But other prisoners who want to turn around their lives must be given more opportunities.

Letters

It's the best

Dear Editor:

So often we hear how people think they have to travel to a large city to obtain quality health care; our family KNOWS the best is in Snyder!

Our son recently becanle quite ill, was seen by Dr. Burleson on short notice, and utilized many of Cogdell's diagnostic modalities both as an in-patient and out-patient.

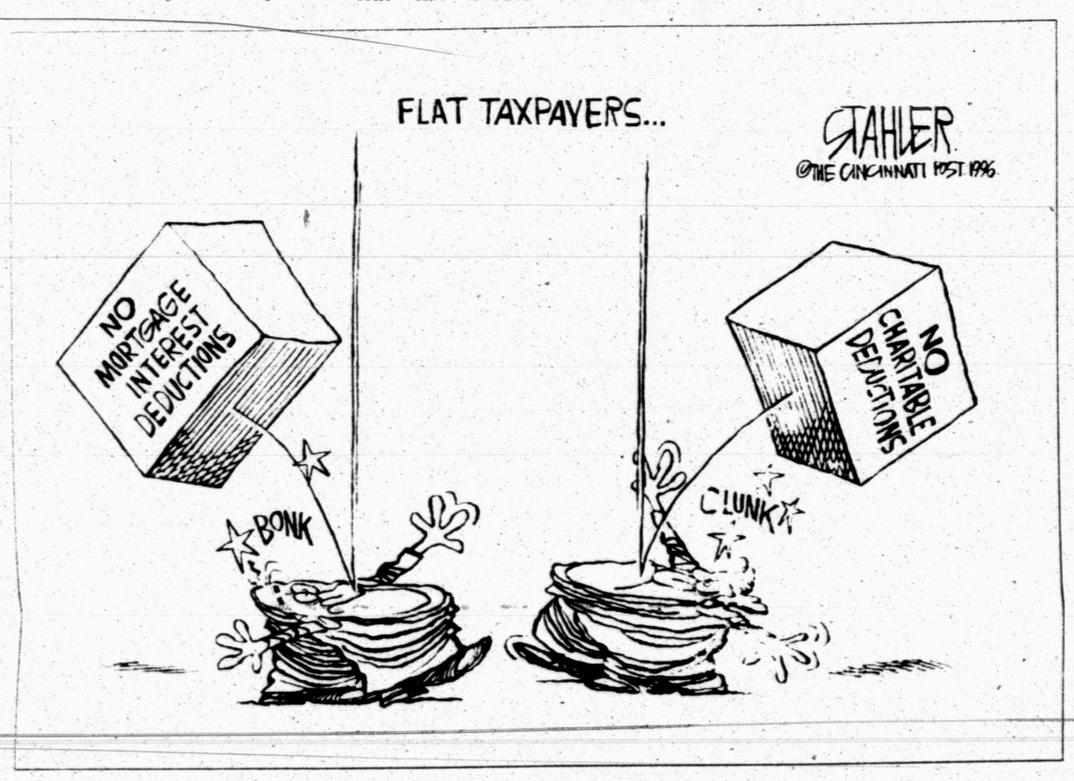
Dr. Burleson's office made arrangements for Michael to be accepted at St. Mary's Imaging Center on short notice, and he and his staff have continued to check on Michael here at home.

The care we received at Cogdell Hospital was outstanding and we utilized many departments! Everyone exemplified professionalism, and were so kind!

Our love and thanks to Dr. Burleson and his office staff, to each and every person involved in Michael's care at CMH, and to McWilliams and Eckerd's pharmacies. All of your prayers, calls, visits, etc. helped more than you can know!!

I am so proud to be an employee of Cogdell Hospital and to be able to work with such a great team, as well as knowing our family has been cared for by the BEST!

Sincerely,
Ann and Forrest Pendleton
Lisa and Michael Pendleton
Snyder



Talking politics with Uncle Elber



BILL MCCLELLAN

I went to visit Uncle Elber last weekend.

He and Smithy Thompson were sitting in the kitchen, having a hot cup and discussing and cussing presidential candidates. I poured myself some coffee, took a seat, and listened.

"Now that man Dole, he has some interestin' points," said Elber.

"Nope. I ain't votin' for nobody whose name reminds me of a pineapple," spat Smithy.

"It's not his name that matters, Smithy; it's what the man stands for."

"Cain't be comfortable with what a man stands for when you can't even get past his name. If he's elected, I can just picture the White House with a pineapple plantation out back," said Smithy. "He'll serve fruit in little cups to guests in the green room. Only it'll be the pineapple room by then."

"Well, how 'bout Gramm? I knew him when he was just a little cracker," laughed Elber.

"Fruits and crackers. Boy, what a choice," said Smithy, shaking his head.

"What'cha think about Fords?" said Elber.

"Excuse me," I interjected. "That's Forbes. With a B. Not Fords."

"'Don't trust him. 'Heard he's stinkin' rich," said Smithy. "Never trust nobody that's stinkin' rich."

"That's right," said Elber. "Rich folks didn't get that way by handin' out dollar bills on the street corner. 'Specially no politician."

"Forbes isn't exactly a politician," I said. "He's never even run for office before."

"If Fords has got that much money, he's a politician. Or got one in his pocket," said Smithy.

