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Thursday through Saturday...

Snyder Lions to host convention

Snyder Lions Club, the district's oldest club, will host approximately 350 people at the District 2-T2 Lions Convention that begins Thursday.

In addition, Snyder Lions will be celebrating its 75th anniversary and will honor past presidents and past sweethearts and queens.

District Gov. Charles Shannon of Ropesville will conduct several meetings. Shannon joined the Ropes Lions Club in 1955, having served in all Lions Club offices in addition to being active in his community.

The convention will begin with a cabinet dinner at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Wagon Wheel Party Barn.

Friday activities will include a former queen and 1999 queen candidates luncheon at the Scurry County Coliseum. The queen's pageant and dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. at the coliseum.

Amy Church, Snyder High School senior, will represent the Snyder Lions Club in the queen's pageant.

Saturday's activities start with a 7 a.m. Key Member Breakfast at the coliseum, and at noon the Snyder Lions Club will be recognized for its 75th anniversary.

The culmination of events will be the Governors Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the coliseum.

Ann von Roeder headed the committee scheduling the ladies' activities. Friday from 2-4 p.m., ladies will tour the historical Cornelius-Dodson House and the Dermott School. A tea will be held, highlighted with a book review and door prizes. Saturday morning all ladies will meet at Martha Ann Woman's Club for a musical program, refreshments and door prizes. Saturday afternoon will be free time for shopping.

The Snyder Lions Club was founded on Aug. 20, 1924 at the Manhatten Hotel, with 30 members attending.

The club met there until 1952 when it moved to the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church, In 1995, the club began meeting in Martha Ann Woman's Club.

The organization raises about $20,000 each year and gives most of it away, except for funds to begin the next year. Lions donate to several local organizations working with youth.

The Lions' main project each year is to provide 40 pairs of glasses to needy Scurry County children at an estimated cost of $3,500.

Fundraisers include selling projects such as peanuts, light bulbs, mops and brooms, and Lions also sponsor the carnival at the July 4 celebration in Towle Park and a golf tournament.

Ricky Fritz is the current president; Bill Overhulser, first vice president; Mike Hartman, second vice president; Emerson Armstrong, third vice president; Mac McCown, treasurer; and Jene Steakley, secretary. McCown, a past district governor, serves as convention chairman. Other past district governors from the Snyder Club include Howard Harrington and Max von Roeder.

During the 75 years in Snyder, Lions have helped many local, state, and national organizations.

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No school votes...

Early voting light in council election

To describe early voting for the May 1 local election as "light," may be an understatement.

Only 38 ballots have been cast in the city election, and there have been no votes in the Snyder school board trustee election. Early voting ends Tuesday.

Incumbents for Ira and Hermleigh school board posts have been declared winners as there were no contested races and the elections have been cancelled.

In the Snyder ISD contested race, incumbent Glenn Clarady is being challenged by Ronnie Anderson for Place 1. Trustees Mark McCormick and Janet Stribling are unopposed.

In the local school board election, Clarady has served on the board since 1990, while this is Anderson's first run for public office.

Trustees Mark McCormick and Janet Stribling do not have opponents.

Two contested races in the municipal election has generated the only voter interest to date.

Three people are candidates for the two at-large positions on the Snyder City Council.

Incumbent Terry Martin, former councilman Ron Shaw and newcomer James Ashley are candidates for those al-large seats.

Seeking the now-vacant Place 3 spot on the city's ballot are James Jenkins Jr. and Kirk Taylor — both newcomers to the political scene.

Current at-large councilman Dayton Robertson is running unopposed for mayor.

Ira incumbents Lance Autry, Sid Wall and Kirby Sterling will serve another term on the Ira school board, while Hermleigh incumbent trustees Burton Sandefur and Tony Lambaren will serve another term, also.

There are no board positions up for re-election at Western Texas College.

City Hall is the early voting site for the City of Snyder while persons voting early in the Snyder ISD trustee election do so at the school administration building on 37th Street..

On election day, voting for both the City and Snyder ISD will be held at city hall.



CORRIDOR MEETING — Scurry County tax assessor-collector Rona Sikes visits with Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs following a luncheon meeting Friday to discuss the Texas, Mexico & Asian Corridor Association. (SDN Staff Photo)

Trade corridor...

Large crowd attends Sweetwater meeting

More than 400 area residents attended a luncheon in Sweetwater Friday and heard a six-county area — including Scurry County — described as "geographically desirable as any place in the country."

California and international attorney Jerry Fisher said the area has the raw agriculture products, "But what you need is value-added products."

"You see double-stacked trains going through here all the time...wouldn't you like for them to stop and load items manufactured here," asked Fisher.

Fisher, international banker Paul McCann and a representative of the Southern California Association of Governments, Art Brown, spoke on the potential of this area in promoting trade with Asia and the Pacific Rim through the ports of Long Beach, Los Angeles and Texas ports.

Joining the Californians in praising the proposal were Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, U.S. Rep. Charlie Stenholm and State Rep. David Counts.

Combs, who is a strong advocate of value-added products, fired the crowd up when she said, "The future is so bright here that we're gonna' have to wear shades."

"We're going to see great things in Sweetwater and the rest of the six-county area," said Combs.

The six counties she was referring to are Scurry, Nolan, Mitchell, Fisher, Howard and Jones — the only members of the trade promotion group.

"The future is processed food and the world needs our stuff," said Combs.

"I fly Southwest (Airlines) a lot," said the personable commissioner. "Peanuts for breakfast, peanuts for lunch, peanuts for supper."

"One flight I put on my glasses and read the fine print where the peanuts were processed....Illinois, it read!"

"We should be doing that in Texas," said Combs.

"How hard is it to put peanuts in a bag," she questioned.

Rep. Stenholm agreed that the area has a "tremendous" opportunity for value-added products.

"You can look at Lorber Industries and see that," said Stenholm.

Lorber, a California-based firm, currently employs 60 people in its textile mill located in the Snyder industrial park.

Stenholm also praised the spirit

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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Counting blessings and counting golf strokes are a lot alike. Both of 'em sometimes require creative accounting."

Bob O'Day has been busy in recent weeks, and will be 'til midsummer when the first annual Slingin' Sammy Baugh Classic is over at Wolf Creek Golf Links in Colorado City.

O'Day is promoting the celebrity tournament which will go to a four-year scholarship at Sul Ross State University in Alpine.

In addition to Rotan's Sammy Baugh, O'Day has some other sports legends lined up for the four-man scramble.

The Sam Baugh Classic which helps support the Snyder High School golf program will be held as usual on Labor Day.

O'Day explained that this is a different tournament with a different purpose. The tournament will help fund a scholarship for a local student who needs help to attend college.

Helping arrange for the celebrity golfers are three C-City natives, former pro gridders Don Maynard and Dick Compton and former UT track standout Hollis Gainey.

Sports celebrities who have confirmed their attendance are Darrell Royal, Red Caslow, E.J. Holub, John David Crow, Maynard, David McGinnis, Dick Compton, Cotton Davidson, Kim Parmer, Nolan Richardson, Gainey, Walt and Debbie Garrison, Dave Parks and Frank Broyles.

Expected, but not yet confirmed, are Pat Summerall, Randy White, Bob Lilly, Roger Stabaugh and Tom Landry.

The tournament is July 16-17 and is limited to 28 teams. Entry fee is $50 per person. There will be a barbecue and a silent auction for autographed helmets from all the former Southwest Conference schools.

Later this month, Sam Baugh, the TCU and Washington Redskin legend, will be inducted in the Cotton Bowl hall of fame.

Baugh declined to attend, saying he would rather sleep in his own bed rather than stay in the posh Antatole Hotel in Dallas.

Instead, Baugh is sending O'Day, former WTC golf coach, to accept his award. O'Day said the Cotton Bowl folks tried to lure him with a round of golf at Los Colinas, where the Byron Nelson is played.

The 85-year-old Baugh again declined, saying he'd rather play at WTC — which he does practically every day.

Snyder captures 4 acting awards but does not advance

Snyder High School's "Macbeth" earned criticial praise and captured four acting awards at the Region 1, 4A UIL one-act play contest Friday, but failed to advance to state.

Kevin Taylor and Anastacia Hanan were named to the all star cast. They portrayed Macbeth and Lady Macbeth, respectively.

Honorable mention all star cast honors were presented to Kade Kubena for his portrayal of MacDuff and Andy Parker who was Ross.

While Snyder's play did not capture one of the top awards, the players did earn critical praise from judge Charles Jeffries of San Antonio and from Jerry Worsham, drama director.

"The result was almost a total re-enactment of last year's regional contest and was a huge disappointment for the Snyder players," Worsham said.

"Macbeth was clearly an audience favorite and was met with a full house and sustained applause at the end of the performance.

"The judge was also lavish in his praise citing over and over such things as the excellence of the material being presented, the voices of the Snyder actors, the beautiful and breathtaking fight

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Rain postpones annual workday

Early morning showers and a forecast for more led to the postponement of Saturday's scheduled workday for Snyder Neighbor's Sharing.

But if ever there was a good reason to cancel it, that was the one.

"I'm tickled to death that it was because of moisture that we had to reschedule," Thomas Fogleman, president of the board of directors, said.

A new date has not been set for the workday.

"We do not want to interfere with next weekend's Relay for Life," Fogleman said.

He added the board will try to find a weekend that will not interfere with any other projects or activities.

"We'll reschedule when there is a weekend we're sure to have the fewest conflicts. I would tell readers to pay close attention to the newspaper."

Tickets to go on sale for Ritz spring musical

The box office for reservations to the Ritz spring musical "Smoke on the Mountain" will be open from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday through May 14.

Tickets are $7 each. Season tickets will be honored, but holders need to make reservations for their seats by coming to the ticket window or calling 573-8880 during the prescribed hours.

Production dates are May 7-9 and May 14-16.

