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Cooking for taking home

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

With a full-time job, a husband and two boys, Kendra Stephens understands busy.

The Texas Savings Bank vice president and owner of The Casserole Company knows first hand how hard it is to juggle work and the family and still manage to get a home-cooked meal on the table.

This was part of the idea behind her opening The Casserole Company last year.

"I've always been interested in doing something like this. Having a family myself, I understand how hard it is to put a hot meal on the table," Kendra said. "I talked it over with my husband and decided to try it and see how it worked."

The business, located at 3311 College, is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m.

"I cook and have six different selections every week."

What she doesn't sell, she freezes and sells frozen.

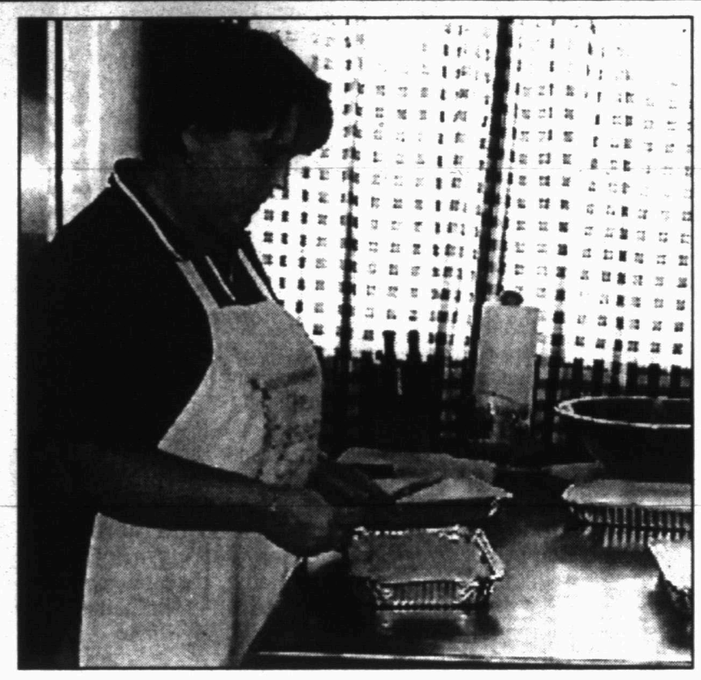
On average, Kendra said she sells 75 to 100 casseroles a week.

"Chicken spaghetti is one of the most popular, I try to have it every week, but sometimes I run out."

In addition to the six selections, special orders are also welcome. Three sizes are offered, including small for $8, medium $12, and large $15. All prepared food is subject to sales tax.

She asks that persons wanting special orders call at least 24 hours in advance.

"Some buy the casseroles cold, others want them hot to put on the table when they get home," Kendra said.



Niche business thrives...

GOOD TO GO — Kendra Stephens puts a lid on a casserole she has prepared as the owner of The Casserole Company, 3311 College Avenue. The niche business is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. and a variety of casseroles are offered. (SDN Staff Photo)

There is no additional charge for heated casseroles.

The Casserole Company has been open since September and the holidays were a busy time with many orders for Christmas parties.

Business, Kendra said, has been extremely good.

"The response has been great. It's been overwhelming. When I first started, in one night I sold 66 casseroles. I was cooking basically all the time."

She now has three employees — Jodi Boone, Candace Barrow and Ryanna Alexander.

She said she is considering expanding to other towns.

"I haven't decided how I want to do it, but I'm looking at all the options."

Kendra said she has had customers come from Big Spring, Colorado City and Lamesa to pick up orders.

"This is a part-time endeavor that is growing," she said.

Although the business is officially open only three evenings, Kendra said she cooks on Saturday mornings if anyone wants to stop by and pick up a casserole. "If I am here, you are welcome to stop by."

The Casserole Company also offers a frequent-buyer program. After customers have bought 12 casseroles, they get a small one free.

Local delivery also is available. In addition, the south door of the business is used as a drive-up window so customers do not have to get out of their vehicles.

Selections for the week are listed on the answering machine and are available in the weekend ad in the Snyder Daily News. Customers may also call and leave a reservation.

Kendra said she is currently trying to come up with some low-fat casseroles.

"I am working on sampling some low-fat recipes right now."

The business also offers Cherith Valley Gardens relishes and pickled vegetables.

Board appointments completed...

Trevey urges court to consider CMH needs

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

Although not an agenda item, Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey said during this morning's court meeting that some of his constituents had expressed the need for a resolution to the Cogdell Memorial Hospital renovation issue.

"I've been knocking on doors in my precinct and some of the people do see the necessity of us looking at that issue again."

Trevey was referring to the proposed renovations presented by Cogdell administrators following Trevey's request in October for long-range hospital goals.

"I think we need to look at it in a progressive way and get an end to the issue instead of leaving it up in the air."

The only response to Trevey's comments were questions — both from Precinct 2 Commissioner Roy Idom and from CMH Controller Selina McGuire — as to what issue Trevey was talking about.

In regular business, commissioner wrapped up board appointments.

John Rogotske was appointed to the airport board and Esmeralda Robledo was appointed to the county welfare board.

In addition, Ann Cross was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Deanie Mills on the library board.

County Judge Ricky Fritz drew names for the grievance committee from the list of people who have served on the grand jury.

Names drawn were Raymond Dunkins, George Adams and Ray Courtney. He drew Trent Martin as alternate. A letter will be sent to these individuals explaining what the committee is and asking if the person wishes to serve.

The court voted to purchase fuel from McCormick Marketing Inc. and bulk oil from Eddins-Walcher.

Bids from the two companies were basically the same, with freight costs on fuel being slightly cheaper from McCormick.

Commissioners agreed to accept bids from both R.E. Janes Gravel Co. and TexSand Gravel Products for the purchase of seal coating materials.

Precinct 4 Commissioner Chloanne Lindsey requested she be allowed to use TexSand Gravel because hauling from the Sweetwater company is often more economical for her.

Commissioners approved the 1999 fourth quarter treasurer's report as presented by Charlie Bell.

Bell said the county's cash balance at the end of 1999's fourth quarter was $6,954,799, which is down some $1,190,001 compared to the end of 1998.

He attributed part of the drop to a decline of more than $350,000 in early payments in the last three months of 1999.

Bell said another factor was that the county dipped into reserves for extensive roof repair of county buildings last year.

In other business, Kathryn Roberts presented the end of year report for the Scurry County Extension office, announcing she would retire on Jan. 31. Roberts has been with the county for 28 years.

The court also approved an inter-local agreement for 911 addressing maintenance for the 2000 fiscal year between the county and the West Central Texas Council of Governments.

Two budget amendments were also approved. An amendment for $9,699 was approved for the county attorney's office to be used as a start-up cost for the hot check program and the cost of a new computer.

A budget amendment in the amount of $33,882 was granted for the Board of County Development. The BCD earmarked the funds for the county to use, if necessary, in 2000 for the construction of a straightaway from Brick Plant Road onto Hwy. 208.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Don't know what it would be like without e-mail, but it might be nice to try."

Homer Anderson, minister at 37th Street Church of Christ, passed along an item included in a church bulletin he received, indicating that we are being forced to make computers part of our daily routine.

Homer and I agreed that we had seen some of the items before, but he noted that they had been adapted to fit folks in frigid Viking country.

It was titled, "A Minnesota Guide to Computer Lingo."

—Log on: Making the wood stove hotter.

—Log off: Don't add wood.

—Monitor: Keep an eye on da wood stove.

—Megahertz: When a big log drops on your bare foot in da morning.

—Floppy Disk: What you get from piling on too much wood.

—Ram: Da hydraulic thing that makes da wood-splitter work.

—Drive: Getting home during most of the winter.

—Prompt: What you wish da mail was during da snow season.

—Enter: Come on in.

—Windows: What is a must during black fly season.

—Chip: What you munch during Viking games.

—Microchip: What's left in da bag when da chips are gone.

—Modem: What you did to da hay fields last July.

—Dot Matrix: Eino Matrix's wife.

DCOS executive director John DeLille has an old-time friend who is a school principal in New Orleans. The friend sent John this notice from Microsoft.

"It has come to our attention that a few copies of the Texas Edition of Windows 98 may have accidentally been shipped outside of Texas.

"If you have one of the Texas Editions, you may need some help understanding the commands.

"The Texas Edition may be recognized by looking at the opening screen.

"It reads Winders98 with a background picture of the Alamo superimposed on the Texas flag. It is shipped with a Leann Rimes screen saver.

"Also note the Recycle Bin is labeled Outhouse. My Computer is called the Infernal Contraption. Dialup Networking is called Good ol Boys. Control Panel is known as the Dashboard.

"Hard Drive is referred as Wheel Drive. Floppies are Them Little Ol' Plastic Disc Thangs. Instead of an Error message you get a Winder covered with a garbage bag and duct tape.

"Terminology:

—OK: Ats aww-right.

—Cancel: Hail no.

—Reset: Aww shoot.

—Yes: Shore

—No: Naaa.

—Find: Hunt-fer-it.

—Back: Yonder.

—Stop: Ternit off.

—Start: Crank it up.

—Programs: Stuff that does stuff."

Bush recalls life's 'defining moment'

WASHINGTON (AP) — His footsteps slowed by a nagging hangover, George W. Bush paid little heed to the majestic Rockies rising nearby as he made his daily three-mile run. He was feeling worse than usual after a boisterous night of drinking.

The night before, Bush, his wife and a half-dozen close friends from Midland had enjoyed a festive dinner at the elegant Broadmoor resort in Colorado Springs, ordering bottles of a pricey Cabernet Sauvignon as they raised their glasses in successive toasts. They were there that July 1986 weekend to celebrate the 40th birthdays of Bush and a pal, Midland oilman Don Evans.

The evening, which came after 18 holes of golf and a visit to the Air Force Academy's chapel, was "nothing crazy," Evans recalled.

"We just had a loud, long dinner that night," said childhood friend Joe O'Neill. "We weren't asked to leave or anything."