"It's Forbes," I said. "F-O-R-B-E-S. He's the one pushing the flat tax."

"Now you know that ain't gonna work, that flat tax thing," said Smithy.

"That's for sure," agreed Elber.

"The last thing them people in Washington need is somethin' else to tinker with," said Smithy. "They done broke everything else, includin' the bank."

"They also tax ever'thing that moves, and a lot that don't," pitched in Elber.

"They already regulate ever'thing. Drinkin' water. What you can and can't do with the dirt under your feet. Man can't start his pickup in the mornin' without fear he might disturb a sleepin' spotted penguin."

"And when you do, you best be buckled up. That's another law them politicians came up with," said Elber. "And you can't work on 'em no more, pickups, cause they got so many hoses and wires and such to control big city smog."

"Sorta' like tax forms, so much stuff to fill out, you can't understand it all," Smithy said.

"But that's the great thing about a flat tax," I said. "Instead of being more difficult, it would make paying taxes easier.

"Look. You guys complain every year that it takes a month to fill out your tax forms," I said. "With a flat tax, they say you could file your taxes in just a minute or two."

"Boy oh boy," said Smithy, pouring himself another cup. "I can tell you ain't been around the block very many times. Elber, you say this great nephew of yours went through college?"

"Sad, ain't it," said Elber.

"Son," said Smithy. "The only reason the politicians want you to take less time filin' your taxes is so they can get ahold of your money that much faster."

"In five years, the gov'ment would have that flat tax bumpier than a horned toad's back."

"That's right," said Elber, nodding his head. "That flat tax hasn't even happened yet and already it's gone up from 15 to 17, and now 20 percent or more. Flat? It's climbin' up hill faster than a monkey after a banana."

"Or," said Smithy, "a Dole after a pineapple."

"Or," said Elber, "a Gramm after a cracker."

Some guys you just can't talk politics with.

A simple matter of writing it down



DEANIE FRANCIS MILLS

This is ridiculous, Ri-di-culous.

Here it is, after 7 p.m. on a Thursday night, and I'm waaaay late on a column for Sunday's paper, and I'm supposed to think up something, like, NOW.

"Friends" is on in the background, and it's not a repeat. Ross and Rachel are arguing about their nonrelationship, and I can't think about a dingdang thing but my check-off list.

My whole life is written out on various desk calendars and scratch papers and spiral notebooks, in neat columns of Things to Do with these little check-off blanks that I always put right beside each Thing; but then I don't check it off, see, I actually scribble out the whole line with this vicious sort of satisfaction whenever I've done the Thing.

At the end of the day, if my page isn't one big black scribble, panic sets in because then I'll have to add the Things on tomorrow's list that have circles around them. Circles, you see, are reserved for those Things that don't get Done. They get moved over to the next day or the next list, and when I'm REALLY busy, my calendar stays on the same dadgum day for, like, WEEKS, until I get all the stupid Things DONE.

One day, while interviewing this successful career-woman type lady for research for a book, I discovered a soulmate. She actually said, right out loud to me, a complete stranger, "Did you ever do a Thing, and then go back and put it on the list even though it wasn't there to start with, AND THEN CROSS IT OUT?"

I leapt to my feet and shouted, "I THOUGHT I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO EVER DID THAT!"

We became instant friends, and the fact that she deals with criminals, crime victims and human skulls all day long just adds to her charm.

MY Things to Do list today was a real pain, because it entailed making many phone calls. I hate making phone calls. You can never just make a phone call. People you are trying to reach are always "in a meeting," or you have to leave a voice-mail they never answer, or try and explain yourself to an assistant. This is what makes electronic mail so cool. Everybody always answers their e-mails, no matter where they are or how busy. But since only 4% of us have access to e-mail, then 96% of the time you have to call back, or hang around by the phone, waiting for them to call...which they do the second I leave the house to go get the mail or climb into the shower or go on-line.

I'm trying to get all my ducks in a row for a trip to New York I'm finally making, which was postponed from last fall. I gotta call my agent, my editor, the gal from "Inside Edition," (don't ask), the movie producer who's shown an interest in the book we auctioned last summer and is in New York now, making a movie with Barbra Streisand — to make sure everybody will be there the same week. Then my good buddy, author Judith Kelman, who lives in "the City," and another friend or two. (My plan is for everybody to spend lotsa dough showing me a good time, on account of how everyone I know there makes about ten times as much as me, except for my agent, who makes about a hundred times as much. Yep, that's the plan.)

Then the travel agent and the hotel. Hotels put you on hold hold hold. Then they switch you. Then they put you on hold. Then you get cut off and have to call back so you can be put on hold hold hold again.

(Rachel just kissed Ross. FINALLY)

Then there's the FBI agent in Houston, the convicted felon-hacker turned cybercop in Austin, the ex-CIA agent in Washington, D.C., and the federal women's prison down in Bryan, Texas. They're all on The List to be called and/or written.

Also the orthodontist, the optometrist, the accountant, the dentist, and the mammogram people — all on The List, too. (Don't worry about that last one — it's just that every-other-year checkup we womenfolk are all supposed to have after the age of 40 — you do have it on YOUR list for yourself or your beloved, don't you?)