The musical is about the gospel singing Sanders family who travel about conducting gospel meetings at small churches.

The setting for the play is Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, with a membership of 63-64 when Becca Robinson gets baptized on Sunday in Mt. Pleasant, N.C.

The time period is June, 1938. The minister at the church is Rev. Mervin Oglethorpe, played by Tim Dea, a young enthusiastic preacher trying to push his congregation forward.

The family travels in an ancient bus with "The Sanders Family" hand-painted on the side.

The multi-talented family includes Burl, the father, portrayed by Ray Clark, who plays bass fiddle and sings bass. The mama, Vera, is acted by Patricia Bass, who plays piano and sings soprano.

Uncle Stanley, Burl's brother just recently out of prison, is played by Steve Ezzell, who sings tenor and plays the washboard.

June, the eldest daughter,

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ASK US

Q—Who activates the civil defense sirens, and why were they not activated recently when the weather bureau issued a tornado warning for Snyder?

A—Either the fire chief, chief of police or city manager. The sirens are only used when a tornado is imminent.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 75 degrees; low, 44; 7 a.m. Saturday, 44; trace precipitation; total for 1999, 3.42 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, cloudy, 70% rain chance. Low, lower 50s. E-SE wind 10-20 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy, warmer, 30% rain chance. High, mid 70s. SE-S wind 10-20 mph.

Luke Robertson
Rainy

Sunset: 8:18 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.
Of 113 days in 1999, the sun has shone 106 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"Growth is the only evidence of life."

Cardinal Newman

Senate passes bill on organ donations

AUSTIN (AP) — Organ donations in Texas would first have to be offered to patients on transplant waiting lists at Texas hospitals before they could be sent out of state, under a bill approved Friday by the state Senate.

The bill by Sen. Mario Gallegos, Jr., D-Houston, also creates a state task force of medical and organ transplant experts to develop and implement policies to maximize organ sharing in Texas.

Gallegos said he drafted the bill to fend off possible upcoming federal transplant rules that he believes could hurt patients in Texas.

Those rules could send Texas organ donations to the neediest patients nationwide, Gallegos said. About 3,000 people currently await organ transplants at Texas hospitals, he said.

"Under the federal plan, states like Texas, which have kept waiting times low, will see waiting times increase as available organs flow out of state. (The bill) gives our attorney general the necessary authority to protect the interests of Texas," Gallegos said.

"Without this legislation, patients on waiting lists at Texas facilities are at the mercy of federal bureaucrats in Washington," he said.

The organ transplant bill is SB 862.

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Parents may come by the School Administration Building at 2901 37th St. to file for student transfers at any time during the month of April. The office will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



GUEST READER — Mrs. Sue Barker, president of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association, visited Snyder on Wednesday. That afternoon she visited East Elementary and read books to two classes. Students shown from left, are William Brasher, Michael Martinez, Chrone Hill, Kade Kruger, Claire Morris and Sonja Estrada. (More photos on page 3A) (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



Veronica Maldonado

Maldonado wins math recognition

Veronica Maldonado, an eighth grader at Snyder Junior high School, has received a United States National Award in mathematics, presented by the U.S. Achievement Academy.

Veronica is the daughter of Estroberto and Esmeralda Maldonado Jr. of Snyder. Grandparents are Rosalio and Rosalinda Gutierrez of Snyder and Estroberto and Manuella Maldonado Sr. of Nuevo Lardeo Tamp.

Over collective bargaining...

Doctors and HMOs at odds

AUSTIN (AP) — Doctors and health insurers are at odds over two bills in the Legislature that would give competing physicians the right to band together to negotiate with health plans.

Doctor groups are lobbying hard for the bills, which have passed committees in both chambers, as a check on the power of large health plans to dictate fees and contractual terms.

Insurers and employer groups are complaining that the pro-business Republicans favoring the bills, including Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, are opening the door for doctors to form labor unions in Texas and nationwide.

"Republicans carrying a collective bargaining bill ... go figure," said former Sen. Jerry Patterson, executive director of the state's HMO trade association.

Perry has asked the two sides to try to negotiate a compromise and says that process is still ongoing.

"No one has made me understand why it's not in the patient's best interest that doctors can't talk to each other," Perry said. "I want to make sure that physicians are able to exchange information for the best interests of the patients, and I think this moves us in that direction."

The bills would prohibit groups of independent doctors from boycotting or striking as unions do, but would shelter them from federal antitrust laws, which make any discussions about contracts among competing entities a felony.

Physicians would have to hire a third party to negotiate for them, follow strict guidelines and agree to close supervision by the state. Under the Senate bill, they could then work together on a range of terms in their contracts including patient referral procedures, dispute resolutions, timing of reimbursements, and, in negotiations with the biggest health plans, the size of those reimbursements.

The attorney general would have to approve all contracts.



MAKES A DIFFERENCE — Kathryn Roberts, Scurry County safety coordinator, was presented the "Makes A Difference" award by the Texas Association of Counties. Roberts is one of the first to receive the award as an individual. It is presented to persons who have contributed to safety programs in their county to an exemplary status. (SDN Staff Photo)

President James Polk's family name was originally Pollock.

The average American baby can expect to live 78.3 years if it's female, or 71 years if it's male.

Cross party lines

BOSTON (AP) — Sens. John McCain and Russell Feingold, who crossed party lines to propose campaign finance reform legislation, were named Thursday as winners of the John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award.

McCain, a Republican from Arizona, and Feingold, a Wisconsin Democrat, were honored for addressing fund-raising excesses and trying to regulate the flow of special interest money to campaigns. The McCain-Feingold bill was ultimately defeated last year.

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TCTA PRESIDENT VISITS — Mrs. Sue Barker, president of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association, visited Snyder on Wednesday. That afternoon, she attended a reception in her honor at Snyder Junior High School. In the top photo, she renews acquaintances with retired SISD teacher Francene Noah; and chats with Gust Whitt (bottom photo), junior high band director. (Staff Photos By Shirley A. Gorman)

Setting up negotiations with House...

Senate approves budget plans

AUSTIN (AP) — The Senate unanimously approved a two-year, $98.36 billion proposed state budget Friday, setting up negotiations with the House to finalize the spending plan.

Senate leaders touted the 2000-2001 budget as providing a strong boost for public education with an extra $2.85 billion going for teacher pay raises, property tax relief, school facilities and other programs.

The total plan, which includes money from the state's settlement of its lawsuit against the tobacco industry and state and federal funds, is 11.1 percent higher than the $88.5 billion, 1998-99 budget.

"The Senate has crafted a state budget which clearly indicates our priorities. Education first, basic government services and significant tax cuts," said Republican Lt. Gov. Rick Perry. "Sixty-three percent of the new money goes to the schools, students and teachers of Texas."

The Senate bill also is about $1.36 billion more than a budget approved earlier in the session by the House. The two sides will now meet in conference committee to negotiate a final budget plan.

The Senate plan includes $428 million for a 3 percent annual pay raise for state government employees and accounts for about $515 million worth of cuts in sales, franchise and severance and research and development taxes.

The Senate plan also provides for about $1 billion in property tax relief. Republican Gov. George W. Bush has called for a $2 billion property tax cut.

The proposed cuts have been limited by state revenue estimates that weren't as high as originally predicted, said Senate Finance Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant.

"I really feel like we shouldn't talk about this as the glass being half empty. I think we need to look at this as half full .... I think this is a mistake to couch that as some sort of failure just because some of the ambitions earlier were higher," Ratliff said.

"I think this is a big deal."

The Senate plan has an overall increase for public and higher education of about $3.9 billion with about $2.85 billion going to public education. The House version would increase public education by about $3.6 billion.

In health and human services, the Senate version of the budget shows a $1.5 billion increase while the House version would spend an extra $926.4 million.

House and Senate members will start meeting to negotiate the differences between their two bills next week.

"I'm not quite sure how they do the public education stuff," said House Appropriations Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo.

Junell said House and Senate conferees will try to have all the details but education worked out by May 7, before the final three weeks of the session.

"I think the big (issues) will be the higher and public education."

Bill eyes funeral homes in the state

AUSTIN (AP) — The troubled state funeral home commission would remain independent but be freer from industry control under a bill approved by a House committee.

The committee also has endorsed a backup bill that would abolish the Texas Funeral Service Commission and transfer its responsibilities to the Department of Health.

Lawmakers said they would push to eliminate the commission if their overhaul bill stalls.

The funeral agency is run by a commission of five public representatives and four industry members. Lawmakers have heaped criticism on the agency because of the industry's influence over commission regulations, and for a backlog of complaints against funeral homes that it hasn't investigated.

A state auditor's report was critical about the agency's problems with record-keeping, inspections and high staff turnover.

Occasionally, the funeral-home industry complains about the commission. Houston-based Service Corporation International, is fighting a proposed fine of nearly $450,000.

Under the first bill passed Thursday by the House committee, the commission would remain an independent agency but would be pared down to give public members a 2-to-1 majority as regulators of the state's 1,280 funeral homes.

"We need to get the confidence of the public in this industry," said Rep. Dale Tillery, D-Dallas, who helped write the bill to revamp the agency.

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Steakley appears in 2 plays at SMU

Joey Steakley, a freshman at Southern Methodist University, has appeared in two college plays for the 1998-1999 school year, including a main stage production this spring.

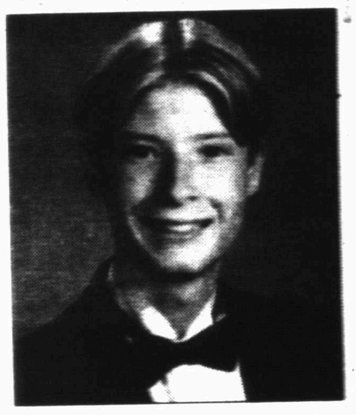
The first-year theatre major at the Meadows School of the Arts is one of only six first-year students who have appeared in any of the main stage plays this semester.