But the aftereffects dogged Bush's footsteps the next day.

About halfway through, he made a decision: He would quit drinking.

When he told his wife Laura, she was skeptical. "I'm not sure she believed me, at first," said Bush, who was known for being the life of the party.

A spiritual awakening that had begun a year earlier "helped me quit drinking," Bush, 53, said in a interview with The AP. So did a growing realization that drinking could jeopardize his relationships, his health and his career. Bush's oil business was going through tough times as well, with severely depressed oil prices bringing an uncomfortable level of debt.

Friends have suggested that Bush's decision was driven partly by concern that he not do anything to embarrass his father, George Bush, the vice president who was gearing up for a run for the White House. Months after the Broadmoor dinner, the younger Bush would uproot his family from Midland and move to Washington to serve as his father's "loyalty enforcer."

The younger Bush, now in the midst of his own campaign, offers a different explanation.

"I am a person who enjoys life, and for years, I enjoyed having a few drinks," the Texas governor wrote. "But gradually, drinking began to compete with my energy. I'd be a step slower getting up. My daily runs seemed harder after a few too many drinks the night before."

Bush, who had a fondness for bourbon and beer, also had some awkward run-ins while drinking.

In one episode, The Wall Street Journal's then-Washington bureau chief, Al Hunt, recalled being accosted by a "clearly lubricated" Bush in a Dallas restaurant in 1986, and sworn at for some perceived slight against Bush's father. Bush called Hunt to apologize after the anecdote surfaced in a Bush biography, "First Son," published in 1999.

Bush credits his wife, who had been nudging him to quit drinking, with helping him. But Laura Bush says he is solely responsible.

The decision, which Bush describes as a turning point in his life, came during an unusually introspective period.

The previous summer of 1985, a fireside chat with the Rev. Billy Graham at the Bush family retreat in Kennebunkport, Maine, launched Bush on a spiritual quest that friends say sharpened his interest in public service. Graham had been staying with the family for a weekend, and one night the elder Bush asked the evangelist to answer questions on faith.

"I don't remember the exact words. It was more the power of his example," the younger Bush wrote.

Bush long had attended church, taught Sunday school and served on church committees. But it wasn't until the meeting with Graham that he began to deepen his faith in what one Bible study classmate, Don Jones, called "a long struggle up a steep hill."

"I think George sensed that there was a spiritual void in his life," said Jones.

In an interview at his Austin campaign headquarters, Bush said: "I was a married man, raising kids, prior to 40. I'd been a Sunday school teacher, I'd been a Little League coach, running a business. I had a life that was a responsible life. But there was something missing."

Bush, who has been faulted by some for injecting religion into politics by stating that Jesus Christ was the most influential thinker in his life, rejects the criticism.

"If people want to know me, they've got to know that's an integral part of my life. It changed me," he told a reporter. "But I want people to hear this: That's not a reason to vote for me, and it wasn't a reason for people to vote for me for governor. .... It's just a part of my life."

ASK US

Q—Do any of the schools collect the Betty Crocker or the Box Top for Education coupons.

A—Stanfield collects both and Northeast collects the Box Top coupons. Central, East and West do not.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 75 degrees; low, 48; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 49; no precipitation; total for 2000, .73 of an inch.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; low, lower 40s; wind light, variable; Wednesday, sunny, warm, high, upper 70s; SW wind 10-20 mph.

Rebecca Morin
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 6:07 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:43 a.m.
Of 17 days in 2000, the sun has shone 17 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Have patience with all things, but mostly with yourself.
St. Francis de Sales

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Democrats consider racial profiling in debate

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — In their final debate before Iowa voters launch the presidential nominating season with the caucuses next week, Democratic rivals Al Gore and Bill Bradley scuffled over the issue of racial profiling but agreed that the Confederate battle flag should no longer be allowed to fly above the South Carolina Capitol.

Vice President Gore and Bradley, a former senator, also stated their support for affirmative action policies during the hourlong forum on racial issues.

Both men pledged to quickly end racial profiling, but the liveliest moment of Monday evening's debate came when Bradley pressed Gore to demand that President Clinton issue an executive order immediately ending the practice.

"I want you to walk down his hallway, walk into his office and say 'sign this executive order today,'" Bradley said, drawing a sharp retort from Gore.

"I don't think President Bill Clinton needs a lecture from Bill Bradley on how to stand up and fight for African-Americans" and Hispanics, said Gore, who argued that Clinton has set records in appointing minorities to key administration posts.

"It's one thing to talk the talk, it's another thing to walk the walk," said Gore.

Racial profiling is a police practice where some officers target minority group members for traffic stops. Bradley has made boosting racial harmony a centerpiece of his campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination.

The focus on minority issues, in a debate televised nationally by the cable channel MSNBC, came hours after protests in South Carolina, where civil rights leaders demanded that the Confederate battle flag be lowered from atop the South Carolina Capitol.

Both rivals firmly agreed that the flag should be lowered, but Gore said he had no plans to boycott the state as some leaders have suggested.

"I do not think a president of the United States should ever boycott an individual state," said Gore, who criticized Republican presidential candidates as being about the only base of support for keeping the flag flying. None of the GOP candidates have called for the flag's removal; most of them say the people of South Carolina should decide.

"It is an offense to our common humanity," Bradley said of displaying the flag.

Both also condemned Atlanta Braves pitcher John Rocker, under fire for making racist remarks about minorities.

"I would not be disappointed if they fired him," said Bradley. "Certainly suspension is in order."

Gore said Rocker's comments were reprehensible and disgusting. "And I condemn it without any reservation, of course," he said.

The debate came on the federal holiday honoring slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., and both men were sounding their themes of racial unity at a wider audience, since Iowa's minority population is under 4 percent.

It was the sixth face-to-face exchange between the two competitors and it came as most polls show Gore with a significant lead of 20 percentage points or more in Iowa.

After the debate, Gore went to an African-American church jammed with about 700 people, declaring "I felt the spirit" as the choir sang. Gore stood in front of the choir swaying with the music and clapping in time.

He praised the debate, arguing that "these are issues that should be raised in every state in every city across the nation."

An ebullient Bradley headed for a post-debate party at the local Painters union hall that rocked to the groove of Michael Jackson's music. With blue curtains hanging from the wall and lights glaring, the place had been transformed into a temporary TV studio as a campaign film crew gathered footage for the next round of ads.

On other issues, the two rivals:

— Agreed that the father of Elian Gonzalez, the 6-year-old Cuban boy at the center of an international dispute, should come to the United States to seek custody of him. Both candidate's positions have evolved on the issue of the youngster's future.

— Said they favored the policy that allows Cuban refugees who successfully reach this country to remain here, unlike those from other nations, such as Haiti.

— Emphasized their commitment to minority issues. Bradley noted that his German-born wife Ernestine "would be the first immigrant first lady in the United States."

— Pledged to be strong on appointing minorities to administration posts.

— Renewed their fight over health care.

Man arrested by feds for running online hate site

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Federal authorities have charged a man with civil rights violations for running a Web site that threatened a housing activist, a step experts said may be the first of its kind against online hate speech.

Ryan Wilson and the group he runs — ALPHA HQ — were charged with violating the Fair Housing Act, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo said Monday. He said the complaint was filed with a HUD judge in Philadelphia last week.

"Tragically, this case shows that the racism and the terrible discrimination that Dr. King fought so hard to abolish remain alive and well, and have even moved into cyberspace," Cuomo said in his Martin Luther King Day announcement in Washington, D.C.

The target was Bonnie Jouhari, who worked at the Reading-Berks Human Relations Council at the time the alleged threats were made in 1998 and also chaired the Hate Crimes Task Force for Berks County. Part of her job was to help people file discrimination complaints under the housing act.

Authorities said the site, which is no longer on the Internet, carried a picture of Jouhari, who is white, and labeled her a "race traitor." It said: "Traitors like this should beware, for in our day, they will be hung from the neck from the nearest tree or lamp post."

The site also carried an animated picture of Jouhari's office being blown up by explosives. Jouhari and her 16-year-old daughter fled the Reading area following the threats, HUD officials said.

"Our feeling is that these were clear death threats and Jouhari suffered great damage fearing for her life and her young daughter's life," HUD spokesman David Egner said.

A man at Wilson's home told The Philadelphia Inquirer that Wilson had moved last month, leaving no forwarding address.

Although authorities have taken steps against people who send threatening e-mail or post threatening messages, experts said HUD's action is believed to be the first by a federal agency against a Web site.

"I cannot remember a case such as this," said David Goldman, executive director of Boston-based HateWatch.org.

The Rabbi Abraham Cooper of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles told the Inquirer it was the first time he had heard of a federal agency cracking down on the operator of a known online hate site.

If an administrative law judge rules against Wilson, he faces civil penalties of at least $22,000, plus monetary compensation to Jouhari, HUD officials said.

The state filed a civil lawsuit in October 1998 accusing Wilson and ALPHA HQ of making terroristic threats and ethnic intimidation, which led to a court order in February barring them from posting any threats against Jouhari and other human-rights workers in Pennsylvania.

"I hope it serves as a wake-up call for communities who think these things can't happen to them," Jouhari said.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2000

Generally speaking, you could be rather fortunate in the year ahead in endeavors that involve social arrangements or partnerships. Use your congeniality to feather your nests.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's important that you think like a winner today. If you have to make an important decision and you base it on its positives, Lady Luck will come to your aid. Capricorn, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Provided your targets aren't obscure or fuzzy, you're likely to get whatever you go after today. Thus, it's imperative your goals are first clearly defined.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It's in you to be firm if you'll try. In situations that call for persuasion, be resolute and self-assured. You'll discover that you do possess the self-confidence called for today.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Albeit from other than your usually sources, greater yields are possible today which could stimulate your bank account. Search for resources in uncommon places.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Someone with whom you work or associate could have some different slants on a project in which you're interested in furthering. This person's input can be a big help.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Father experience will be a big help in fulfilling your expectations today, especially in endeavors that involve material benefits. Draw upon this wisdom wherever it comes from.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A delicate development that threatens to derail a project in which you're involved can be handled astutely today once you choose to do so. You'll manage it like a champion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) There's a lesson for you to learn, and that is not to worry unnecessarily. A situation that has been causing you concern will work out much better than you had anticipated today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Should someone who is pertinent to your present plans not be able to come to you today, don't let this deter you. Make arrangements to go to him or her.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Focus your efforts on meaningful objectives today, because you are in a great achievement cycle both career-wise and financially. Cash in on the good times.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Align yourself with someone who has a proven track record when going into any negotiations or head-on-head debates today. His or her past experience will serve you well.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It might not be obvious to you at first today, but there are ample opportunities around you. Look about, because it'll be up to you to search them out.