Thank goodness my daughter's play rehearsals are over for the time being, so that's scribbled off already.

The books I have to read to get caught up on my research and the chapters I have to write to make my deadline aren't even ON The List. (However, WRITE COLUMN is. With a STAR * beside it. The Thing gets a * when it's really really URGENT.)

And...oh

God...VALENTINE'S is coming up!

Go ahead, all you non-list makers, laugh! You know who you are. You're the folks who never use a list to shop for groceries because you always buy the same things. You've got one of those big calendars — somebody gave you one for Christmas — but you can never remember to write stuff on it. You never write down the amounts in your check register, and you only make doctor's appointments on time because of all those little cards stuck to your refrigerator with magnets, some of which are three years old.

You think I'm obsessive-compulsive and uptight and a Type A+, right? You lie back in your recliner and LAUGH.

It's okay. I quote no less an authority than Harvard, which traced a whole bunch of graduates for 25 years, comparing the list-makers with the Type Z's. And sure enough, it was the list-makers who were the movers and shakers, ha ha. Yeah — it was the list-makers who were the most successful and made the most money.

They got the last laugh...probably all the way to the hospital in the ambulance, when they had their major heart attacks and massive strokes, oh, about 26 years after college graduation.

New Year-New You

Taking the exercise circuit

Do you know that muscle burns calories at 20 times the rate of fat? Increasing muscle in your body helps you lose weight in addition to making everyday activities easier and safer.

Here are five core exercises that you can do anywhere. They will help develop your musculature, improve your posture and increase strength.

Start with as many as you can reasonably do. The minimum target should be 5 repetitions if you are not accustomed to exercising.

—Lunges: These work major leg, hip and buttock muscles. It's like the movement you see in fencing. Repeat it on each leg. With one hand on a chair, (or hands on hips) take a giant step forward, dipping down and bending your back leg. Keep your front leg at a crisp 90-degree angle. (Do not let your forward knee go past your toes.) Straighten, then lunge again.

—Lateral Raises: Arm raises build shoulder strength. It's a movement you see ballerinas make. With your hands at your sides, palms down (or holding light weights), raise your elbows and hands to shoulder height (no higher). Keep your arms slightly rounded in front of you.

—Single Arm Rows: These work muscles in the upper back and shoulders. The movement is like starting a lawnmower. Stand with one hand on a chair and one foot back on the floor at a 45-degree angle. Grasp a dumbbell with your free arm. Pull it up and backwards, elbow bent.

—Push-ups: Push-ups are familiar. They help build overall body strength and can be done in a variety of ways — even standing. Start on your toes or on bent knees, with your palms flat on the floor and your spine straight. Now push up, exhaling.

—Sit-ups: Another old favorite, sit-ups strengthen stomach and back muscles. Lie flat on the floor with your knees bent, hands behind your head. Raise your shoulder blades just off the ground; exhale as you come up. Inhale as you lower your shoulders.

Repeating this sequence of exercises three times in a workout is called "circuit training," which helps one muscle group rest while others are worked.

For best results, exercise three times a week on a consistent basis and always stretch before and afterwards. It's best to do these in combination with aerobics.

You'll notice it's easier to climb stairs, carry the groceries and use the snow-blower.

Action Point: Use a smaller plate; you'll find you eat less.

Next: Fitness sabotage.

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Two companies OK technical rules for on-line transactions

NEW YORK (AP) — MasterCard and Visa ended seven months of sometimes bumpy negotiations with an agreement Thursday on a way to assure the security of credit card purchases over public computer networks like the Internet.

But their work so far may be a trip in the fast lane compared to the sales job ahead. Most people have little faith sending confidential information across on-line systems, and their uneasiness is reinforced regularly by reports of stolen data and inventive hackers.

Visa and MasterCard hope the power of their brand names will give people more confidence. Executives said they believe their solution will make using a credit card on-line as safe as in a store.

"What we've put in place is the best that can be done for the reality of operating and buying things on public networks," said Edward Hogan, senior vice president of MasterCard International.

The companies have designed a software specification for securing credit card numbers, the most important part of an on-line dialogue between a buyer and seller.

The numbers will be scrambled, or encrypted, so they are unintelligible as they move through a network. Merchants will not be able to unscramble the numbers, but they will be able to check their validity.

The specification that makes this happen will be provided free to creators of software for reading and creating information distributed on the World Wide Web and similarly-designed networks.

Before doing that, however, MasterCard and Visa will publish the specification next month and get some technical feedback.

It will be late this year before Web "server" and "browser" programs are updated with the specification and the safer transactions can begin, Visa and MasterCard said.

"People will see it's probably a lot more secure than non-electronic credit card transactions," such as making a catalog order on a phone, said Andrew Whinston, co-author of a book on electronic commerce and director of the Center for Information Systems Management at the University of Texas.

MasterCard and Visa had created different solutions to the problem a year ago and were lining up partners for support in a battle that threatened to become the cyberspace equivalent of the VHS and Beta format fight in videotape recorders.

Netscape Communications Corp. and Microsoft Corp., software rivals vying to play the most important role in the Internet business, took different sides.

Both organizations later realized a single data standard was most desirable, said Richard Lonergan, an executive vice president at Visa International.