From April 7-11, Steakley played the part of a flagellant in "Red Noses," a play about a wandering monk named Flote, who believes God has called him to bring laughter to the dying.

Instead of letting them live a life full of disease and fear, he forms a group of clowns to make their lives better.

"Red Noses" is told in a circus atmosphere with clowns to help add humor. It was staged at Greer Garson Theatre and was directed by Matt Tomlanovich.

During the fall semester, Steakley portrayed Bobby in "Cabaret," directed by Hal Friedman.



JOEY STEAKLEY

He graduated from Snyder High School in 1998 and is the son of Jene and Elaine Steakley of Snyder.

Judge invalidates $1.2 million award

GALVESTON (AP) -- A federal judge has invalidated a jury's award of $1.2 million to relatives of two children who were killed in a January 1996 fire.

A jury decided last month that the Houston fire department's failure to repair a ladder truck water pump contributed to the deaths of Crystal Durden, 3, and her cousin, Alex Freeman, 4.

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Marine to be tried

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — A military trial will proceed next week to determine whether a Marine pilot obstructed justice after his jet clipped an Italian gondola cable, killing 20 people.

A judge refused Friday to dismiss the obstruction charges against Capt. Richard Ashby, 32, of Mission Viejo, Calif.

The judge, Col. Alvin Keller, rejected arguments by Ashby's lawyers that high-ranking Marine officers improperly influenced the decision to prosecute Ashby.

During a low-level training mission on Feb. 3, 1998, Ashby's four-man EA-6B Prowler jet severed the gondola cable in the Italian Alps, and 20 people plunged to their deaths. He was acquitted of manslaughter charges in March.

In the obstruction case, Ashby is accused of destroying a videotape shot during the flight.

Ashby testified during his manslaughter trial that he removed the tape after the flight and handed it to his navigator, Capt. Joseph Schweitzer, 31, of Westbury, N.Y. Schweitzer said he threw the tape into a bonfire, fearing images of him smiling into the camera would be shown on Italian television.

"The facts will show that Captain Ashby ultimately returned the tape to the person who owned the tape," Ashby's attorney, Frank Spinner, said Friday.

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MAKE DRESSER — Bob Bell's Snyder Junior High School shop students recently completed this dresser which will be given away May 10. Tickets are $1 each and may be purchased from the students or the school. Proceeds will pay for the regional and state contests to be held in Abilene and Waco, respectively. Students kneeling are from left, Cory Cochran, Duran Lopez, Matthew Marquez, Alberto Perez; standing, Richardo Madera, Clint Gale, Trey Roland, Tyler Pollard, Chris Townsend, Josh McGaha, Enrique Perez, Kyle Bartels. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Virus set to strike on Monday

WASHINGTON (AP) — A virus that can erase a computer's hard-drive and prevent the equipment from restarting is poised to strike on Monday, but experts say off-the-shelf antivirus software can prevent infection, and several companies are offering free inoculation tools on their Web sites.

The virus has been dubbed Chernobyl because its most common version was programmed to activate on computers using Windows 95 and Windows 98 on Monday, the 13th anniversary of the nuclear disaster in Ukraine.

Another, less common, version, strikes computers on the 26th day of any month.

"It's pretty much just another virus. It's been around for quite a while," said Kathy Fithen, manager of the Computer Emergency Response Team, or CERT, at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. "As long as people stay current with their antivirus software, they should be in good shape."

The viruses, believed to originate in Taiwan, attempt to erase a computer's hard-drive and write gibberish to the computer's system settings, called its Bios, preventing the machine from being restarted.

But warnings from many experts lacked any sense of panic or impending doom because the virus was discovered last summer, giving antivirus companies many months to develop free software updates to identify and destroy it.

Users of those products will be protected only if they've retrieved the free updates.

Network Associates Inc., for example, said its popular McAfee software recognized Chernobyl as early as June 1998, and Symantec Corp. said its Norton Antivirus program identified Chernobyl before August.

CERT issued a warning this week about the virus because of questions from computer users.

"We're getting requests for information about it rather than reports of machines infected with it," Fithen said. "This has been around so long that the antivirus vendors have picked this up."

Unlike the recent "Melissa" scare, which automatically propagated via e-mail, this virus doesn't spread as quickly because it requires a person to launch an infected program file to contaminate a computer.

Carey Nachenberg, chief researcher at Symantec's Antivirus Research Center, said one big risk stems from a potential infection on a company's computer network, which could then spread to individual computers.

"If it gets on a corporate network and the volumes are not protected, it could spread very, very rapidly," Nachenberg said.

Gene Hodges, a vice president for security at Network Associates, said the company was hoping for the best but bracing for the worse. "It can be fairly significant," he said. "You don't know until the bomb actually goes off."

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Rural Indian quilts displayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reviving an ancient craft with a modern twist, women in India's Bihar state are creating vibrant quilts that tell stories about the rural women who designed them and some of their most pressing concerns — from female infanticide to prostitution.

The National Museum of Women in the Arts is showcasing 30 such quilts, made communally by women in the Bhusura village in Bihar state. "The Narrative Thread: Women's Embroidery from Rural India" reveals how a traditional art form once nearly abandoned has been revived to empower women both economically and socially.

The art of embroidering quilts, called sujuni kanthas, belonged to upper-caste women in Bihar and Bengal states in the 18th and 19th centuries. The quilts were known for their exceptionally fine stitching and intricate patterns. But by the mid-20th century, the craft had all but died out.

In 1988, a non-profit organization called Adithi decided to breathe new life into the traditional art as a way of giving rural women a source of income. They have been selling their designs — with detailed patterns and brilliantly colored threads — to boutiques in India's major cities.

The women, who transcended various social castes to work together, have transformed the quilts into more than just their livelihood.

"Stopping the Spread of AIDS" depicts village women arming their husbands — who are headed to the town brothels — with condoms. At the same time, the quiltmakers, who also seek to force social change, use the bottom half of the quilt to show the women breaking up a prostitution ring enslaving young girls.

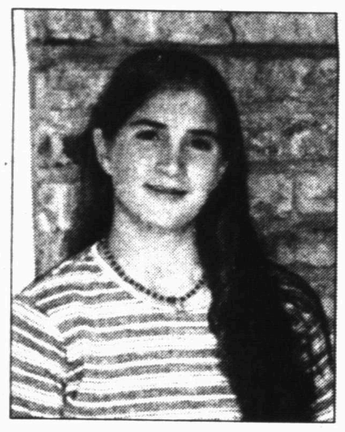
In "Too Many Boys," the women suggest how even one of their village's bleakest problems — female infanticide — can correct itself to their advantage. The quilt traces midwives feeding salt to kill baby girls. But men soon outnumber the women, and the males must show their adulation to gain female attention.

A 20-minute accompanying video shows the quiltmaking process from sketching on cotton cloth to filling in the designs with embroidery. Stitching one figure alone can take as long as four days, say the women. But some of the women also poignantly express how the project has influenced their lives.

The exhibition is at the National Museum of Women in the Arts until May 9. It later travels to the Palo Alto Cultural Center in Palo Alto, Calif., and the Paine Art Center in Oshkosh, Wis.

The basic monetary unit of the Russian Federation is the ruble, and its chief fractional unit is the kopeck.

Patterson to be inducted into honor society at Tech



AMY PATTERSON

LUBBOCK — The Texas Tech University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi will induct 201 students from the main campus, the School of Law and the School of Nursing into its organization at a banquet scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Center Ballroom. Five faculty initiates will also be inducted.

Amy Patterson, daughter of Robert and Maria Patterson of Snyder, will be inducted. She is a junior majoring in multidisciplinary studies and French.

Other university organizations and activities she participates in are Golden Key, Alpha Lamba Delta, Pi Delta Phi, Alpha Phi Omega, Eta Omicron Nu, Rotaract and Cafe des Mondeo.

The national honor society, which was founded in 1897, was chartered on the Texas Tech campus in 1956. Only seniors and graduate students in the top 10 percent of their classes and juniors who make the top two percent are invited for membership.

Selection for membership has traditionally been considered the highest academic honor awarded at Texas Tech.

The program for the banquet includes John T. Montford, chancellor of Texas Tech, as they keynote speaker. The chancellor's office is also sponsoring the event. The successful completion of Phi Kappa Phi's endowment campaign, which raised more that $1,200 for scholarships, will be celebrated.

For more information call Lora Deahl, president at 806-742-2270, or Marijane Davis, publicity chair, at 806-742-2528.