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BSP WELCOMES TWO — Carolyn Greene, left, and Niki Glasscock, right, were welcomed to the Xi Alpha Alpha Theta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi. Both longtime Snyder residents, Greene is rejoining and Glasscock is transferring from a chapter in Utah. President Lois Cave performed the welcoming rituals. During the business session at the country club, members voted to donate the Texas Women's Museum. (SDN Staff Photo)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Art Guild Study Club; MAWC; 5 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Cosmorama Study Club; MAWC; 4:15 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8018 p.m.

THURSDAY

Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; board room; all members are urged to attend; 10 a.m.

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

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

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

Snyder Chapter 450 Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Hall, 1912 35th Street; 7:30 p.m.

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

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

Hermleigh Community Center Family Night; 6:30 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

Just For Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m. p.m.

Library book returned after 40 years

EDMOND, Okla. (AP) — Art Ogg has finally returned his library book, 40 years overdue.

He checked out the adventure novel "Snow Dog" in 1959 as a 15-year-old and described it as "a really neat story written through the eyes of a trapper in the Yukon."

Ogg, now 56, lost track of the book after he joined the Navy at 17. He stumbled across it again about three years ago while helping his mother tidy up her attic in Dwight, Ill., 70 miles southwest of Chicago.

"It was in perfect shape," Ogg said Monday. "It was absolutely pristine" and even had "my little signature on it."

This little angel turns "Sweet 16" today... So look out Snyder... Here she comes

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By Phillip Alder

01-18-00

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♠ 7 3 2
♥ K 7 2
♦ K 9 8 6
♣ Q 7 3

West
♠ 10 6 4
♥ 10 9 8 4 3
♦ 7 3
♣ K J 10

East
♠ K 9
♥ A Q 6
♦ J 10 4 2
♣ A 9 5 4

South
♠ A Q J 8 5
♥ J 5
♦ A Q 5
♣ 8 6 2

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 10

The bronze medal winner

We have learned that Iceland (320 per 1,000 inhabitants) and Finland (305) head the list of countries with the greatest percentage of Internet surfers. Which nation occupies the third spot? No. 3 is only one user per thousand behind Finland.

This country has enjoyed considerable success on the international stage without gaining a world-team victory. Its best result was second in the 1993 Bermuda Bowl, losing in the final to the Netherlands. Its top pair, Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness, won the elite Macallan International Bridge Pairs Championship in 1998 and 1999. They were the only pair to reach a grand slam in this deal from last year's event.

With 4-4 in the minors, it is normal to open one diamond. Yet when you have such a strong hand, one club is better because it increases the chances of finding a minor-suit fit. Four no-trump was Roman Key Card Blackwood with diamonds agreed. Five diamonds showed one key card: either an ace or, as here, the diamond king. Five no-trump confirmed that all six key cards (four aces and the king-queen of diamonds) were held and that North had grand-slam aspirations. Knowing that North's heart losers would disappear on his spade winners, Helgemo had no hesitation in jumping to seven diamonds. (True, seven spades makes too, but seven diamonds is the better contract.)

For this performance, the pair from Norway was given the Romex Award by the International Bridge Press Association for the best-bid hands of the year.

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Births

Jason and Isabel Hernandez of Snyder announce the birth of their son, Jase Ryan Hernandez. He was born at 1:48 p.m. on Jan. 14 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Paternal grandparents are Joe Luera of Snyder and Odie Thomason of Rotan. Maternal grandparents are Domingo and Lydia Luera of Snyder.

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Stacy and Lena White of Odessa announce the birth of their daughter, Destiny Nicole White, at 1:24 a.m. on Dec. 29, 1999 in Odessa's Medical Center. Siblings Anthony, Zachary and Isaac welcomed her home.

Paternal grandparents are Bobby and Tina White of Snyder and Becky White of Snyder. Great-grandfather is Julian Jones of Odessa.

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Mirellda Sanchez announces the birth of her daughter weighing six pounds, four ounces. She was born at 11:10 p.m. on Jan. 17 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Superbowl game crowd...

Treats for the biggest snack day of the year

Are you ready for the biggest snacking day of the year? This game calls for easy to prepare treats the whole gang will enjoy. No other snack satisfies a crowd like popcorn. It's fast, easy, versatile and delivers a powerful taste sensation. Popcorn snacks give the nutrition and energy needed to cheer the team to victory throughout the entire game.

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—Give each fan their own individual bowl of popcorn to enjoy, then create your own popcorn flavoring bar…simply set out shakers of your favorite seasoning salts and spices and let everyone flavor their own bowl.

—No time to whip up special superbowl snacks? Fresh popcorn is always special. Simply pop some in the microwave to serve up instant fun!

—Include both sweet and savory popcorn choices such as Cajun or Hot Mustard Popcorn and Touchdown Treat.

CAJUN CORN

2 ½ quarts popped popcorn
¼ cup butter, melted
1 teaspoon paprika
½ teaspoon onion powder
½ teaspoon garlic powder
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
1 teaspoon lemon pepper

Pour butter over warm popcorn. Combine remaining seasonings and sprinkle over popcorn, toss to mix. Bake in 300 degree oven for crispy popcorn, if desired. Makes 2 ½ quarts.

Nutritional Information (based on 1-cup serving):

Total Calories 92; Fat 7g; Carbohydrate 7g; Sugar .2g; Fiber 1g; Protein 1g; Sodium 48mgCholesterol 12mg.

SPICY SUPERBOWL POPCORN

2 quarts popcorn popped in
¼ cup oil
1 teaspoon mustard (dry)
½ teaspoon thyme
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
Dash cayenne pepper
Optional: ½ teaspoon low-sodium salt

Keep popcorn warm. Mix seasonings together. Add to popped popcorn and mix thoroughly.

Nutritional Information (based on 1-cup serving): Total Calories 96; Fat 1g; Carbohydrate 7g; Sugar .2g; Fiber 1g; Protein 1g; Sodium 69mg; Cholesterol Omg.

TOUCHDOWN TREAT

4 quarts popped popcorn
1 cup unsalted cocktail peanuts
1 cup seedless raisins
1 cup honey
½ cup water
1 tablespoon lemon juice

In a large buttered bowl, combine popcorn, peanuts and raisins. Keep warm. Extra space needs to be taken out. Combine honey, water and lemon juice in a saucepan. Bring to a boil; cook and stir over medium heat until mixture reaches 250 degrees, or hard ball stage on a candy thermometer. Pour over popcorn; toss to mix thoroughly. Turn onto a buttered jellyroll pan or large baking pan. Bake in a preheated 300 degree oven for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Yield: 4 quarts.

Nutritional Information (based on 1-cup serving):

Total Calories 172; Fat 6g; Carbohydrate 30g; Sugar 22g; Fiber 2g; Protein 3g; Sodium 3mg; Cholesterol Omg.

Hospital

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DISMISSALS: Manuel Garcia, Barbra Jones, Lee Gill, Ann Lovelady, Isabel Luera and baby, Louisa Martinez, G.E. Skaggs and Michael Upton.

CENSUS: 51 (Med./Surg.-23, Long-term Care-24, OB-2 and Nursery-2)

Donation received

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Howard Tibbals is packing up his little circus and taking it to the big show.

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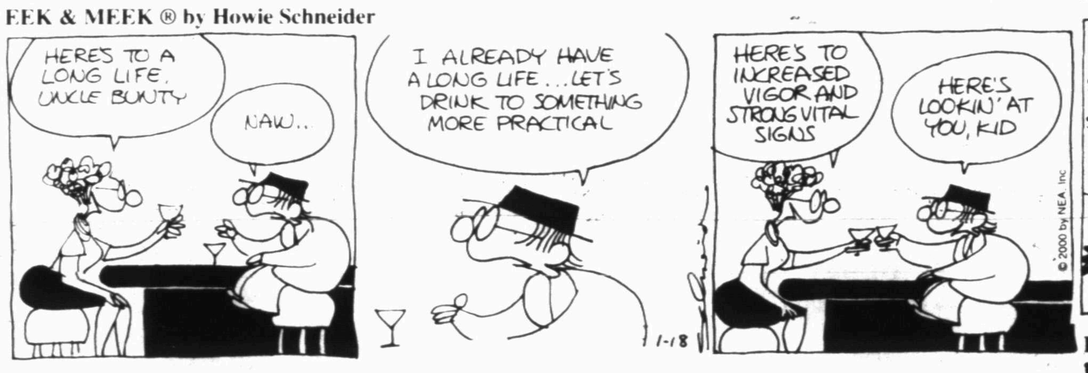

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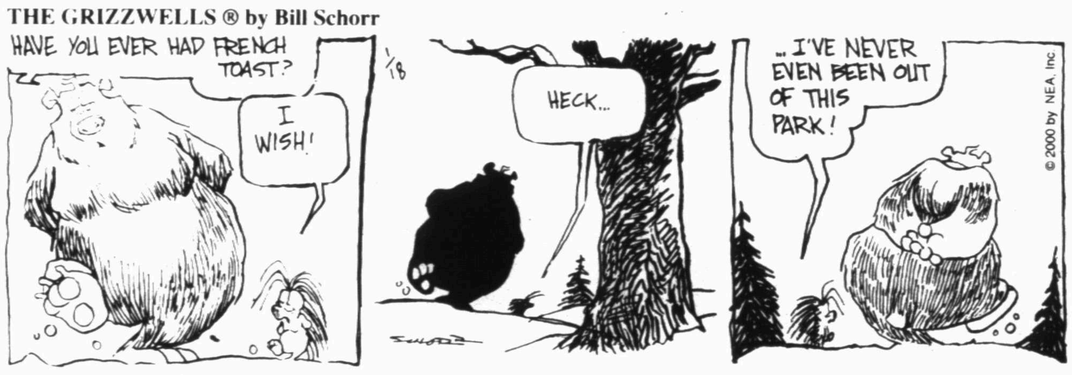