Nat'l Guard to deploy engineers to Germany

AUSTIN — The Texas Army National Guard will deploy approximately 440 engineers to Germany for their 15 days of annual training this year. Soldiers from the 111th Engineer Battalion and 386th Engineer Battalion will deploy in 100-man increments starting in mid-February.

The soldiers will be training an offensive and defensive tasks with Active Component units at the Combat Maneuver Training Center (CMTC) in Hohenfels, Germany.

The 111th Engineer Battalion has units in the following communities: Abilene, Waco, Mineral Wells, Irving, Snyder and Taylor. The 386th Engineer Battalion has units in Corpus Christi, Bastrop, Baytown, Brenham, Columbus, Kingsville and Pasadena.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Kyle Cox, 1996 Dodge from Snyder Chrysler.

Ramon L. Herrera, 1996 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Paul B. and Margaret E. Payne, 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Terrance J. and Debbi Black, 1996 Dodge from Snyder Chrysler.

Dan R. and Debbie A. Hicks, 1996 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Brian Snodgrass, 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

David Botts, 1996 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

JAG Farms Inc., 1996 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

B&W Enterprise and Roy Beaver, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

William L. Keown, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

M.P. Herring, 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Kenney Blackwell, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Charles D. and Ann Bradfield, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

E.D. Walton Construction Co., 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

GELCO Corporation, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Patricia A. and Gary L. Scott, 1996 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

D.L. Peterson Trust, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Edenton Motors.

T.O. Upshaw, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

GMAC-CGDRACS, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Billy G. Aaron, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Kelly L. McClanahan, 1995 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Marriage License

Terry Jean Juarez and Gina Michelle Brooks, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

Patricia Grace Clark vs. Furr's Supermarkets Inc. and Jamie Lopez, order of dismissal.

Bank One, Texas, NA vs. Edward Flores, judgment for plaintiff.

Scurry County vs. Stephanie Rose, et al, order of dismissal.

Filed in District Court

Cooley and Hartman, P.A., vs. Linda Hardy, individually, and Earl W. Hardy, individually, suit on note.

Scurry County vs. Ricardo D. Campos, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Martha L. Hammonds, aka Martha Nutt, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Rubie Diaz, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Alicia M. Borrega, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Leon Zamora, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Fred J. Miller, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Robert G. Escobeda, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Juan F. Ortegon, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Pedro Ramirez, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Doris Smithee, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Lucio Solis Jr., et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Miguel Soto, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. William Harvey Stevens, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Lewis Tate, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Welton Cobb, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Joe David Digby, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Joe Fowler, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Jacinta Galindo, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. L.E. McCollum, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Golden Brandon, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. H.L. Lopez, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Ouzzie McClain, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Lupe Zamora, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Darrell Robertson, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Kenneth Steve Babcock, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Archer-Daniels-Midland Company, dba, Paymaster Gin of Snyder, vs. Scott Underwood, individually and dba American Cotton Marketing, suit on debt.

Deed Records

Bertie Smith Turpin to Jerry Don and Beverly K. Mitchell, all of Lot 1 in Block K of the replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Malvin L. and Bobbie J. Donelson to First National Bank of O'Donnell, Lot 2 in Block 4 of the Cedar Creek Addition.

Milton L. Comer and Sherry L. Vaughan to Gene C. and Lorraine R. Long, three acres in Section 18, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Florine Merritt, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Cone J. Merritt, to Gary Lynn and Linda Beth Miller, all the north one-half of the north one-half of Section 91, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Shelia Gale Eckert to Garry D. and Martha L. Eckert, an 0.892 acre tract in the southeast corner of the northeast one-quarter of Section 211, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Joe T. Perez to Merce E. Hernandez, all of Lot 13 in Block 15 of the Greenhill Addition.

James Griffin Lockhart to Paul B. and Janie L. Rodriguez, all of Lots 3 and 4 in Block 2 of the J.B. Chambers Addition.

Development Corporation of Snyder Inc. to Larry Joe and Teresa M. Wall, a 1.1356 acre tract in the northeast part of Section 98, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Karen Jean Reynolds to Daman Scott Reynolds, all of Lot 3 in Block 3, Section 2, Martin Addition.

Jimmy Don Lloyd to Charles and Janice Galloway, all of the north 50 feet and the south 100 feet of the east 100 feet of Lot 1, Block 37, Blankenship Addition.

Bernie D. Alsup to Johnnie Lee Ballard, part of the southeast one-quarter of Section 75, Block 2, H&TC survey.

Jose Luis Cabrera to Valerie Shaw, all of Lot 8 in Block 2 of the Bootheland Addition.

Wesley Jay and Roberta Jean Cumbie to Damon N. and Terri S. Simpson, all of Lot 6 in Block 4 of the Park Place Addition.

Joe T. and Pauline A. Perez to David A. and Daniel A. Perez, the east 100 feet of the south 90 feet of Lot 2 in Block 9 of the Blankenship Addition.

Robert Marvin and Essie Mae Cole to Douglas Hugh and Donise Coonrod, the south 100 feet and the west 75 feet of the north 50 feet of Lot 2 in Block 46 of the Blankenship Addition.

Eldon and Connie Kirkpatrick to Juan and Epifinia Silvas, all of Lot 2 and the west four feet of Lot 1 in Block 3 of the Highlands Addition, Second Section.