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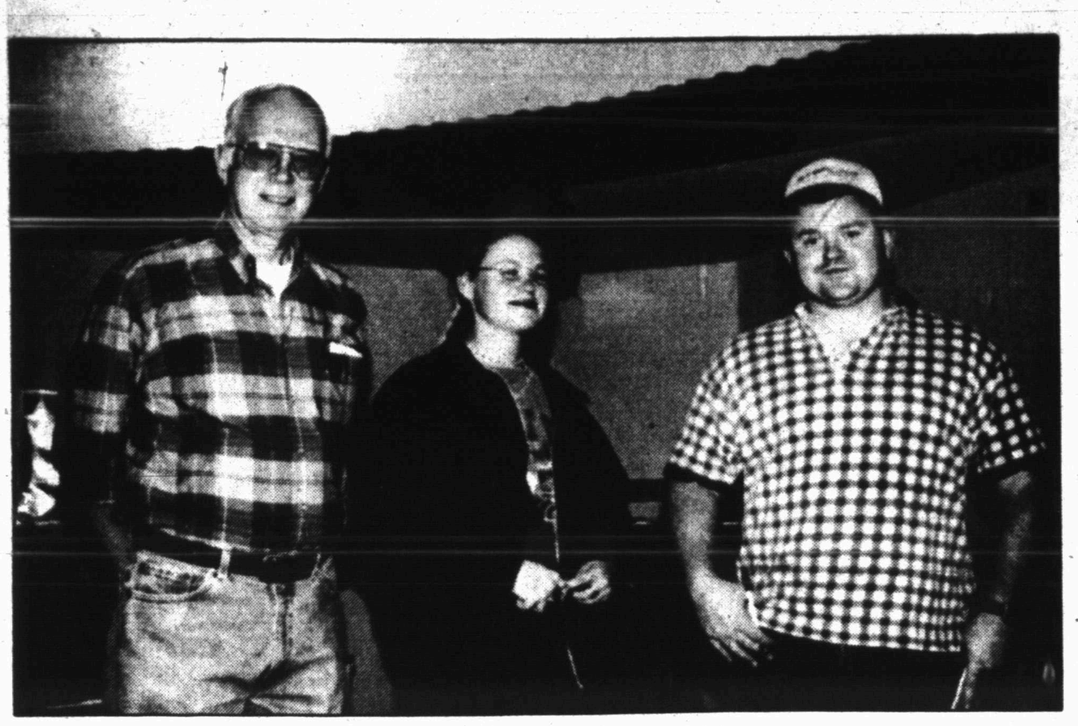


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ASTRONOMY CLUB OFFICERS — Snyder's new Astronomy Club has selected a name and elected officers. The Rolling Plains Astronomy Club's officers include Mike Brasher, right, president; Lonique Coots, center, vice president; and Rollin Swanson, left, program chairman. (Contributed Photo)

Chinese arms dealer, Brown meeting eyed

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — FBI agents sought documents linking Ronald Brown, the late commerce secretary, to a Chinese arms dealer in their probe of Democratic Party fund-raiser Yah Lin "Charlie" Trie, according to court documents previously kept secret.

A federal judge ordered the file opened Friday at the request of Trie, who faces federal charges in the campaign fund-raising probe.

Agents searched Trie's Little Rock home in October 1997 after obtaining a search warrant that alluded to a Feb. 6, 1996, meeting attended by Brown and arms dealer Wang Jun the same day the dealer attended a White House coffee with President Clinton.

Trie, a central figure in the controversy over foreign-linked campaign donations to Democrats, arranged Clinton's meeting with Wang, whose company, Poly Technologies, has been implicated in smuggling of arms into the United States.

Wang is identified as an adviser to the Chinese government in the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee's report on its investigation into illegal campaign fund raising in the 1996 election.

His visit to the White House was previously reported, and Clinton has said it was inappropriate. Previous reports, however, did not mention a meeting the same day between Brown and Wang.

Brown was a major player in Democratic politics. He was killed in April 1996 when the military transport he was aboard crashed into a mountainside in Croatia. Thirty-four others on the plane as part of a government trade mission also died.

The reference to a meeting between Brown and Wang adds a new twist to the investigation into fund-raising irregularities.

Trie, a longtime friend of Clinton and a former Little Rock restaurateur, is scheduled to go on trial May 17 on charges he made and arranged illegal contributions to the Democratic National Committee to buy access to Clinton and other top officials.

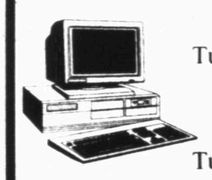
The indictment also claims Trie obstructed justice by ordering an employee to destroy documents subpoenaed in 1997 by a federal grand jury and by the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

Trie asked a judge to unseal the court file Thursday, claiming that an FBI agent misled the court in an affidavit that prompted a judge to issue a warrant for a search of Trie's local residence.

Trie's lawyers said he had learned in late March or early this month that, contrary to FBI Agent Daniel J. Wehr's affidavit, Wehr did not participate in an interview of Dia Maria Mapili.

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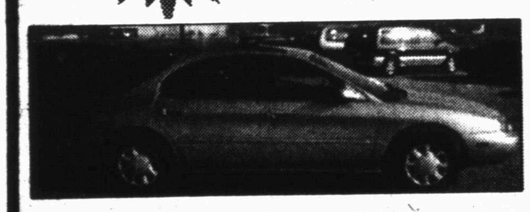
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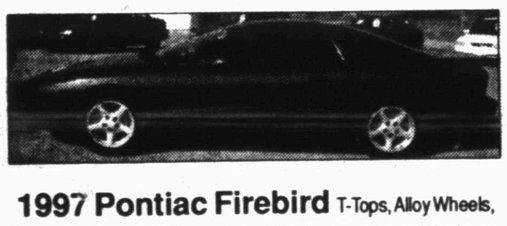
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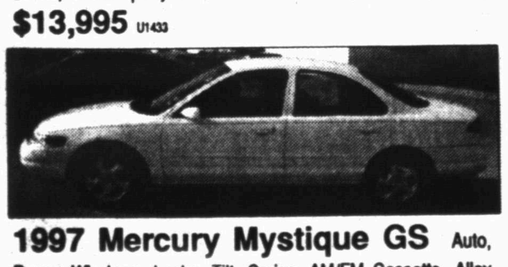
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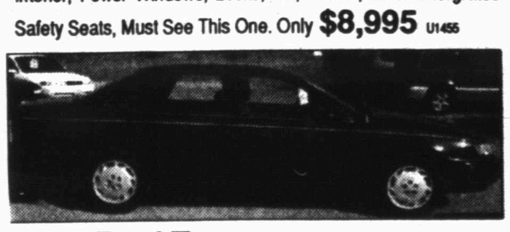
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At regional golf tournament...

Lady Tigers head stellar field

On the surface, this year's Region I Girls Golf Tournament seems unchanged.

The event returns to the same site as seasons past, Riverside Golf Club in San Angelo. It will still be played over two rounds, with 16 teams competing for two state berths. And the team that has secured one of those berths for five consecutive years, the Snyder Lady Tigers, will be on hand again.

But when players begin play Monday morning, there will be a noticeable difference. The number of quality teams at this year's event has grown considerably. What is usually a two or three-team race, could turn into a six-school battle to the wire.

After locking up their eighth straight district title last week, the Snyder Lady Tigers will be looking to garner their sixth straight state berth when they tee off Monday morning in the opening round of a wide-open regional tournament.

Snyder, which has held the state's No. 2 ranking all season behind defending state champion Highland Park, will once again be considered a front-runner in San Angelo. But also in contention should be Andrews, Pampa, Wichita Falls High, Wichita Falls Rider and Stephenville.

"This year there are a lot more quality teams," said Snyder coach Matt Glenn. "You're going to have to play well to advance. I don't think anyone is going to be able to shoot in the 330s both days and make it. We've set a team goal of 640 for the tournament."

Glenn has seen his Lady Tigers card record-breaking rounds over the past two years on the Riverside course. Snyder carded a 643 in '98 to break their old mark.

Riverside has seen its share of Snyder success already this season. Trailing Andrews by a stroke, entering the final round of district play, the Lady Tigers blistered the San Angelo track to win the 5-4A title by 12 shots.

"We've played well at Riverside in the past," Glenn remarked. "In district this year, the course was playing a litle longer than usual. They moved the tees back on all the par-3s and there were some high scores by a lot of players on those holes. But no matter how the course is set up it will play the same for everybody, so we just have to play smart and take care of business."

Lining up for the Lady Tigers will be Keisha Gafford, Lacey Kidd, Randi Reed, Sally Barham and Stephanie Alderete. This group of SHS linksters has played under pressure before, and that's a big advantage, according to Glenn.

"That was a big-time pressure round we played to win district," the Snyder coach said. "Because we've had so much success in the past, our girls can play with a lot of confidence and that's a great advantage. Our girls know it will take two really good rounds to make it to state, but they also know that they have it in them to shoot low numbers. I feel really confident that they'll play well and I'm excited about the competition."

Rounding out the field of 16 teams will be Weatherford, Azle, Granbury, El Paso Ysleta, El Paso Burgess, Canyon Randall, Plainview, Borger and a pair of Pecos squads.

Snyder is expected to begin play around 9:30 Monday morning, with the final round scheduled for Tuesday.



TEACHER AND PUPIL — Snyder golf coach Matt Glenn visits with Keisha Gaf ord as they walk off the ninth green at last year's tourney. The Lady Tigers will be looking for a return appearance when they begin the regional event on Monday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Bronco great won't return...

Sources say Elway will retire

DENVER (AP) — John Elway, the master of the late-game rally, has apparently run out of comebacks.

Sources who spoke on condition of anonymity Friday told The Associated Press the 38-year-old Elway has told family and friends that he won't be back for the 1999 season.

Elway led the Denver Broncos to Super Bowl victories the past two years.

The Denver Rocky Mountain News and The Denver Post also cited unidentified sources who said Elway's retirement was imminent.

Elway considered making an announcement this past week, but delayed it, sources said, first because Broncos owner Pat Bowlen was out of town, and then because of the school shootings in suburban Denver on Tuesday.

The Post said Elway could announce his retirement as early as Monday. He was out of town Friday and could not be reached for comment.

Broncos spokesman Jim Saccomano said he could not confirm the reports until he heard from Elway.

Last weekend, during the NFL draft, Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said he expected Elway to make his decision known before the team's minicamp, which opens April 30.

Famous for improbable late-game magic, Elway rallied his team with 47 game-saving drives in his career, more than any quarterback ever.

Elway's retirement is the third in four months of a transcendent figure in sports, following Michael Jordan and Wayne Gretzky.

Jordan retired from the Chicago Bulls just before the lockout-shortened NBA season started in January, and Gretzky announced last week that he was retiring following the New York Rangers' last regular-season game.

Elway considered retiring after winning his first Super Bowl in January 1998. Four months later, he elected to return for another season but said he was 99.9 percent sure it would be his last.

Last January, after winning a second Super Bowl as well as the game's MVP award, he hedged slightly, saying the possibility of an unprecedented third straight title had thrown a "kink" in his thinking.

With Elway's departure, the Broncos will turn to veteran Bubby Brister, who had a 4-0 record as a starter last season.