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7 Bed covering
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14 "Night of the —"
15 14-line verse
16 Seasoned (food)
17 Watering places
18 Hill dweller
20 Ancient Italian family
21 "A Lesson from —" (Fugard play)
23 Insults
27 Tearless
32 Buenos —
33 Operate a Cadillac
34 List of candidates
35 Backs of necks
36 "Quiet!"
39 Kate Nelligan movie
40 Type of bear
42 Applies frosting to
46 Once named
47 Unemployed
51 Illuminated naturally
53 Perkier
55 Dress
56 Japanese robe
57 Guardian
58 Traps

DOWN

1 Hissing sound
2 Theatrical piece
3 Ms. Barrett
4 Lodges
5 Bind
6 Outer
7 Sibling
8 Tiger Woods' org.
9 — of thumb
10 Has lunch
11 Work without — — (be daring)
12 Florida county
19 Acknowledge a greeting
21 Agree
22 Capital of New South Wales
23 Back talk
24 Leslie Caron role
25 — Mountains of Europe
26 Nerve network
28 Of an age
29 Cry of pain
30 Equal
31 Bandleader Arnaz
37 Middle
38 Netherlands commune
41 Office items
42 "Out of Africa" author Dinesen
43 Adorable
44 Grafted (heraldry)
45 Oversight
47 "— La Douce"
48 Designer Christian —
49 Unaspirated
50 Cupid
52 Rage
54 Safety —

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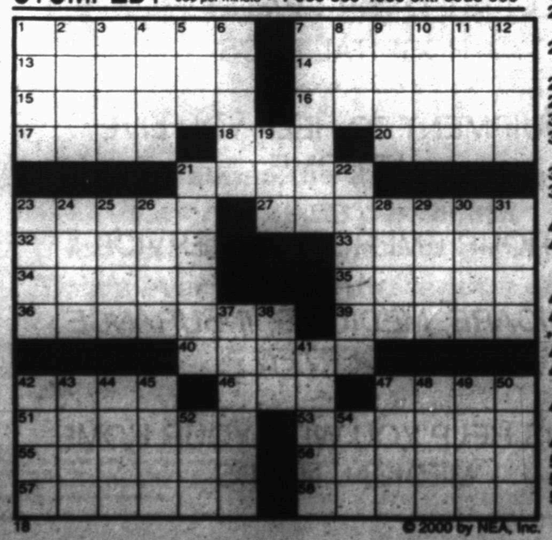

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SPORTS

Tonight at the SHS gym...

Snyder cagers square off with Sweetwater in 5-4A showdowns

By Eric Drennan
SDN Sports Editor

District 5-4A's top spot will be up for grabs, not once, but twice when Snyder hosts Sweetwater tonight in a pair of league battles at the SHS gym.

The Lady Tiger and Tiger squads are undefeated in district action, as are their counterparts from Sweetwater. Girls' action tips off at 6 o'clock, followed by the boys' match-up at 7:30.

With the league lead on the line, both Snyder coaches expect intense contests. But then again, both men admitted that's the way it is every night out on the floor in this district.

"We play 10 district games, and not one of them is more important than another," said Lady Tiger coach Sam Tipton. "They all count the same in the win and loss columns. We just have to go out, play the best we can play, and then live with the outcome, because we have a game just as important coming up on Friday."

With nine lettermen and four starters returning from last year's team that reached the regional finals, the Lady Mustangs' (21-2) 3-0 start comes as no surprise. But that's not the case with the Sweetwater boys.

Sam Tipton

The Mustangs finished dead last in the district race a year ago, but knocked off defending co-champion Lake View in Friday's league opener. The victory is proof the Ponies have come a long way since last year, according to Tiger coach Bud Birks.

Bud Birks

"They are the most improved team in the district," Birks said of the Mustangs. "They trailed Lake View for a good while on Friday, then outscored them by 27 points in the second half. They're quick and do some things that can give you problems, defensively. I expect another hard-fought ball game, just like last year, and just like last Friday."

For the Lady Tigers (8-12) to come out on top, they need to control Sweetwater's sharp shooters Sharon Ballenger and Bri Lambreth in the early going. The Lady Mustangs' patience on the offensive end makes it difficult for opponents to overcome early deficits.

"A major key will be how well Sweetwater shoots the ball early in the game," Tipton stated. "They are going to be very selective on the offensive end, and hopefully we are, too. For us, it's a matter of getting in position to give ourselves a chance to win it in the fourth quarter."

Without a standout post player, the Sweetwater boys (7-13) also rely on their shooting skills and quickness to break teams down off the dribble.

Seniors Lance Bishop and Derek Carr lead the Mustangs' attack, which is designed to utilize the team's quickness.

"They are very quick and aggressive with the dribble," said Birks. "They aren't a post oriented team, but they shoot the ball pretty well, and they switch their defense from man-to-man to zone.

"They play hard. We have a bit of a size advantage on them, so we need to control the boards and limit their second chances."

The Tigers, defending 5-4A co-champions, enter the match-up with a 14-9 overall record.

Freshman girls' action gets underway today at 4:30 at the high school, with the freshman boys starting at the same time at the junior high.

The junior varsity boys tip off at 6 at the junior high, followed by the JV girls at 7:30.

District 5-4A Boys

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	1	0	14	9
Andrews	1	0	9	13
Sweetwater	1	0	7	13
Fort Stockton	0	1	10	12
Big Spring	0	1	13	11
Lake View	0	1	8	12

Friday's results: Snyder 45, Fort Stockton 44; Sweetwater 64, Lake View 54; Andrews 79, Big Spring 55.
Today's games: Sweetwater at Snyder; Andrews at Fort Stockton; Lake View at Big Spring.

District 5-4A Girls

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Snyder	3	0	8	12
Sweetwater	3	0	21	2
Lake View	2	1	9	13
Big Spring	1	2	11	10
Andrews	0	3	6	13
Fort Stockton	0	3	6	21

Friday's results: Snyder 44, Fort Stockton 27; Sweetwater 53, Lake View 33; Big Spring 64, Andrews 46.
Today's games: Sweetwater at Snyder; Lake View at Big Spring; Andrews at Fort Stockton.

Lady Dusters bow to Clarendon, 63-52

Western Texas turned in strong performances in several facets of the game, but was turned away once again due to shooting woes.

The Lady Dusters struggled from the floor Monday night, dropping a WJCAC match-up to Clarendon, 63-52.

WTC falls to 0-3 in conference action and 2-17 overall, heading into Thursday's meeting with South Plains at 7:30 at the WTC gym.

Western Texas controlled the tempo and held a 45-36 advantage in the rebounding department. But the Lady Dusters' defensive effort couldn't make up for a 17-of-70 effort from the floor.

"We played hard, especially in the second half," said WTC coach Valery Jackson. "We had some girls who really stepped up. We just couldn't put the ball in the hole, again. All we do in practice just about is shoot, but we can't get them to fall in the game."

Sophomore point guard Carrie Fincher was solid throughout. Fincher poured in 12 points, snared eight steals, dished out five assists, and grabbed five rebounds.

LaKeisha Ross also finished with 12 points, while Cassie Wilson added 10. Crystal Williams drained six points, with Erica Jackson registering five. Danielle Brown rattled home four points. Akisha Waters tallied two points, and Veronica Hubbard chipped in one.

The Lady Dusters will be looking for their first conference win Thursday when they host South Plains, which is down to only seven players on its roster.

Following the match-up with the Lady Texans, Western Texas hits the road again Monday when it visits New Mexico Junior College.

Kansas' depth wears out A&M

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M was outmanned against Kansas, and it finally showed.

Kenny Gregory scored 15 points and led a second half run as the seventh-ranked Jayhawks used their height and balance to beat Texas A&M 78-57 Monday night. The Aggies made it interesting until they collapsed in the second half.

"It's not fair, they are bigger than us and they had more guys than us," Texas A&M coach Melvin Watkins said jokingly. "I've got to talk to the NCAA about spreading things out a little more evenly."

Kansas (15-2, 4-0 in Big 12) overcame Texas A&M's (5-10, 1-3) early defensive stand for a 38-29 halftime lead. The Aggies were bolstered by a controversial last-second victory over Texas Tech on Saturday night, but this time they weren't even close.

"I think the key to our team is our depth. We try to wear teams out," Gregory said. "You can see it in a guy's eyes when he's winded. We try to bury a team as soon as possible, not leave them any hope to come back in the last five minutes."

Leading 45-39 with 16:51 to play, Kansas erupted with a 27-9 run for a 72-48 lead with 3:21 left. Gregory had 10 points in the second half.

The Jayhawks outrebounded the Aggies 55-32, led by Drew Gooden, who had 10 points and 10 rebounds. Kansas had four players scoring in double figures.

Bulldogs, Coyotes highlight 1A action

Until the playoffs roll around, ballgames don't get much bigger than the one at Ira High School tonight.

The eighth-ranked Ira Bulldogs host the fourth-ranked Borden County Coyotes at 8 o'clock tonight in a battle that will give one team the inside track to the district title.

The Coyotes are 18-3 on the year and 2-1 in district play, while the Bulldogs enter with a 20-2 overall record and an unblemished 3-0 district mark.

Ira marked this contest on its schedule months ago. The Bulldogs haven't knocked off Borden County in recent years, despite advancing all the way to the regional tourney last season.

"We're looking forward to this challenge," said Ira coach Bubba Edwards. "Our kids are excited about it, and I'm sure Borden County's are, too. I expect a good, hard-fought ballgame."