Edward Baese to Frankie Castillo, all of Lot 4 of the Smith and Norris Subdivision, a replat of Block 34 of the Grayum and Nelson Heights Addition.

Religious leaders: sending prisoners to Texas hurts families, inmates

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico's three Roman Catholic bishops want a federal judge to make permanent an order that prevents the state Corrections Department from transferring inmates to Texas jails.

Archbishop Michael Sheehan of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, Bishop Donald Pelotte of the Diocese of Gallup and Bishop Ricardo Ramirez of the Diocese of Las Cruces issued a joint statement Thursday criticizing the transfers.

"Sending the inmates packing to Dallas, so far away from their families and the services provided here could reverse all of the progress made to date," they said in the statement.

On Wednesday, U.S. District Judge John E. Conway halted the transfers, and the three religious leaders, while applauding Conway's decision, said they hoped the judge would make the injunction permanent.

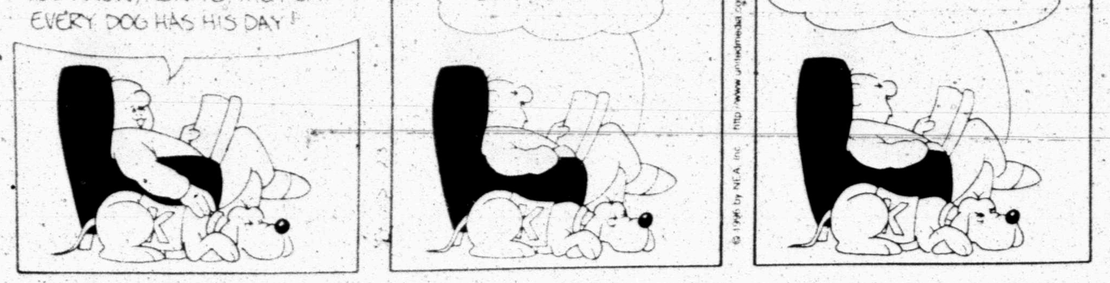
Conway's ruling did not affect some 200 former New Mexico inmates who have been sent to Texas since the transfer program began last year.