Elway, who turns 39 on June 28, compiled the best passer rating of his career in 1998, but the season was interrupted by hamstring, back and rib injuries that caused him to uncharacteristically miss all or part of six games.

Still, his toughness, durability and productivity may never be equaled. Nor may his ability to rally a team to victory in the final minutes.

In perhaps his best-known comeback, he directed a 98-yard drive in the final five minutes to tie the 1986 AFC Championship game in Cleveland. The Broncos won the game in overtime and went on to Elway's first Super Bowl.

In his 16 seasons, Elway guided his team to more victories (148) than any other quarterback in NFL history. He threw for 51,475 yards and accounted for 54,882 total yards — second only to Miami's Dan Marino.

He is the only player to pass for 3,000 yards and rush for 200 yards in seven straight seasons (1985-91).

He was selected to nine Pro Bowls and was named the NFL's MVP in 1987. He holds 55 Broncos' regular-season and postseason records.

But until late in his career, one goal consistently eluded Elway. He suffered through three increasingly lopsided Super Bowl losses and, at 37, had begun to wonder if he would get another opportunity.

He got two.

The first came on Jan. 25, 1998, in San Diego against the defending champion Green Bay Packers. Despite mediocre statistics, Elway set the tone by scrambling and diving into two defenders for a first down to set up a Denver touchdown late in the third quarter.

In the closing minutes, Elway accounted for his 45th game-saving drive, completing a 23-yard pass to Howard Griffith to help set up Terrell Davis' go-ahead scoring run in the 31-24 victory.

"I know that I've been labeled as the guy who's never been on the winning Super Bowl team," a jubilant Elway said. "Boy, am I glad to get rid of that."

On Jan. 31, he earned Super Bowl MVP honors in leading the Broncos past the Atlanta Falcons 34-19 in Miami.

Dallas 3, Edmonton 1...

Stars take 2-0 series lead over Oilers

DALLAS (AP) — After two hard-checking games and two one-goal losses, the Edmonton Oilers aren't looking like the first-round spoilers they have been two years in a row.

The Oilers have succeeded in sticking to their game plan of pounding Dallas with dozens of hits — 65 on Friday night — and insist that's how they will continue to play in Sunday's Game 3. But they still lost to the Stars 3-1 Friday night to go down 2-0 in a best-of-7 series.

"We're still not generating a lot of scoring chances, and that's a credit to Dallas," Edmonton coach Ron Low said.

The Stars also said they would continue to play the way they have.

"It's a good feeling to get the first two, to play well and hard at home, and we have to take the same attitude to Edmonton," Stars goalie Ed Belfour said.

Despite absorbing dozens of hits by the Oilers, the Stars have remained disciplined.

"They've got guys that can really hit, so we've got to stay disciplined," Stars forward Jamie Langenbrunner said.

So far, they have.

Even though penalties cost Edmonton six power plays and left them at least a man down for most of the first period Friday night, Dallas' power play didn't succeed. Both teams' man-advantage units are scoreless for the series.

The Oilers put themselves back on their heels by spending much of the game in the penalty box. Dallas played a whopping 11:15 of the first period on the man advantage. Edmonton went 0-for-3 on the man advantage as well.

Langenbrunner scored the game-winner for his first of the playoffs. His goal with 5:38 left made it 3-1, but Edmonton's Doug Weight scored his first goal of the series with a point-blank shot less than 2½ minutes later, making it a one-goal game again.

Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock said he was pleased with Friday night's victory, but said his team wasn't as strong as it needs to be.

"I think were playing all right ... but the whole group has to bring it up to another level if we are going to keep winning," he said.

Both goaltenders were strong, with Edmonton's Tommy Salo stopping 31 shots and Belfour 17. Dallas outshot the Oilers 34-19.

But Salo couldn't solve Lehtinen or Carbonneau, both of whom scored for the second straight game. Carbonneau, at 39 the oldest skater on any team in the playoffs, scored his second of the postseason just 2:34 into the game, two seconds after a penalty to the Oilers' Bill Guerin expired.

Carbonneau spun and snapped a wrist shot past Salo from the slot after taking a feed from Dave Reid and fending off a hook by Rem Murray.

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Suns: Shaquita Sneed, 8; Tilatha Akins and K'Ana Garcia, 2. **Dynamites:** Nakita Pickerel, 4.

Swifts 8, Suns 0

Swifts: Shelbie Talavera, 6; Teryn Sullenger, 2.

Hoopsters 20, Dynamites 18

Hoopsters: Britney Webb, 16; Jessica Bilderback and Erma Rodriguez, 2. **Dynamites:** Nakita Pickerel, 18.

MINOR LEAGUE

Swoopsters 28, Rockets 10

Swoopsters: Marleah Akins, 14; Courtney Tyrrel, 8; Kendra Burns, 4. **Rockets:** Karly Buchanan and Jessica Yanez, 4; Brittney Criswell, 2.

Swoopsters 26, Little Tigers 13

Swoopsters: Akins, 8; Jordan Derryberry, 6; Burns and Destinee Naegele, 4; Tyrrell and Caylea Rhodes, 2. **Little Tigers:** LaCree Tippens, 5; Cassandra Hernandez, 4; Alicia Culp and Tana Sullenger, 2.

Red Hots 25, Little Tigers 4

Red Hots: Jordan Stansell, 10; Audrey Jones, 7; Jessica Odom, 6; Aryn Calley, 2. **Little Tigers:** Hernandez and Tippens, 2.

Panthers 31, Wildcats 9

Panthers: Terann Ragland, 15; Candace Chandler and Kelbi Pitner, 5; Julie Cruz, 4; Kirstie Davis, 2. **Wildcats:** Teisha McGlouthin, 6; Leslie Eades, 2; Brittany Kelley, 1.

MAJOR LEAGUE

Lady Raiders 30, Nikes 21

Lady Raiders: Briana Burk, 11; Aeryal Peoples, 6; Kelsea Wood, 5; Christi Williams, 4; Leslie Nesmith and Chelsea Wood, 2. **Nikes:** Courtney Cox, 6; Erin Hackfeld, 5; Casey Crain and Katie Curry, 4; Bianca Gonzales, 2.

Fast Break 33, Rebels 26

Fast Break: Shaela Thompson, 11; Kassey Burney and Mosheka Williams, 10; Stephanie Parmer, 2. **Rebels:** Jessica Taylor, 14; Amanda Murray and Glyn Wright, 6.

Magic 27, Bullettes 13

Magic: Emily Jones, 13; Alana Culp and Taren Knipe, 6; Jerrica Gutierrez, 2. **Bullettes:** Kenetra James, 5; Heather Holmes, 4; Kim Cooper and Kendra Martinez, 2.

Sonics 33, Fast Break 17

Sonics: Heather Zajicek, 22; Amber Sanchez, 5; Teddi Crenwelge, 4; Kalli Wesson, 2. **Fast Break:** Kelli Rushing, 6; Burney and Parmer, 4; Jessica Robbins, 3.

Magic 32, Rebels 24

Magic: Jones, 12; Culp, 10; Knipe, 6; Gutierrez and Stephanie Grant, 2. **Rebels:** Wright, 19; Murray, 3; Taylor, 2.

Jazz 26, Sonics 24

Jazz: Sirena Medrano, 12; Kayla Guerrero, 10; Micaela Quiros and Breanna Talavera, 2. **Sonics:** Zajicek, 10; Crenwelge, 8; Sanchez, 4; Wesson, 2.

Starzz 24, Jawbreakers 21

Starzz: Dondi Brock, 15; Wendy Reed, 5; Jacy Beccue and Kaitlyn Greenlee, 2. **Jawbreakers:** Ashley Villegas, 8; Erica Little, 6; Jodi Stewart, 5; Tara Kubena, 2.

Comets 22, Lady Raiders 18

Comets: Sequoya Powell, 12; Stacey Williamson, 8; Kelsey Shaw, 2. **Lady Raiders:** Burk, 8; Peoples, 7; Williams, 2; Wood, 1.

Nikes 23, Hornets 19

Nikes: Hackfeld, 8; Cox, 7; Crain and Gonzales, 4. **Hornets:** Rebecca Aguirre, 9; Danisha Akins, 6; Ciara Lotta and Morgan Bilderback, 2.

Crenshaw aces No. 1 at WTC

Howard Crenshaw couldn't have started his round any better on Thursday.

Crenshaw went to the second tee box with a one on his scorecard, after acing the first hole at Western Texas College.

Crenshaw used a 6-iron to accomplish the feat on the 142-yard par-3.

Playing with Crenshaw were Jim Erwin, Bill Looney and Jerald Beard.

Sports Briefs

SCC scramble and MGA

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

Pitching clinics scheduled

Pitching clinics for girls' fast-pitch softball are held every Wednesday. Classes are limited. For more information, contact Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

WGA weekly play day

The Women's Golf Association of Snyder Country Club will hold its Tuesday play day, beginning at 9 a.m. Format will be low net twosome.

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SPORTS

To remain in playoff hunt...

Tigers handle pressure, Steers

The consequences of Friday night's contest at Moffett Field were easy to read. A victory would put Snyder in control of its playoff destiny, while a loss would leave the Tigers in need of some help to make the posteason.

The Tigers responded to the pressure by playing more fundamentally sound than the Big Spring Steers, and by playing smarter.

Five error-free innings to open the contest, combined with patience and power at the plate, carried Snyder to a 7-3 victory over the Steers.

"I'm really proud of how our kids responded to the situation tonight," Snyder coach Roland Herrera said. "It looked a few games ago like we might have peaked too early. We had been playing really well to start district, then we kind of hit a low spot. But the kids have continued to work hard in practice and it's paying off."

Along with the Tigers' performance, a pair of Big Spring baserunning errors also aided the Snyder effort, as the game ended on a bizarre double play.