The Bulldogs toppled Grady, Westbrook and Sands en route to their 3-0 league mark, while the Coyotes lone setback came at the hands of the Grady Wildcats.

Ira will have a size advantage underneath with 6-7 Logan Daves positioned in the paint, along with Jerek Brown. The two seniors lead the Bulldogs in scoring and rebounding.

Another state-ranked team will be on the floor prior to the boys' battle, when No. 3 Borden County takes on Ira in varsity girls' action. The girls' game tips off at 6:30.

In other local 1A competition, the Hermleigh Cardinals look to stay near the top of the district standings when they host Trent.

Girls' action tips off in Hermleigh at 6:30, followed by the boys at 8 o'clock.

Sports Briefs

Pitching clinics scheduled

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

WGA to host Big Spring

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will host an event with the Big Spring Comanche Trails WGA on Wednesday at 10 a.m. For more information, call 573-0604 or 573-7101.

3-on-3 tourney scheduled

A girls' 3-on-3 basketball tournament for fourth, fifth and sixth graders will be held Feb. 5. Deadline to enter is Feb. 3 and entry fee is $30. For more information, call the Boys' and Girls' Club at 573-3344.

Eighth grade girls fall to Mustangs

Snyder Gold had seven players score, and Snyder Black had two players finish in double figures, but it wasn't enough to overcome Andrews in a pair of eighth grade girls' games Monday night.

Snyder Gold fell to the Lady Mustangs, 45-25, while Snyder Black suffered a 33-28 setback.

Sharday McKinney's eight points paced the Gold squad. Erin Burleson dropped in seven points, with Andra Dunham adding three.

Laura Calmes, Kelby Drum and Gretchen Hollis tallied two points apiece, with Dominique Braziel chipping in one.

For Snyder Black, it was Whitney Criswell and Katie Chandler leading the way with 10 points each. Alexis Lawson registered six points, and Acee French notched two.

SJHS girls top Andrews

In a pair of hard fought contests, Snyder's seventh grade girls notched one win, and suffered one setback.

Snyder Black edged out Andrews, 25-23, while Snyder Gold fell, 34-28, to the Lady Mustangs.

Jodi Stewart paced Snyder Black with seven points. Ashley Villegas dropped in five points, with Rebecca Aguirre adding four. Kalli Wesson, Taren Knipe, Marissa Munoz and Sarah Carpenter tallied two points apiece, and Heather Polk chipped in one.

Briana Burk turned in a stellar performance for Snyder Gold, pouring in 17 points to lead the squad. Heather Zajicek registered seven points, and Kayla Guerrero posted four.

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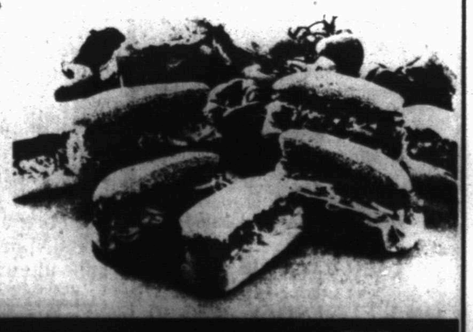
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Students may be banned from school

BLANCO (AP) — School officials vowed to fight to keep the students arrested in connection with a pipe bomb found at Blanco High School banned from coming back to the school.

"I met with the principal and superintendent and tried to elicit a guarantee about that, and I think I did," said school board President Jim Pepper, about the ban.

His comments came Monday night, as some 250 people filled Blanco High's cafeteria to discuss school safety with the board, prosecutors and police officials.

"Those students under arrest at this time will not be allowed to enter our building. I don't know if that's legal, but we will find out if we have to." Pepper told the San Antonio Express-News.

Superintendent Mike Adkins said he would stand behind the ban, even though the district may be on shaky legal ground. As of yet, a conviction had not been handed down against the pupils.

"We will still fight it," Adkins said. "We will pressure as much as we can to keep these children out of our school."

The school's 300 students have been evacuated three times in the past two weeks because of bomb scares.

In the second incident, a small pipe bomb was found in a bathroom Jan. 10, and three students were arrested, according to the Express-News.

Two of the students, both 16, were charged Thursday with helping plant the 7-inch pipe bomb and were ordered to be held in juvenile jail for 10 more days. Two others — Justin Byars and Nancy Garcia, both 17 — were also arrested and are being charged as adults.

The high school was emptied again Friday after a threatening note was found in the same bathroom.

No arrests have been made in that incident, and police said Monday it wasn't related to the earlier cases.

However, a fifth student was arrested Monday, Sheriff Bill Elsbury said. He refused to discuss further details in the case.

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	High	Low	Last	
AMR Corp	61¼	60	60	— ½
AT&T Corp s	54¼	53½	53¾	—15-16
Albertsons	32⅝	31 5-16	32⅜	+ ½
Alltel	80 5-16	79¾	79 15-16	+ 9-16
AmerOnline s	63⅞	61⅝	61 13-16	— 1⅜
AndarkPtr	35 9-16	33 15-16	35 7-16	+ 1 9-16
AtlRichfld	77¼	76⅛	76 11-16	+ ⅝
ATMOS Egy	18⅞	18⅝	18 11-16	— ⅛
Aviall	8¾	8½	8⅝	— 1-16
BP Amoco s	55¾	54¾	54 13-16	— ½
BakerHughes	23 3-16	22¼	22 13-16	+ 1-16
Bank of Amer	50	48 9-16	48 11-16	— 1¾
BellAtl	58⅞	56 13-16	58 3-16	+ 1⅞
BellSouth	44 13-16	43 13-16	44 11-16	+ 1
Beth Steel	8	7⅞	7 15-16	— 3-16
BurlNoSFe	26 7-16	25 11-16	26 1-16	— 7-16
CBS Corp	60 7-16	58⅞	59	—2 1-16
Caterpillar	51¾	50 15-16	51 1-16	— ⅞
CenSoWst	20 9-16	20 1-16	20⅛	— 7-16
Chevron	88⅞	86 15-16	88 9-16	+ 1 9-16
Citigroup s	58¾	57 3-16	57½	— ½
Coastal	39⅝	37¾	39 3-16	+ 3 3-16
CocaCola	62⅞	61 1-16	62¾	+ 1 11-16
ColgatePal s	63⅝	62⅛	62¾	— 9-16
ComclMetals	33 5-16	33	33 5-16	
Cooperin	43⅜	43	43	— 3-16
DaimlrChry	74⅝	73 5-16	74⅛	—2 11-16
DallSemicn	66⅝	64¾	66⅜	+ ⅞
DeltaAirl	51⅜	49 13-16	50¾	+ ¾
Dillards Inc	20 3-16	19 9-16	19 15-16	— ⅛
DowChem	138¼	133 11-16	134 1-16	—4 15-16
DuPont	66 9-16	65 9-16	65⅝	—1 49-64
EastmanChem	48 9-16	47⅝	47⅝	— ⅞
EstKodak	60 7-16	59 1-16	59 15-16	— ⅝
EDS Corp	65 13-16	65	65 9-16	—13-16
Entergy	25	24½	24 11-16	— 9-16
ExxonMobil	84⅛	82⅜	84	+ ¼
Flowers	14¼	13¾	13⅞	+ 5-16
FordMotor	53 13-16	53⅛	53½	+ 1¾
GTE Cp	68⅞	66 1-16	68 3-16	+ 2 3-16
GenDynam	53 3-16	51⅝	52 11-16	—11-16
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GenMotors	84⅞	80 15-16	84½	+ 2¼
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K mart	9 13-16	9⅝	9 11-16	
Kroger Co s	18⅝	17⅞	17⅞	— 9-16
Litton	50 5-16	49⅛	49⅛	— ¾
LockheedM	21¼	20⅝	20 11-16	+ 3-16
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Lubys	11⅛	10⅞	10 15-16	+ ⅛
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NCR Corp	35 1-16	34⅛	34⅝	+ ⅛
Navistar	45 7-16	44 9-16	45	— ½
Penney JC	21½	21 3-16	21 5-16	— 3-16
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PilgrmPrd B	8 9-16	8 7-16	8 7-16	— ⅛
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SaraLee	20¼	19 15-16	19 15-16	— 3-16
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TNP Ent	41 13-16	41¾	41¾	— 1-16
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TempleInland	65⅞	64⅛	64¼	—1 9-16
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Experts: Latest lunar eclipse will be best seen in Americas

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — Finally, there's an astronomical event for all of us.

It won't take a telescope, filter, star chart or degree in rocket science to appreciate the total eclipse of the moon Thursday night. It will be visible above virtually all of North and South America, where the weather allows.

"It's perfect the way it's choreographed," said Kelly Beatty, a senior editor at Sky & Telescope magazine.

Beginning at 9:03 p.m. EST Thursday, the eclipse will reach its darkest phase between 11:05 p.m. and 12:22 a.m. Friday, when the moon reaches its height over the East Coast. In most places, the moon likely will dim to a dull charcoal or ruddy red, but it could totally disappear for some viewers.

Many star clubs, planetariums and observatories intend to seize on the broad appeal of the eclipse with parties for mass watching. In the western Massachusetts city of Springfield, hundreds are expected to crane their necks from a downtown parking lot next to a science museum.

But most people are apt to take a peek from backyards or apartment windows.

The familiarity that people feel for the moon heightens the sense of wonder when it steps unaccountably behind a curtain. "It's almost like the clockwork of the heavens is suddenly revealed," said Richard Sanderson, a party organizer for the Springfield Stars Club.

The moon is eclipsed from the sun's light when it coasts through the shadow of Earth. The last total eclipse of the moon happened in September 1997.

Experienced sky watchers suggest watching for the first signs of darkening as the Earth's shadow advances from the moon's left side. The shadows may carry hints of green, blue or other colors, especially if inspected with binoculars.

Of course, if there is bad weather, "we'll just have to wait until next time," said Joe Rao, an astronomy lecturer at Hayden Planetarium in New York.