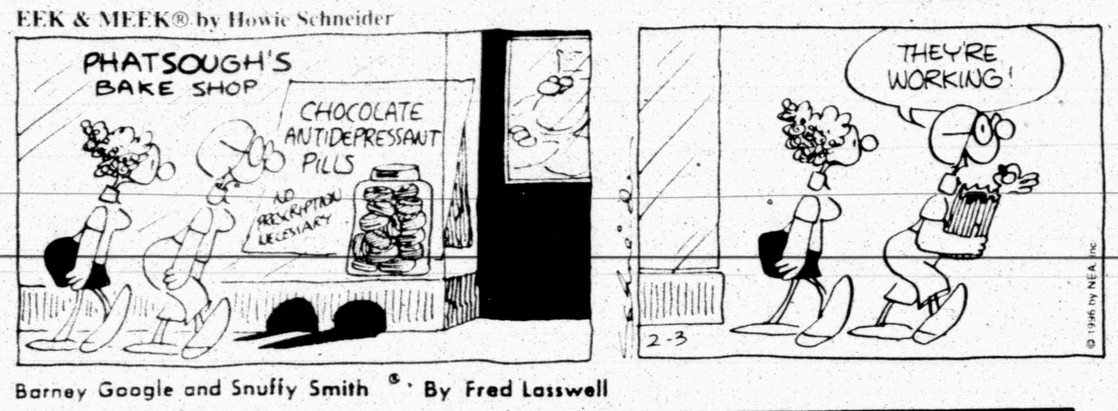
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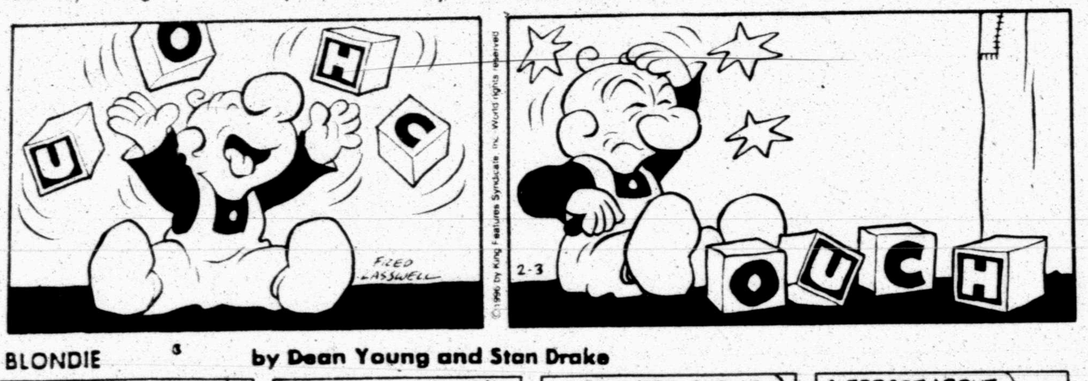
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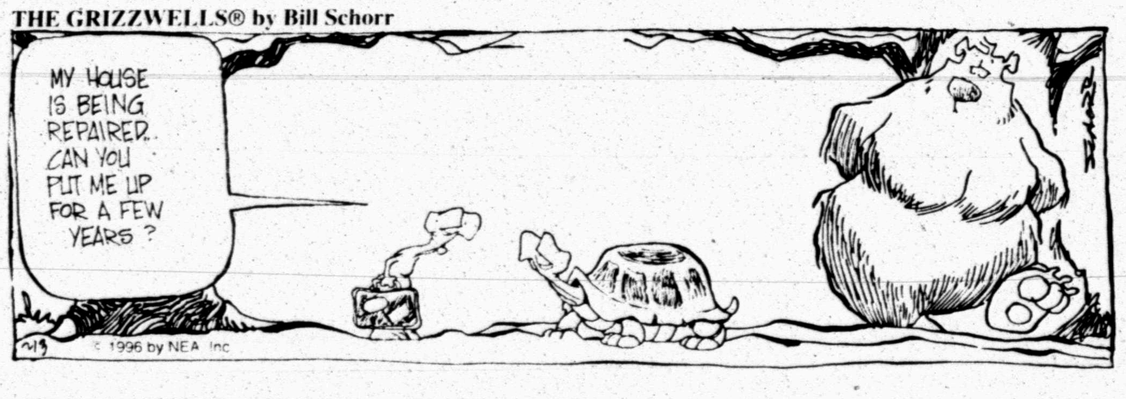
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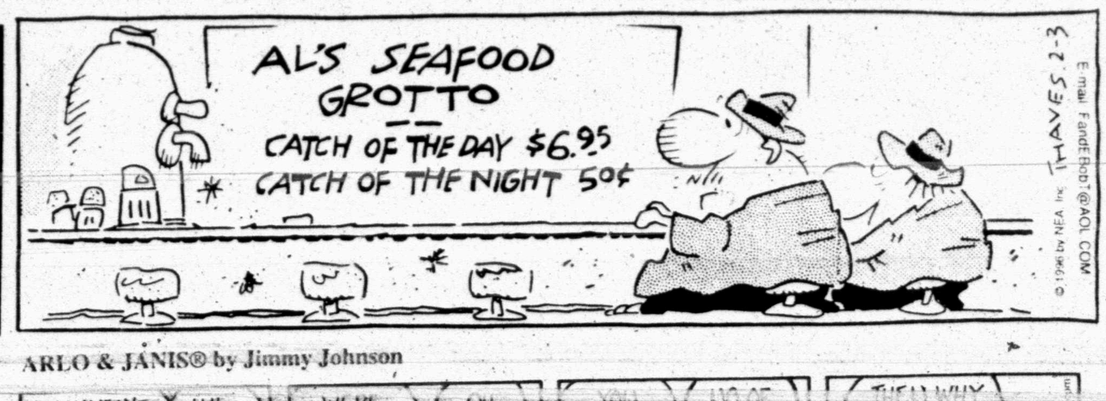
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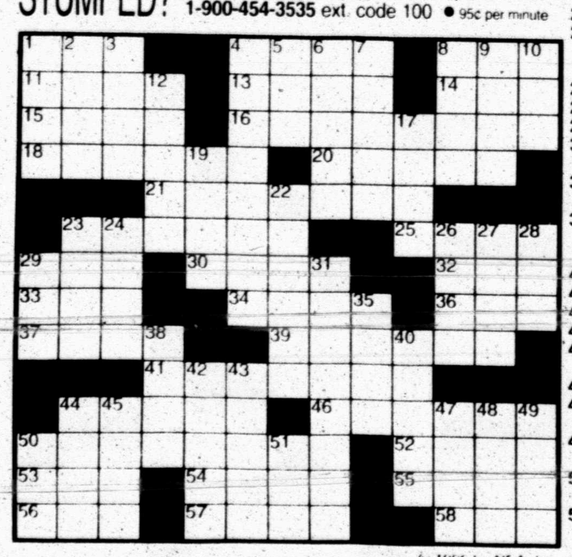
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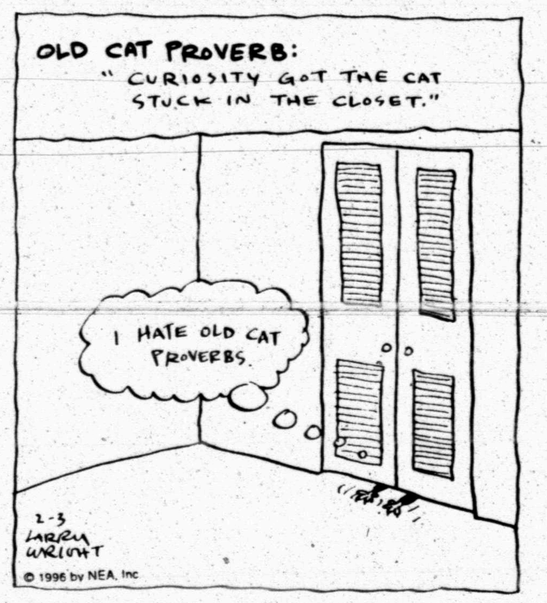
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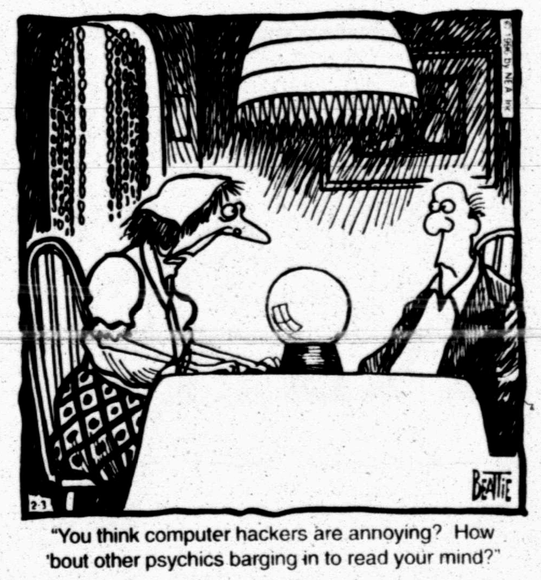
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"You think computer hackers are annoying? How 'bout other psychics barging in to read your mind?"