Trailing 7-3 to begin the top of the seventh, the Steers got their first two men aboard on errors, before Snyder's Wes Wilson notched his eighth strikeout for the first out of the inning.

With Joe Owens at second, and Jay Kuykendall at first, Chris Olson lifted a fly ball into short-center field. Big Spring coach Bobby Doe waved Owens home, while Brad Roemisch fielded the ball on one hop. Roemisch's throw beat Owens to the plate.

After applying the tag, Snyder catcher Cory Mandrell looked up to see Kuykendall just jogging toward third base. Mandrell's threw to third base with Kuykendall still 10-feet from the bag. The shocked Steer baserunner, who had believed the play at the plate was the third out, walked into the extended glove of Josh Ward to end the game.

"Jay got confused and thought that the third out had already been made," Doe stated. "I probably shouldn't have sent Owens home in that situation, but I was trying to get something started for our team. And give credit to Snyder. They made the play."

The Tigers held the lead for all but an inning and a half. Owens opened the scoring in the top of the second with a two-run blast to right-center field.

Snyder quickly answered back in the bottom of the frame, sending nine men to the plate on its way to staking a 4-2 advantage. Roemisch drove in a pair of runs with a single, and Mandrell brought home the other two with his second double of the night.

"Cory is really playing well right now," Herrera remarked. "He's getting the job done with the bat and behind the plate. He's been a spark that we needed to get out of our little slump."

The Tigers extended the lead to 6-2 in the third when Wilson and Ward singled, with a double by Matthew Grimmett in between.

A solo home run from Jose Carnero trimmed the margin to three-runs, before Roemisch delivered his third RBI in the fifth to cap the scoring.

Wilson went the distance for the second game in a row and for the fourth time in district play. The senior surrendered six hits and one walk to go along with eight strikeouts.

Snyder returns to the diamond Tuesday with a 5 p.m. visit to Lake View, before closing district play Friday at home against Andrews.

Friday's win over the Steers was the only district contest of the night.

Big Spring	ab	r	h	bi
Choate cf	4	0	1	0
Olson lf	4	0	1	0
Guinn c	2	0	1	0
Aguirre 2b	2	0	0	0
Proffett ph	1	0	0	0
Carnero rf	2	1	1	1
Clements 1b	3	1	1	0
Hernandez dh	2	0	0	0
Bamert ph	1	0	0	0
Owens ss	3	1	1	2
Kuykendall 3b	3	0	0	0
Totals	27	3	6	3

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Pena 2b	3	1	0	0
Mandrell c	4	0	2	2
Rodgers ss	4	0	1	0
Shields dh	4	0	0	0
Hook 1b	3	1	1	0
Wilson p	3	0	1	0
Alexander cr	0	2	0	0
Grimmett rf	3	2	1	1
Ward 3b	3	0	2	1
Roemisch cf	3	1	2	3
Totals	30	7	10	7

Big Spring	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	—	3 6 3
Snyder	0	4	2	0	1	0	x	—	7 10 3

DP - Snyder 1. LOB - Big Spring 5, Snyder 8. 2B - Shields, Mandrell 2, Grimmett. HR - Owens, Carnero.

Big Spring	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Beauchamp	6	10	7	5	3	2
Snyder	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Wilson	7	6	3	3	1	8

5-4A Baseball

	District			Overall		
Team	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Andrews	7	0	1.000	21	1	.955
Snyder	5	3	.625	18	9	.667
Lake View	4	3	.571	12	10	.545
Ft.Stckton	3	4	.429	11	13	.458
Big Spring	3	5	.375	4	18	.182
Swtwater	0	7	.000	7	15	.318

Friday's results: Snyder 7, Big Spring 3.

Saturday's games: Andrews vs. Lake View; Sweetwater vs. Ft. Stockton.

Tuesday's games: Snyder at Lake View; Andrews vs. Sweetwater; Ft. Stockton at Big Spring.

Gonzalez delivers first homer in Rangers' win

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — It took Juan Gonzalez 16 games before he finally hit his first home run of the season, Friday night in the Texas Rangers' 4-2 win over the Minnesota Twins.

Gonzalez, who hit 45 homers last season, was clearly relieved to get his first of 1999, a three-run shot to left-center in the sixth inning to break a scoreless tie.

But Rangers first baseman Lee Stevens, Texas' leading home run hitter this season with five, said the rest of the team was more excited about the homer than Gonzalez.

"It's probably a bigger relief for everybody else," Stevens said.

Rangers manager Johnny Oates said the team breathed a collective sigh of relief when Gonzalez' home run cleared the fence.

"I'm not sure how much longer he could have held it," Oates said. "I know there were a lot of people in the dugout very happy that he hit the home run because they were probably thinking along with me."

Gonzalez's home run gave Mark Clark (1-2) a 7-0 record in 11 appearances against the Twins.

"He's hit the ball hard so many times," Clark said. "He's hit I don't know how many balls to dead center. I was just glad he did it."

Clark pitched 6 2/3 strong innings, allowing just four hits while striking out six and issuing two walks. He lowered his ERA from 10.76 to 8.14 while showing strong command of all his pitches.

Through the first five scoreless innings, neither Clark nor Twins starter Mike Lincoln (0-3) allowed a runner past second base.

Twins manager Tom Kelly praised the rookie, who struck out Gonzalez in the first, and leads all Twins starters with a 3.98 ERA.

"Lincoln pitched a good game," Kelly said. "He gave us a great chance to win. He was very competitive. He's pitched well the last couple of times in a row."

Lincoln said Gonzalez's first-inning strikeout, which ended the inning with a runner on second, set the tone for Gonzalez's at-bats, which included two deep fly balls to center in addition to the home run.

"It was like he was heating up a little bit," Lincoln said.

In the sixth, the Rangers' Mark McLemore led off with a single off shortstop Denny Hocking's glove, Rusty Greer lined a single to left just over third baseman Corey Koskie's reach, and Gonzalez hit a 397-foot blast into the left field bleachers.

After Rafael Palmeiro grounded out to Lincoln, Ivan Rodriguez singled, but Todd Zeile hit into the Rangers' third double play of the game to end the inning.

The Twins got two runs back in the seventh when Torii Hunter hit an RBI single to score Doug Mientkiewicz, who walked and moved to second on a wild pitch. After Terry Steinbach and Koskie struck out, Kelly sent Todd Walker to pinch hit for Chris Latham.

When Eric Gunderson came in to relieve Clark, Walker was called back and Ron Coomer went in to pinch-hit. Coomer was on the bench with a strained left rib cage, which caused him to miss the last three games. He delivered with a bloop single to bring Hunter home.

Rodriquez hit his fourth homer to start the ninth for Texas, the first run allowed by Mike Trombley in 19 1-3 innings dating to last season.

Clippers hold off Rockets

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Maurice Taylor scored a career-high 29 points, including seven in overtime, as the Los Angeles Clippers held off Houston 106-101 Friday night, snapping a nine-game losing streak against the Rockets.

The Clippers blew all of a 19-point lead in the fourth quarter, when they were outscored 32-21. They needed a 3-pointer from Troy Hudson with eight seconds remaining to force overtime.

Charles Barkley led the Rockets with 24 points. He hit a 3-pointer to draw them within three with five seconds left in overtime, but Eric Piatkowski hit two free throws to seal the Clippers' eighth win of the season.

Cameron, Reds edge Astros

CINCINNATI (AP) — Mike Cameron is still trying to erase last year.

Cameron had three hits, scored three runs and stole two bases Friday night to lead the Cincinnati Reds to a 7-5 victory against the Houston Astros.

He raised his batting average to .321, and that helped ease the memory of last season, when he batted .210 with the Chicago White Sox.

"You can't be judged on one bad year," Cameron said. "I feel I can hit. I just fell into one bad bump last year."

Greg Vaughn, who has been taking extra batting practice in search of his best swing, drove in three runs with a sacrifice fly and a two-run homer as Cincinnati snapped the Astros' three-game winning streak.

Richard Hidalgo went 3-for-3 with a homer and three RBIs for Houston.

Reds manager Jack McKeon has been raving about Cameron's defense in center field and was glad to see that aggressiveness on offense.

"That's the kind of player he can be," McKeon said. "He's been excelling, and with a little success, he's getting more and more confident. He's getting bigger and better leads at first base, and he's hitting the ball hard."

Cameron started a three-run rally in the fifth to break a 4-4 tie. He led off with a single off Chris Holt (0-3), stole second and scored on a single by Michael Tucker.

One out later, a single by Sean Casey and a walk by Barry Larkin loaded the bases. Tucker scored on a single by Eddie Taubensee, and Casey scored on Aaron Boone's sacrifice fly.

Holt gave up seven runs, eight hits and two walks in 4 1-3 innings.

"He's had some tough luck up until tonight," said Astros manager Larry Dierker. "Tonight he just didn't pitch well. He wasn't wild like walking guys, but sometimes wild over the middle of the plate is worse."