The next total eclipse will be best visible from the West Coast on July 16.

Freezing rain causes mishaps

By The Associated Press

Freezing rain and mist coated roads with ice early today in southeastern Nebraska and southern Iowa, sending cars and trucks sliding into ditches.

Four people were killed in separate accidents in Nebraska that were blamed on the ice, three of them at interchanges along Interstate 80.

Many Nebraska schools opened late or did not open at all because of the slippery roads.

A layer of ice an inch thick formed on highways near Chariton, Iowa, said Terri Ohnemus, a cashier at the Chariton Amoco truck stop.

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God's creatures should believe in themselves because they have His image within them. Our encouragement should come from God's promises in His word, and from His Spirit within us, knowing we are God's children.

Veteran musicians win AMA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The path to the podium at the American Music Awards is a familiar one for Garth Brooks.

The top selling artist of the 1990s began the new decade by winning two AMA trophies Monday, for best country male artist and country album for "Double Live." He has raised the possibility of retiring at the end of the year.

"I'm not sure that people don't need a breather from Garth," he said after also receiving a special honor as artist of the 1990s. "You look at your three children, and really, that's your calling.

"Also, Sandy and my relationship deserves the time to be worked on," he said of his marriage.

Veteran musicians like Brooks held their own Monday against a wave of young up-and-comers, including the Backstreet Boys, the Dixie Chicks and Lauryn Hill.

The first honor of the night went to the sentimental favorite, 52-year-old rock guitarist Carlos Santana, who received a standing ovation after accepting the favorite pop-rock album award for "Supernatural."

After thanking his family, Santana brought his co-producer, Clive Davis, onstage to share the honor. Davis has been in a high-stakes power struggle over his future with the company that owns Arista Records.

Backstage, Santana said, "a lot of people told me they didn't want to work with me because I'm old. Mr. Davis believed in me. We both believed we had a masterpiece in our belly."

"Supernatural," which put Santana atop the charts for the first time in his 30-year career, beat out two teen sensations, the Backstreet Boys' "Millennium" and Britney Spears' "... Baby One More Time."

Longtime collaborators Brooks & Dunn were named best country band, duo or group, beating out Diamond Rio and the Dixie Chicks, who also lost out against Brooks for best country album.

Shania Twain won for pop-rock female artist and country female artist. Hill was honored as favorite soul-rhythm and blues female artist while "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill" won for soul-R&B album.

Including the artist of the decade honor, Brooks has 16 trophies, tying him with Lionel Richie for fourth place on the all-time list of American Music Award winners.

DMX won for favorite rap-hip hop artist. On stage he thanked Jesus, but backstage, he grumbled that with two hit albums out previously, he should have already won an honor. "I feel I should have won a few awards," he said. "Give it all to me."

Whitney Houston, who tied with Twain and Spears for most nominations with three, was shut out and didn't attend. Tyrese took the honors for new soul-rhythm and blues artist.

"I'm a living example of if you put your mind to it and let God do his work, it'll work out for you," he said, dedicating his award to the gritty neighborhood in the Watts section of Los Angeles where he grew up.

Nominees for the 27th annual awards were chosen by music industry representatives. The winners were decided in voting by about 20,000 music fans nationwide.

The show also featured results of an Internet poll that named Elvis Presley favorite artist of the 1950s, the Beatles of the 1960s, Stevie Wonder of the 1970s and Michael Jackson of the 1980s.

Mariah Carey received an Award of Achievement for her "rare and distinguished accomplishments."

An Award of Merit went to Gloria Estefan, who was honored with a musical tribute featuring 'N Sync.

Bush and McCain continue to debate the issue of taxes

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Locked in a tight presidential contest with Sen. John McCain among New Hampshire voters, George W. Bush pressed on with his criticism of the Arizona senator's tax plan, hoping it will put him ahead in public opinion polls.

"There's about six polls out, most of 'em showing us close, but there's a lot of time, I've got a lot of work to do," Bush, the Texas governor, said Monday night upon arriving here after a one-day break from the campaign trail.

"I like my chances, I like my message. I like the idea of pointing out that his tax reform is going to raise taxes on people here in this state, and I intend to make that an issue," Bush said.

The two rivals for the Republican presidential nomination renewed at a distance the argument that began Saturday when Bush said in a debate that McCain's tax proposal would impose "a $40 billion tax increase" on certain employer-provided benefits.

The architect of McCain's plan said Monday that Bush was wrong.

Mark Spitzer, a Phoenix tax attorney, said McCain's proposal is to end the deductions employers can now take on tax-exempt benefits they give their workers.

"It does nothing to the employees," said Spitzer, an Arizona state senator.

The New Hampshire primaries are Feb. 1, eight days after the Jan. 24 Iowa caucuses.

A new ABC News-Washington Post poll showed McCain in a statistical dead heat here with Bush, leading 40 percent to 36 percent among likely Republican primary voters — but within the 4-percentage point margin of error. The survey was conducted Jan. 13-16.

A Dartmouth College-Associated Press poll, conducted Jan. 9-12 and released Sunday, showed McCain leading Bush 42 percent to 33 percent among likely Republican voters.

McCain says Bush has mischaracterized his proposal.

"They're talking about income taxes," said McCain campaign spokesman Howard Opinsky. "We're talking about payroll taxes."

The Bush campaign based its assertion on Congressional Research Service estimates of the revenue loss due to the tax-free treatment of non-retirement fringe benefits aside from health insurance coverage and child care, which wouldn't be affected.

Bush's $40 billion claim reflects those estimates extended for five years after the next administration takes over. But the numbers are based on taxes paid by individuals, not their employers.

Bush advocates a five-year, $483 billion tax cut, and says the only way to be certain that projected budget surpluses aren't spent by Congress is to refund most of the money to taxpayers.

McCain's alternative is a $237 billion overall cut, the closing of what he calls tax loopholes to offset part of the cost, and the commitment of additional budget surpluses to secure the financial future of Social Security.

Date Book

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2000

Today is the 18th day of 2000 and the 28th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1911, Eugene B. Ely landed a Curtiss biplane on the deck of the U.S.S. Pennsylvania. It was the first time an aircraft had been landed on a ship.

On this day in 1943, as a wartime conservation measure, the sale of pre-sliced bread was prohibited in the United States.

On this day in 1973, Pink Floyd began recording the album "Dark Side of the Moon."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles de Montesquieu (1689-1755), political philosopher; Daniel Webster (1782-1852), U.S. statesman; A.A. Milne (1882-1956), writer; Oliver Hardy (1892-1957), comedian; Cary Grant (1904-1986), actor; Danny Kaye (1913-1987), entertainer; Curt Flood (1938-1997), baseball player-labor figure; Kevin Costner (1955-), actor, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1976, the Pittsburgh Steelers won Super Bowl X, defeating the Dallas Cowboys 21-17.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "You have to study a great deal to know a little." — Charles de Montesquieu

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Jan. 14) and full moon (Jan. 20).

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Dry between toes!

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have a running argument with my wife and daughter about proper foot care. They don't believe that it is necessary to dry between the toes after bathing. I was always taught that meticulous drying helped prevent athletes' foot. Am I just a fuddy duddy?

DEAR READER: Not on your life. Yeasts (that cause athletes' foot) and bacteria thrive in environments that are warm, dark and moist. Therefore, it makes perfect sense to dry thoroughly between the toes after bathing. This practice is the key to good preventive therapy. Having taken your side of this issue, I now suggest that you and your family make an effort to disagree about more important matters, such as the Republicans' caving in on the recent budget negotiations in Congress.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm 46 and suffer from metastatic melanoma. I still want to get pregnant but my doctor believes it is too dangerous. I menstruate every three months. What are your thoughts?

DEAR READER: Because I am not familiar with your medical history, I cannot give you a definitive solution to your predicament.

Melanoma is a highly malignant skin cancer. Yours has apparently metastasized (spread internally beyond the original lesion). This situation is treatable and may even be curable with modern techniques. However, the treatment — such as chemotherapy — may affect your fertility. Also, the drugs can be dangerous for an unborn child, should you become pregnant. In addition, although women in their 40s can certainly conceive and bear normal children, the older the mother the greater the risk of fetal abnormalities.

Therefore, I agree with your doctor that becoming pregnant is probably unwise. You may wish to check with a gynecologist about this.

Nonetheless, you do have options. Adoption, for example, might be your best choice. Or, using up-to-date infertility techniques, the doctors may be able to salvage several of your eggs, inseminate one artificially and implant it in a surrogate mother who would carry your child to term.

Given the seriousness of your condition and the difficult future you face, I think that you have to deal with priorities, the first of which is to get the melanoma under control. The pregnancy issue, while important, is secondary to your very survival. Perhaps by working in harmony with one another, your doctors could advise you about adoption/artificial insemination and how to coordinate this aspect of your life with your cancer therapy. Surely, this is a tremendous challenge but, again, you need to focus on your own health and future first. To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "What You Should Know About Skin Cancer." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 10-year-old son is becoming violent and doesn't sleep well. I admit that he watches a lot of television. Is there a relation?

DEAR READER: According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, entertainment from TV and video games can contribute to children being overweight, more violent and even more sexually active. Night-time television is often associated with insomnia. The AAP recommends that parents ration TV-watching for all children, prohibit children under two from watching videos at all, and keep kids' rooms free of electronic equipment. Try restricting your son's exposure to television and see if his behavior improves.

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Syria-Israel accord outlook appears shaky

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israel and Syria each will send a pair of experts to Washington to try and whittle away at their differences on how to reach a land-for-peace accord.

But with full-scale negotiations suspended indefinitely, the outlook is cloudy.

All main issues remain in dispute — borders, peace terms, security, water — and top Clinton administration officials are searching for a formula to put the talks back on track.

At the windup of a round of negotiations last Monday in Shepherdstown, W.Va., a nine-day recess was set to give Israel and Syria time to consider a U.S.-drafted document designed as a basis for an eventual accord.