Telecommunication overhaul bill approved

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans can expect to see a dramatic transformation of television, telephone and computer services, now that a historic overhaul of the nation's telecommunications laws has sailed through Congress.

But how soon?

"I think you'll see companies reacting fairly quickly," Vice President Al Gore said in a telephone interview Thursday.

President Clinton is likely to sign the bill within a week, Gore said.

The massive overhaul of the 1934 Communications Act would allow head-to-head competition between cable TV and local and long-distance telephone companies, deregulate cable rates and allow media companies to more easily expand their holdings. It also would restrict smutty material on computer networks and television.

Even though companies have been preparing for this new era of telecommunications competition, "You're not going to have people in the field tomorrow constructing new (telephone) lines and throwing a switch," said Rep. Jack Fields, R-Texas, one of the architects of the bill.

"It's just not going to happen that quickly," he said.

The bill — saluted by Sen. Larry Pressler, R-S.D., as a telecommunications "road map" into the new century — flew through the House on Thursday, 414-16, and then the Senate, 91-5.

Clinton hailed the measure, saying in a statement, "consumers will receive the benefits of lower prices, better quality and greater choices in their telephone and cable services, and they will continue to benefit from a diversity of voices and viewpoints in radio, television and the print media."

For instance, cable companies say they'll speed up delivery of high-speed modems that connect customers to the Internet, other computer services and transmit lots of data cheaply. Telephone companies say they'll accelerate movies on demand and interactive television.

And broadcasters say once they switch over to digital technology, they may offer multiple channels of programs, home shopping and transmit sport scores to laptop computers.

Supporters say the measure would boost jobs, expand consumer choices and potentially lower prices for cable, telephone and other communications services.

But opponents say that more jobs will be lost than gained through consolidation, that choices will be limited and that cable and telephone rates are likely to go up considerably because the level of competition envisioned by supporters will not emerge.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who voted against the bill, said he was concerned about deregulating cable, saying, "I don't want to see a repeat of skyrocketing cable rates on passage of this law."

Long-distance companies and cable companies say it could take anywhere from six months to four years to begin providing local phone service — depending upon the market.

David Dornan, president of Pacific Bell, predicted residential telephone customers in New York, Illinois and California will be among the first to have choices of local phone providers.

Some Bell companies expect to provide long-distance service outside their local phone territories as soon as Clinton signs the bill.

But consumers may have a wait longer to get long-distance service from their own Bell company because local Bell companies must clear a number of regulatory and competitive hurdles before they can offer long-distance service to their existing customers.

"We have been working actively for months to meet the requirements of the new law so we can make all communications services available through one-stop shopping in the very near future," BellSouth Corp. Chairman John Clendenin said.

As for cable competition, phone company executives say the new law will accelerate their plans to sell cable services to their customers, but they wouldn't be more specific.

How long the telecommunications transformation takes also is affected by the Federal Communications Commission, which will be in charge of writing many of the rules under the new law.

The FCC already has begun the ground work for some of those rules and will move as quickly as it can, said FCC Chairman Reed Hundt.

In the end, "What Americans are going to get is a lot more choice, some initial confusion and ultimately very attractive new services at very fair prices," Hundt predicted.

Once the law takes effect, people would be fined or thrown in jail if they're caught transmitting smut and other indecent materials to minors over computer networks.

The Christian Coalition said this would help make the Internet, the global computer network, "child safe and family friendly."

But civil liberties and computer user groups vowed to attack the provision on constitutional grounds.

The bill also would give parents a powerful new tool — a computer chip in TV sets allowing them to keep violent, sexually explicit or other objectionable programs off their screens.

However, the TV industry has promised to fight V-Chip provision in court.

Besides Leahy, also voting no were Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz.; Russell Feingold, D-Wis.; Paul Simon, D-Ill.; and Paul Wellstone, D-Minn.

Not voting were Sens. Phil Gramm, R-Texas; Christopher Dodd, D-Conn.; and Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va. One Senate seat is vacant.

Immigration-reduction bill to be brought to March vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bill that would reduce by almost 19 percent the number of foreigners allowed to immigrate to the United States is coming to a House floor vote in mid-March, Republican leaders said Thursday.