Scott Sullivan (2-0) allowed one run and five hits in 2 1-3 innings.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
NewYork	11	6	.647	-
Atlanta	9	6	.600	1
Philadelphia	8	8	.500	2½
Montreal	6	9	.400	4
Florida	5	11	.313	5½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St.Louis	10	5	.667	-
Houston	8	7	.533	2
Pittsburgh	8	7	.533	2
Milwaukee	7	9	.438	3½
Cincinnati	6	9	.400	4
Chicago	5	9	.357	4½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanFrancisco	11	7	.611	-
Arizona	10	7	.588	½
LosAngeles	8	9	.471	2½
Colorado	6	7	.462	2½
SanDiego	7	9	.438	3

Friday's Games

New York 6, Chicago 5
Philadelphia 6, Montreal 2
Florida 9, Atlanta 1
Milwaukee 9, Pittsburgh 1
Cincinnati 7, Houston 5
Arizona 10, San Diego 6
St. Louis 12, Los Angeles 5
San Francisco 7, Colorado 2

Saturday's Games

Houston (Hampton 1-1) at Cincinnati (Avery 1-1), 1:15 p.m.
Milwaukee (Eldred 0-0 or Abbott 0-3) at Pittsburgh (Schourek 1-1), 1:35 p.m.
New York (Watson 1-1) at Chicago (Woodall 0-1 or Mulholland 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
Colorado (Astacio 0-2) at San Francisco (Estes 1-1), 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Loewer 1-1) at Montreal (Pavano 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 2-0) at Florida (Sanchez 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Daal 2-0) at San Diego (W.Williams 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Osborne 0-1) at Los Angeles (Valdes 1-0), 10:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Houston (Bergman 0-1) at Cincinnati (Harnisch 1-2), 1:15 p.m.
Philadelphia (Byrd 1-1) at Montreal (Vazquez 1-1), 1:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Benson 1-1), 1:35 p.m.
New York (Hershiser 1-1) at Chicago (Lieber 2-1), 2:20 p.m.
Arizona (Johnson 2-1) at San Diego (Spencer 0-2), 4:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Smoltz 2-0) at Florida (Meadows 3-0), 4:05 p.m.
Colorado (Wright 0-0) at San Francisco (Brock 2-1), 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Bottenfield 3-0) at Los Angeles (Dreifort 3-0), 8:05 p.m.

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	12	5	.706	-
NewYork	10	5	.667	1
TampaBay	11	7	.611	1½
Boston	8	8	.500	3½
Baltimore	4	12	.250	7½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	12	3	.800	-
Chicago	8	6	.571	3½
Detroit	7	9	.438	5½
Minnesota	7	10	.412	6
KansasCity	5	10	.333	7

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	9	8	.529	-
Anaheim	7	10	.412	2
Oakland	7	10	.412	2
Seattle	6	10	.375	2½

Friday's Games

Cleveland 7, Boston 6
Baltimore 7, Oakland 4
Tampa Bay 5, Seattle 4
Chicago 5, Detroit 0
New York 6, Toronto 4
Texas 4, Minnesota 2
Anaheim 4, Kansas City 2

Saturday's Games

Cleveland (Burba 1-0) at Boston (Saberhagen 2-1), 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 2-0) at New York (Pettitte 0-0), 1:35 p.m.
Oakland (Oquist 1-1) at Baltimore (Erickson 0-3), 1:35 p.m.
Detroit (Mlicki 1-0) at Chicago (Navarro 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Sparks 0-3) at Kansas City (Suppan 0-3), 2:05 p.m.
Seattle (Henry 1-0) at Tampa Bay (Arrojo 1-1), 6:35 p.m.
Texas (Morgan 3-0) at Minnesota (Hawkins 1-2), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Cleveland at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
Oakland at Baltimore, 1:35 p.m.
Seattle at Tampa Bay, 1:35 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 2:05 p.m.
Texas at Minnesota, 2:05 p.m.
Anaheim at Kansas City, 2:05 p.m.
Toronto at New York, 2:15 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	29	13	.690	-
x-Orlando	29	16	.644	1½
Philadelphia	24	19	.558	5½
NewYork	22	21	.512	7½
Boston	17	27	.386	13
Washington	16	27	.372	13½
NewJersey	13	29	.310	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	28	15	.651	-
Atlanta	27	17	.614	1½
Milwaukee	24	19	.558	4
Detroit	23	20	.535	5
Toronto	22	21	.512	6
Charlotte	21	21	.500	6½
Cleveland	21	22	.488	7
Chicago	12	32	.273	16½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	33	10	.767	-
x-SanAntonio	30	12	.714	2½
Houston	27	16	.628	6
Minnesota	22	22	.500	11½
Dallas	15	28	.349	18
Denver	14	29	.326	19
Vancouver	8	36	.182	25½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Portland	31	11	.738	-
L.A.Lakers	27	17	.614	5
Phoenix	22	21	.512	9½
Sacramento	21	22	.488	10½
Seattle	21	22	.488	10½
GoldenState	18	25	.419	13½
L.A.Clippers	8	35	.186	23½

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Friday's Games

Atlanta 89, Washington 78
Toronto 95, Orlando 88
New York 110, Charlotte 105
Milwaukee 79, Cleveland 75
Boston 100, Chicago 71
Denver 96, Golden State 84
Utah 96, Portland 85
Seattle 97, Vancouver 84
Sacramento 105, Minnesota 97
L.A. Clippers 106, Houston 101, OT

Saturday's Games

New Jersey at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Indiana, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Denver at Golden State, 11 p.m.
Vancouver at L.A. Clippers, 11 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Detroit at Toronto, 12:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 12:30 p.m.
Washington at Boston, 12:30 p.m.
New York at Miami, 3 p.m.
Houston at Phoenix, 3 p.m.
Orlando at Philadelphia, 5:30 p.m.
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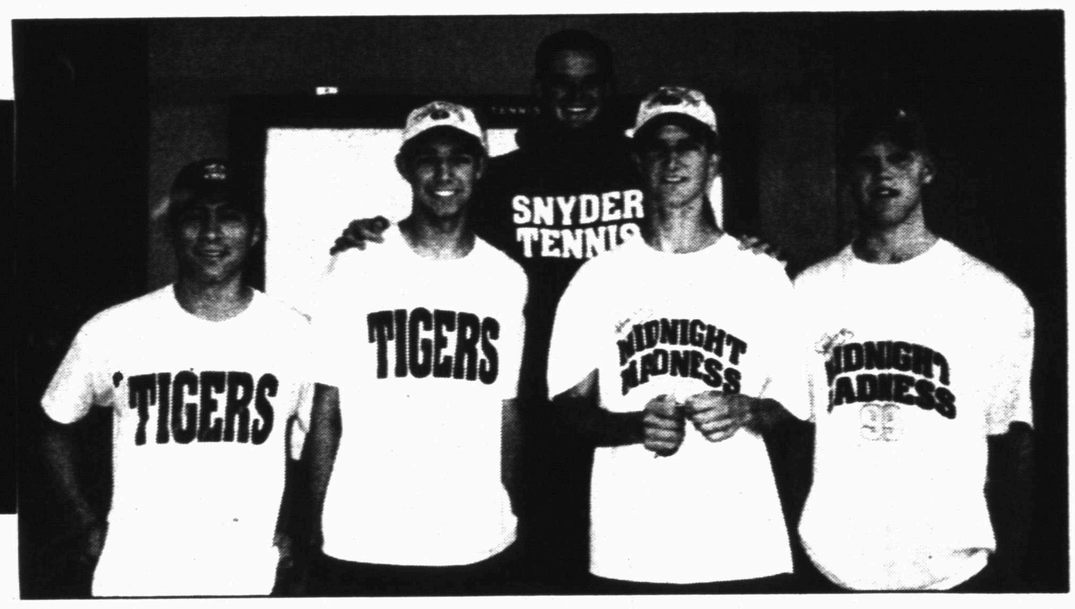
LADY TIGER SOFTBALL — Members of the Lady Tigers softball team are, front row from left, Cameron Mackey, Whitney Webb, Lisa Hall, Leticia Martinez and Vanessa Freeman. On the middle row are Ashley Barremore, Angie Shoemake, Jennifer Newman, Amber Haarmeyer, Christy Tomlinson and Amy Free. On the back row are head coach Carmen Bohannon, Kristin Martinez, Darcee Purcell, Starla Davis, Courtney Rinehart and asst. coach Mechelle Chrane.



LADY TIGER LINKSTERS — Members of the Lady Tigers golf squad are from left, coach Primo Gonzalez, Lacy Kidd, Sally Barham, Stephanie Alderete, Keisha Gafford, Randi Reed and coach Matt Glenn.

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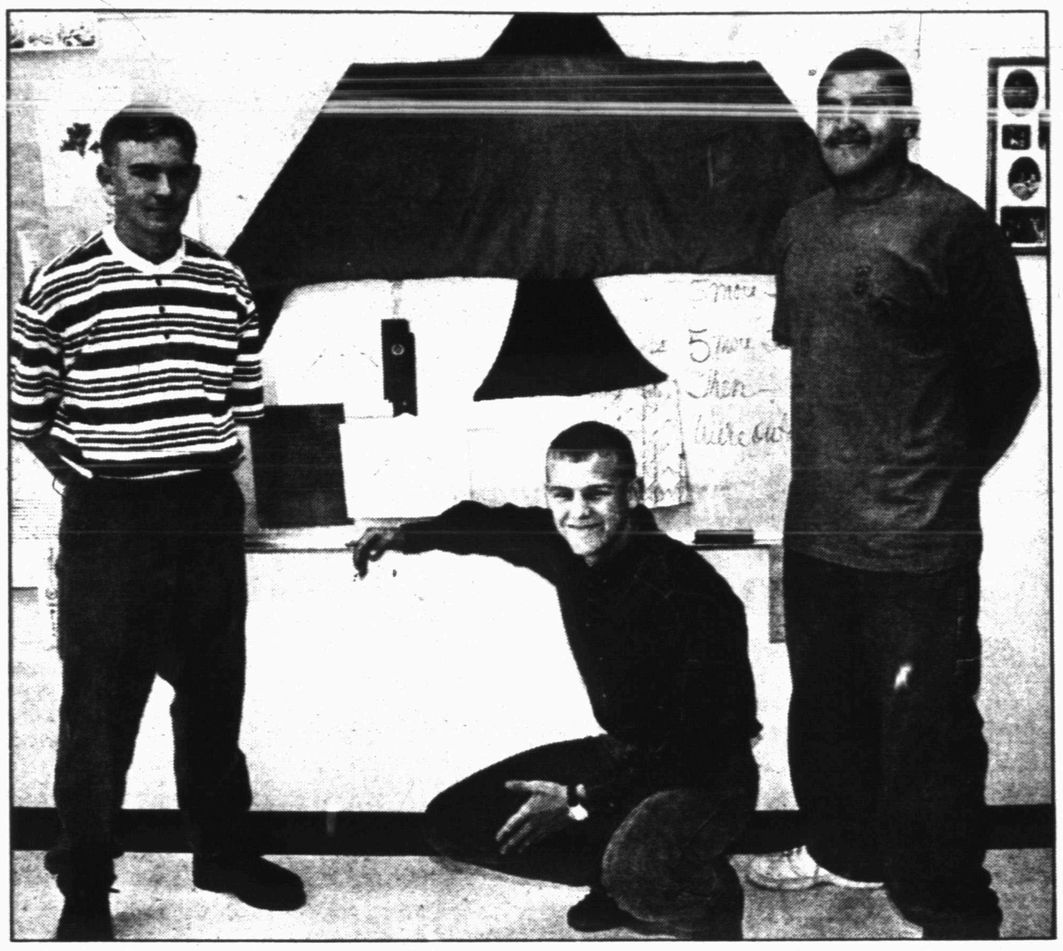
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SECOND PLACE — Hermleigh geometry students from left, Jared Higgins, Caleb Callaway and Joey Garza, designed this kite which won second place at the Big County Council of Teachers of Mathematics and Science annual Math Fair '99. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Hermleigh students sweep '99 math fair competition

Hermleigh geometry students swept the annual Big Country Council of Teachers of Mathematics and Science annual Math Fair '99 held Monday and Tuesday at Hillcrest Church of Christ in Abilene.