In a setback to American diplomacy, however, the administration was forced Monday to call off the scheduled next round amid sharp disagreement between the Middle East neighbors over a projected Israeli pullback on the Golan Heights.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and senior U.S. mediator Dennis Ross telephoned Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa to try to find a way to move ahead.

The indefinite suspension was announced in Jerusalem, where Barak had been preparing to return to Shepherdstown for the scheduled round of talks.

"If it isn't comfortable for the Syrians to come now, and they need some time, they should take the time," Barak said. "We will come when there are discussions, and the delay, if in fact it is agreed on, does not bother us."

Syria had hesitated over the weekend. It was frustrated that the negotiations did not met its territorial demands, a promised pullback by Israel from all of the Golan, a strategic border plateau.

Disclosure via an Israeli leak that Syria had offered Israel diplomatic relations, as well as arrangements on trade, tourism and transportation, may have contributed to Syria's frustration.

In Damascus, an informed Syrian source said Monday that Syria had not suggested the delay, but al-Sharaa concluded from telephone conversations with Albright that Israel was not serious.

Al-Sharaa told Albright the Syrians would not participate in a third round until the Israelis were prepared to demarcate a new border at the line prior to the Six-Day War in 1967, said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Had the United States insisted on proceeding with the negotiations Wednesday, a senior U.S. official said at the State Department, they would have been held. In fact, he said, Israel and Syria had not proposed changes in the U.S.-prepared document.

With the two sides in sharp disagreement on how to proceed, however, each insisting its priority demands be dealt with first, the outlook for progress was not bright.

For Syria, that demand is recovery of the Golan Heights, which Israel captured in 1967, all the way to the Sea of Galilee, Israel's water source.

Israel and Syria agreed to send two experts from each side to Washington to work on issues that are not central to the negotiations. After that, the administration will decide how to proceed, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

In a statement, Albright blamed neither side for the postponement. She said only that their approaches to the U.S.-prepared document differed.

Earlier in the day, before the talks were postponed, Clinton sounded an optimistic note.

"The good news is, I'm convinced that both still want to do it," he said during a Martin Luther King Jr. Day appearance. "And they are not as far apart as they might be. They're not as far apart as they have been."

Prodding Israel and Syria to the negotiating table after an impasse of almost four years was considered a diplomatic accomplishment for the administration. It raised hopes that Clinton might be able to preside over the closing of the circle of peace in the Middle East with Israel coming to terms with both Syria and the Palestinians.

The president is due to meet Thursday at the White House with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. A deadline for the outline of an overall settlement with Israel is less than a month away.

Barak and Arafat had planned a three-way meeting with Clinton if the negotiations with Syria were held.

GM provides minvans for child-seat checkups

WASHINGTON (AP) — A minivan will appear in every state soon with equipment to check whether parents have installed child seats correctly in their cars.

General Motors Corp. is supplying the Chevrolet Venture minivans — one for each of the 50 states plus a minivan for the District of Columbia. The National Safe Kids Campaign will be hosting the traveling car-seat checkups at GM dealerships, day care centers and shopping malls throughout the country.

The mobile minivans will start up the week of February 13, GM said today.

Each year, frustrated parents struggle to install about 70 models of child car seats in hundreds of types of cars with different back seat shapes.

More than 80 percent of child seats are improperly installed in automobiles, and about 30 percent of children ride completely unrestrained. Properly used child seats cut the risk of fatal injuries in half, according to government officials.

Since 1996, GM has worked with Safe Kids, a nonprofit group that promotes child safety, to host weekend or daylong child safety seat checks at GM dealerships. More than 25,000 car seats have been checked during the multi-million-dollar campaign at about 1,500 GM dealerships, GM said.

"This is the next step. We need to go into the communities," said Kate Milner of Safe Kids. "There are so many parents who don't live near a dealership."

Milner said parents should contact their local Safe Kids coalition for details about when the minivan would be in their area.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

List of warning signs gives 15 reasons to leave your lover

DEAR ABBY: Last month you printed a letter from "Hawkeye Gal in San Francisco." In it she talked about clipping a column of yours containing "15 Reasons to Leave Your Lover." It listed the warning signs of an abusive mate. Please, Abby, run it again.

My college-age daughter is unable to recognize the signs of abuse in her relationship with a boyfriend she's been dating. For two years I have watched her give up her interests and her fun-loving, outgoing personality and accept being controlled by manipulation and jealousy. Help! — **AT MY WIT'S END IN WISCONSIN**

DEAR WIT'S END: I'm pleased to help. Yours is only one of a stack of more than 100 similar requests on my desk. This was adapted from "Signs to Look for in a Battering Personality," with permission from the Project for Victims of Family Violence, Fayetteville, Ark.

15 REASONS TO LEAVE YOUR LOVER,
WARNING SIGNS OF AN ABUSIVE PERSONALITY

Something's just not right in your relationship, and you can't put your finger on it. So here's some help. If your mate is displaying a combination of these behaviors, then you may have a potential batterer on your hands.

1. A PUSH FOR QUICK INVOLVEMENT: Comes on very strong, claiming, "I've never felt loved like this by anyone." An abuser pressures the woman for an exclusive commitment almost immediately.

2. JEALOUSY: excessively possessive; calls constantly or visits unexpectedly; prevents you from going to work because "you might meet someone"; checks the mileage on your car.

3. CONTROLLING: Interrogates you intensely (especially if you're late) about whom you talked to, and where you were; keeps all the money; insists you ask permission to go anywhere or do anything.

4. UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS: Expects you to be the perfect woman and meet his every need.

5. ISOLATION: Tries to cut you off from family and friends; accuses people who are your supporters of "causing trouble." The abuser may deprive you of a phone or car or try to prevent you from holding a job.

6. BLAMES OTHERS FOR PROBLEMS AND MISTAKES: The boss, you — it's always someone else's fault if anything goes wrong.

7. MAKES EVERYONE ELSE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS FEELINGS: The abuser says, "You make me angry" instead of, "I am angry" or, "You're hurting me by not doing what I tell you." Less obvious is the claim: "You make me happy."

8. HYPERSENSITIVITY: Is easily insulted, claiming that his feelings are hurt when he is really mad. He'll rant about the injustice of things that are just part of life.

9. CRUELTY TO ANIMALS AND TO CHILDREN: Kills or punishes animals brutally. Also may expect children to do things that are far beyond their ability (whips a 3-year-old for wetting a diaper) or may tease them until they cry. Sixty-five percent of abusers who beat their partner will also abuse children.

10. "PLAYFUL" USE OF FORCE DURING SEX: Enjoys throwing you down or holding you down against your will during sex; says he finds the idea of rape exciting.

11. VERBAL ABUSE: Constantly criticizes you, or says blatantly cruel, hurtful things; degrades, curses, calls you ugly names. This may also involve sleep deprivation, waking you up with relentless verbal abuse.

12. RIGID SEX ROLES: Expects you to serve, obey and remain at home.

13. SUDDEN MOOD SWINGS: Switches from sweetly loving to explosively violent in a matter of minutes.

14. PAST BATTERING: Admits hitting women in the past, but says they made him do it or the situation brought it on.

15. THREATS OF VIOLENCE: Makes statements like, "I'll break your neck," or "I'll kill you," and then dismisses them with, "Everybody talks that way," or "I didn't really mean it." If he has come this far, it is time to get help, or get out!

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For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Texas Hispanic voters lose court ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hispanic voters in San Antonio and suburban Houston today lost Supreme Court challenges to their school districts' at-large method of electing board members.

The court, without comment, turned away arguments that they should not have to show an election district could be drawn with more than 50 percent Hispanic voting-age residents who are U.S. citizens.

The San Antonio voters also contended a lower court should have relied on 1990 census figures instead of the school district's population estimates.

In the Houston-area lawsuit, Hispanic residents of the Pasadena Independent School District sued in 1992, saying the at-large election system violates the federal Voting Rights Act by giving them an unequal chance to elect the candidates of their choice.

Hispanic residents of San Antonio's Alamo Heights Independent School District filed a similar lawsuit.

A federal judge ruled against the Houston-area voters in 1997, and a different judge ruled against the San Antonio voters in 1998. In each case, the judge said the voters did not show it was possible to draw an election district with a majority voting-age population of Hispanics who also were U.S. citizens.

The judge in the San Antonio case also set aside 1990 census data that would have given the voters a majority in a proposed election district, instead using estimates made by the school district on grounds they were more up-to-date.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld both rulings, saying those who sue must show they could draw an election district with more than 50 percent citizen voting-age population.

In the appeals acted on today, the Hispanic voters' lawyers said the 5th Circuit court's rule was too inflexible.

Clinton seeking funds for gun program

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is asking Congress for $280 million in additional funds to hire 500 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents and inspectors and create a program to track guns through ballistics testing.

"We're at a moment where crime rates across the country are going down, but the message that we feel is important to send is that we've got to keep our vigilance up," said Eric Liu, the White House deputy domestic policy adviser. "We have to do all that we can to strengthen our enforcement efforts and crack down on gun criminals."

Clinton was announcing the program to hire 500 more ATF personnel today in Boston. The appearance at the Orchard Gardens Community Center in Boston's Roxbury section also was expected to highlight Clinton's community policing initiative.

The emphasis on law enforcement represented a subtle shift in the administration's efforts to curb gun violence.

After a spate of high-profile shooting attacks by troubled killers at high schools and community centers, Clinton pushed for tougher gun-control measures in Congress. But legislation has stalled over such issues as how to extend Brady law background checks to gun shows or whether to require safety locks on handguns.

Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder said today the administration's approach has produced results. "We've increased the number of federal prosecutions from 1998 to 1999 by 25 percent and the overall rate of gun violence has gone down about 35 percent since 1992," he said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"We have a gun violence rate now that is at historic lows but we think that we can take it even lower," Holder said.

Wayne LaPierre of the National Rifle Association questioned whether the administration really plans to go after gun criminals

Britain eyes spanking limits

LONDON (AP) — Britons would no longer be allowed to discipline their children by spanking them with anything other than their hand under government proposals released today.