Despite continued wrangling over the federal budget, Republicans have scheduled a vote on the bill sponsored by Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, for the week of March 18.

The bill has drawn impassioned objections from some Democrats, who insist that legal immigration should not be restricted.

It would reduce the annual total of new immigrants from the 804,416 who entered the United States in 1994 to 655,000 by 2001. That's almost 19 percent, but some opponents believe the reduction would be higher, perhaps as much as 30 percent.

Smith said he thinks the bill will sail through the House easily with support from Democrats as well as Republicans.

Current law penalizes U.S. residents, who must wait years to bring immediate relatives to join them, forces unemployed citizens to compete with immigrants for scarce jobs and drains welfare programs of benefits that should go to citizens, Smith said.

"Our current immigration laws are broken and must be fixed," he said. "In the case of legal immigration, it means reuniting more quickly the immediate families that have been split, and it also means discouraging legal immigrants from taking advantage of the taxpayer."

Smith's bill also seeks to crack down on illegal immigration by doubling the number of border patrol agents over five years, barring illegal aliens from receiving many public benefits, increasing penalties for those who smuggle foreigners into the country and speeding up deportation of aliens who commit crimes.

In addition to the Democratic opposition, Smith faces some contention from fellow Republicans who oppose reducing legal immigration.

During a news conference Thursday, Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, would not say how he would vote on the bill. In the past, Armey has said he doesn't want to see more restrictions on legal immigrants.

"We are very confident that this bill will make for a very interesting day on the floor," Armey said. "I will sit down and I will study it and I will listen to the debate."

A similar bill written by Sen. Alan Simpson, R-Wyo., will be examined soon by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The bill is HR2202.

Hutchison sets Bosnia visit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison is taking part in a bipartisan congressional trip to Bosnia over the weekend, her fourth trek to the troubled region since last year.

She's not going empty-handed.

The Republican called a news conference Thursday to announce she's bringing 712 pair of mohair socks for a battalion of American soldiers taking part in the NATO peacekeeping mission.

The knee-highs, made from the wool of Angora goats, were donated by the Texas-based American Mohair Council. Virtually all mohair in this country is shorn from Texas goats.

"This is a great opportunity for our folks back home to help our kids in a bad, old, cold place," said Mohair Council president Layton Black, a Democratic state representative from Goldthwaite.

Said Mrs. Hutchison: "I will be wearing mine so that I can model for the troops when we get there."

In fact, the senator acceded to a reporter's request to model the socks on the spot. "They really are terrific," she pronounced.

After scheduling difficulties prompted by an uncertain Senate calendar, the delegation left Thursday evening and will return Sunday. Stops were planned in Sarajevo and Tuzla. While the delegation will take part in a NATO conference in Munich, Germany, Mrs. Hutchison said the main purpose is to meet with the troops.

"The purpose is going to the troops to tell them how much we support them and how great we think they are doing," said the Armed Services Committee member, who has been an outspoken critic of the deployment.

Other senators expected to take part in the trip were Republicans Dan Coats of Indiana; William Cohen of Maine; Jon Kyl of Arizona; John McCain of Arizona; William Roth of Delaware; and Democrats John Glenn of Ohio; and Joe Lieberman of Connecticut.

U.S. to accept spent nuclear fuel from foreign reactors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twenty-two tons of spent nuclear fuel from foreign research reactors will be shipped to the United States, and almost all of the material will be sent to South Carolina, according to the Energy Department.

"The Clinton administration has dared to take on what others have allowed to languish for almost a decade, keeping nuclear bomb grade material out of the hands of terrorists and securing it safely on our shores," said Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary. "No national security concern is more important."

South Carolina has fought to bar the administration from sending spent fuel and reactor rods to the Savannah River complex, saying federal officials have no long-term plans for nuclear waste storage.

Last summer, a federal appeals court approved the storage of 157 spent nuclear rods from European research reactors at Savannah River, overruling state objections that a full environmental impact statement was needed first.

The DOE said Thursday a final environmental impact statement on its plans to store and reprocess nuclear materials at Savannah River would be completed later this month.

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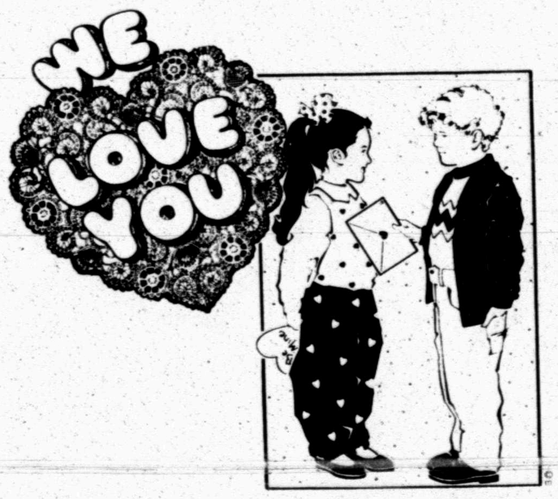
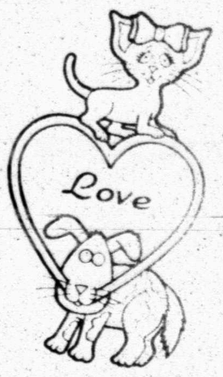


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