All implements, such as canes, belts or slippers, would be forbidden to be used in physical punishment, along with smacking a child's head, eyes or ears.

The document, which is still only a recommendation, stops short of an outright ban on physical discipline, however.

"We are determined to ensure that nothing undermines a parent's right to discipline a child in a loving and caring environment," Health Minister John Hutton said. "We do not believe the criminal law should dictate to a parent's responsibility for their children."

The government was forced to review the rules regarding physical punishment after the European Court of Human Rights criticized Britain's legal acceptance of the Victorian-era concept of "reasonable chastisement."

The court found in 1998 that a British father who "repeatedly and severely" beat his son was guilty of assault. The man had been acquitted by an English court after claiming "reasonable chastisement," which allows a parent to contend an assault was justified in order to discipline a child.

The latest recommendations were welcomed by children's rights groups, although many called for the government to go further and ban all forms of physical punishment.

"Our years of experience in the field has shown that smacking doesn't work and can have a very detrimental outcome on a child's development," said Kate Harper of Save the Children. "We have carried out extensive consultations with children on smacking and found that children see no distinction between smacking, hitting, slapping and a whack."

Interested groups and members of the public have three months to respond to the proposals.

Obituaries

Archie Crabtree

1908-2000

Funeral service for Archie Crabtree of Athens, a former Scurry County resident, is set for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Dunn Church of Christ. Dub Moore of Athens will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Dunn Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Crabtree, 91, died Sunday, Jan. 16, in East Texas Medical Center in Athens after a lengthy illness.

Born Feb. 2, 1908 in Lockney, he married Ivo Byars on May 22, 1927 in Ira. She died on May 1, 1995.

Mr. Crabtree was a retired Church of Christ minister and had served churches in Dunn, Athens, Palacious and Aransas Pass. He moved from Dunn to Athens in 1990.

He also was preceded in death by a daughter, Betty Jo Eades; two sisters; and two brothers.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Harvey and Opal Crabtree of Port Lavaca; a daughter and son-in-law, Glenda and Paul Fulton of Athens; a son-in-law, Ralph Eades of Snyder; a sister, Juanita Burney of Sunset Beach, Tex.; a brother, Lee Crabtree of Midland; a granddaughter and her husband, Peggy and Abel Arellano of Snyder; and a great-granddaughter, Leslie Eades of Snyder.

Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 this evening at the funeral home.

Vera Stone

1907-2000

GAINESVILLE – Vera Lee Stone, the mother of former Snyder police chief Bill Stone, died Saturday, Jan. 15, in Abilene's Hendrick Medical Center.

Graveside service for Mrs. Stone, 92, is set for 11 a.m. Wednesday in the New Hope Cemetery in Mountain Springs. The Rev. Milton Pledger, Baptist minister, will officiate. Arrangements are under the direction of Clement-Keel Funeral Home.

Born Aug. 7, 1907 in Mountain Springs, she married John Thomas Stone in 1928 in Marietta, Okla. He died on Dec. 25, 1958.

A member of the First Baptist Church, Mrs. Stone was a resident of Abilene and had previously lived in Mountain Springs. She was a retired nurse's aide.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Eula Mae Stone of Abilene; two grandchildren, Debra Banks of Snyder and William Banks of Abilene; and five great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Walter Banks, Paul Stone, Travis Stone, Joe McNamara, Tommy McNamara, Chuck McNamara and Tom Riel.

Doris Bennett

1919-2000

Doris Melba Bennett of Snyder died at 5:50 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, in Snyder Healthcare Center after a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Bennett, 80, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Gail Cemetery.

She was born on Sept. 20, 1919 in Gail and married Willis Bennett on Nov. 15, 1942 in Gail. He preceded her in death. Mrs. Bennett was a receptionist at the Scurry County Senior Center and a member of 37th Street Church of Christ. Reared in Borden County, she had lived in Snyder since 1976.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Shirley Bennett of Gail; a brother and sister-in-law, Delmo and Martha Pearce of Austin; and four grandchildren, Clint Bennett of Austin, Holly Downs of Montgomery, Brande Wells of Sweetwater and Shelley Simmons of San Angelo.

Memorials may be made to the Borden County EMS in Gail.

Mary Way

1910-2000

Mary Aline Dunn Way of Colorado City died Monday, Jan. 17, in Mitchell County Hospital in Colorado City.

Funeral service for Mrs. Way, 89, will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Raymond Schaeffer, pastor of First Assembly of God in Mesquite, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Way, born on July 13, 1910 in Anson, married Raymond Richard Way on Nov. 2, 1965. He died Dec. 29, 1997. Mrs. Way was a licensed vocational nurse. She attended school in Anson and graduated high school in Tulia. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9178 in Colorado City.

Survivors include a son, David C. Whitley of Victoria; a stepdaughter, Sue Schaeffer of Mesquite; a stepson, Maurice "Mart" Way of Caldwell; one granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren.

5 jailed Monday on various charges

Five subjects were jailed Monday — three on outstanding warrants and two on alcohol-related charges.

At 8:20 a.m., officers arrested a 44-year-old female in the 1700 block of North Avenue Q on a capias pro fine warrant for speeding.

Deputies took a 38-year-old female into custody at 4:19 p.m. in the 4400 block of Avenue U on outstanding warrants for four counts of issuance of a bad check.

Department of Public Safety troopers picked up Charles Richard Mulkey of 14311 Skyfrost in Dallas at 4:30 p.m. for felony driving while intoxicated.

Officers booked a 36-year-old man into custody at 8:34 p.m. for public intoxication.

An 18-year-old male was arrested at 11:32 p.m. in the 4400 block of Avenue U on several outstanding capias pro fine warrants. Those warrants included two counts of public intoxication, Class C assault and three counts of failure to appear.

In addition, DPS troopers escorted two 16-year-old male subjects to the sheriff's office at 6:40 p.m. for misdemeanor possession of marijuana and possession of tobacco by a minor. The subjects were later released to their parents.

In other activity, Billy Leatherwood at 8:43 a.m. requested a deputy at his auto shop on Hwy. 180 in reference to some items stolen out a vehicle that was parked at his shop and owned by Patterson's Used Cars. Reported missing were a radiator and a cooling fan. An offense report was filed.

Deputies submitted an offense report for dog bite at 5:55 p.m.

An employee with the Plaza Truck Stop reported a gas drive-off at 9:30 p.m. in the amount of $25.62. An offense report for Class C theft was filed.

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Assembly of God revival

First Assembly of God Church, 1809 College Avenue, is hosting a revival with the Rev. Jerry Wilkerson as the evangelist. Weekday services at 7 p.m. continue through Thursday. For more information call 573-3316.

Amateur radio operators

Snyder area radio operators will conduct its weekly check in/ragchew net at 7:30 this evening. This net will operate on frequency 146.920 with PL tone 67. All licensed amateurs are welcome to check in. For more information call Mike @ KM5TC (573-2222), or David @ KC5GFM (573-8182).

10-week study

"The Blessing," a 10-week Bible study by James Smaulley and John Trent, is being taught at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Trinity United Methodist Church by the Rev. Lloyd Stice. For more information, call 573-3988.

Ira early release day

Ira students will be released at 2:30 p.m. Thursday. Friday is a student holiday and classes will resume Monday.

Diabetes support group

The Diabetes support group will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Cogdell Hospital cafeteria.

Historical Commission to meet

The Scurry County Historical Commission will meet at noon Thursday for a Dutch- treat luncheon at The Shack.

Liberated Wailing Wall

The "Liberated Wailing Wall" will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday in the First Baptist Church. This traveling group of musicians is a branch of Jews for Jesus and uses a variety of instruments to achieve its characteristic sounds - including piano, guitar, violin and dunbek (Middle Eastern drum).

Relay for life rally

A rally to organize the 2000 Relay for Life will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school student center. Businesses or individuals interested in sponsoring or participating are asked to attend.

Bible study

A 10-week study, "To Live As Christ," by Beth Moore is being held at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday at the Trinity United Methodist Church. Shirley Stice is the teacher. For more information, call 573-3988.

WTC dance

The Western Texas College Intramural Department will host a fundraiser dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, in the National Guard Armory. The dance will feature DJ Danny Gonzales of Post. Admission is $8 a couple and $5 for singles. WTC students with a valid college ID will be admitted free.

Teen dance

A dance will be held from 8 p.m. until midnight Saturday at the Teencenter inside the Boys and Girls Club. There will be door prizes for food, video rentals and a drawing for a CD player. The dance is for teens in grades 9-12 and cost is $2.

Bible study tapes

Bible study tapes air weekly on TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Growing Through Grief," followed by "Marriage: What Did God Intend?"

WTC driver education

Registration for driver education at Western Texas College continues for class that begins Monday. The class will end on Feb. 22 and the cost is $300. Call 573-8511, ext. 229 to reserve a spot in the class.

Ira yearbooks

Ira 2000 Bulldog annuals are on sale through Wednesday, Jan. 26. Cost is $26 with name on cover or $22 without name.

Ira school pictures

Spring portraits and friendship pictures will be taken at Ira on Wednesday, Jan. 26. Each student will be photographed. Class group pictures also will be taken for grades K-12.

Calvary Baptist 50th anniversary

Calvary Baptist Church will observe its 50th anniversary on Sunday, Jan. 30. Former pastors and staff will speak at the 9:45 a.m. service. Former pastor Glenn Border will speak at 10:50 a.m. A reunion from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. will be held in the fellowship hall.

Windbreak trees

Windbreak trees are available from the Soil and Water Conservation District, 5308 Big Spring Hwy. Deadline for orders is Jan. 31.

WTC basic education classes

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

Road to Recovery program

Volunteers are needed to take patients to Abilene or Lubbock one day a week for cancer treatment. Following approval American Cancer Society, drivers will be provided liability insurance and can be reimbursed for fuel expenses incurred for the trip. For more information, contact ASC Road to Recovery volunteer coordinator Martha Schiebel at 573-8626 and leave a message, or Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993.

Pick 3

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

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