They captured four of six awards including first through third places and one of three honorable mentions.

First place was a windsock designed and created by Tiffanie Moore, Randi Herrington and Crystal Jackson.

Hermleigh's Jared Higgins, Joey Garza, Caleb Callaway and Chris Doggett earned second place for a kite they designed. They missed the top prize by a single point.

Third place went to a tessellation of "cotton boll" designed by Randi Herrington and Crystal Jackson.

Tiffanie Moore and Caleb Callaway received honorable mention for their tessellation of flowers.

In the category "Demonstration of Math Principle," Elizabeth Beckham placed second with the fractal drawing of some wildflower sprigs.

Also entered were tessellations by Elizabeth Beckham, Jared Higgins and Joey Garza. Scores were determined by four criteria: Written explanation of math concepts used in project, 40 percent; and 20 each for originality/creativity; artistic appearance/neatness; difficulty level.

The director described the students' written explanations as "exceptional." Three judges working independently judged all entries. They included one math teacher and one expert in the field represented.

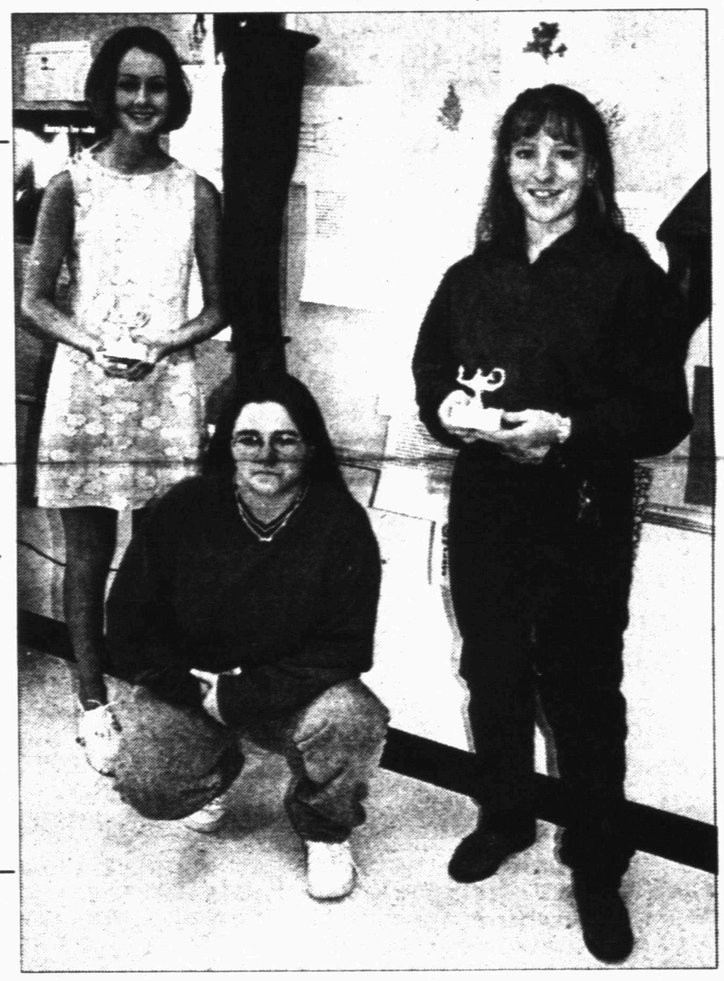
The director, Lymeda Singleton of Abilene Christian University, told the Hermleigh group that she has been asked if the windsock and kite were for sale.

She also said the windsock narrowly missed being picked "best of show," and if there had been a second place "best of show" it would have won.

Elizabeth Beckham's fractal project received this compliment: Kathy Hall, one of the main coordinators at Region 14 ESC, wants to use her project in her own fractal workshops.

Some 546 students from 14 schools participated in the math fair. Each group division had 26 entries.

The students are in Mrs. Judith Finley's geometry class. Elizabeth is a senior and the rest are juniors.



FIRST PLACE — This windsock, designed and created by from left, Hermleigh geometry sudents, Tiffanie Moore, Crystal Jackson and Randi K. Herrington, won first place in the Big Country Council of Teachers of Mathematics and Science annual Math Fair '99. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Convicted thief loses hand, foot

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Doctors, their faces hidden by white surgical masks, amputated the hand and foot of a convicted thief on Friday before thousands of people gathered at the Kabul Sports Stadium, eyewitnesses said.

A man identified only as Shoaib was convicted of stealing $9,600 from three different businessmen. According to Taliban officials, who presided over the amputation, Shoaib stopped people on the highway and took their money.

In the 90 percent of Afghanistan ruled by the Taliban religious army a harsh brand of Islamic law has been imposed. The Taliban publicly execute those convicted of murder and amputate the limbs of thieves. People are publicly beaten for lesser crimes.

Miller criticizes

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Arthur Miller's Pulitzer Prize-winning plays have always been unabashedly critical of society. He isn't losing his edge at 83.

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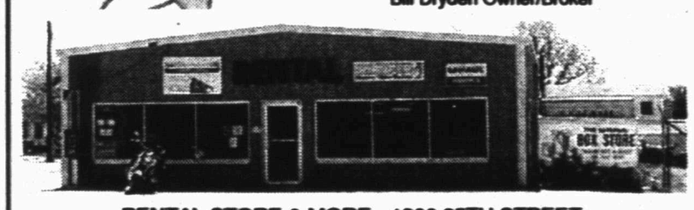



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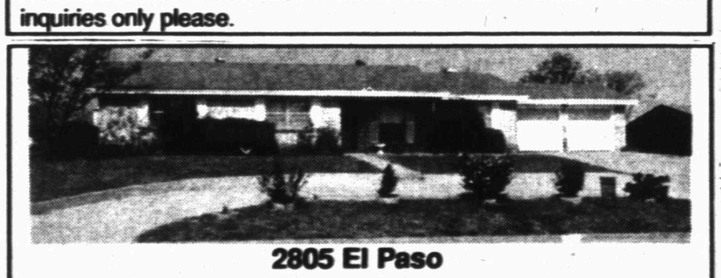
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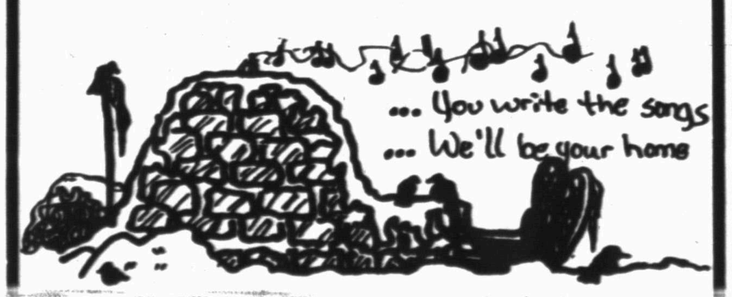
Card Of Thanks

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We wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one for the beautiful floral offerings, the abundance of food, every kindness and helpfulness during the illness and bereavement of the loss of our loved one. Our special thanks go to Wilma Dillard, Linda Briseno, RN, Staff of Med. 2 and Med. 1 and Dr. Bid Cooper for taking care of Lorraine Odal. May God's richest blessings be yours.

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Datebook

April 24, 1999

Today is the 114th day of 1999 and the 36th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1792, "La Marseillaise," the French national anthem, was composed by Claude-Joseph Rouget de Lisle.

On this day in 1961, Bob Dylan made his recording debut, playing harmonica on "Midnight Special" by Harry Belafonte.

On this day in 1967, the Philadelphia 76ers beat the Celtics 125-122, gaining the NBA championship and breaking Boston's 7-year NBA title streak.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Anthony Trollope (1815-1882), novelist; Robert Penn Warren (1905-1989), writer; Shirley MacLaine (1934-), actress, is 65; Barbra Streisand (1942-), actress-singer, is 57; Eric Bogosian (1953-), actor, is 46.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1962, pitcher Sandy Koufax of the Dodgers struck out 18 batters as the Dodgers defeated the Chicago Cubs 10-2.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There is no road to wealth so easy and respectable as that of matrimony." — Anthony Trollope

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (April 22) and full moon (April 30).

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April 25, 1999

Today is the 115th day of 1999 and the 37th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1967, Governor John Love of Colorado signed the first law legalizing abortion in the United States.

On this day in 1983, Soviet leader Yuri Andropov invited Samantha Smith, a schoolgirl from Manchester, Maine, to visit the Soviet Union. She had written him a letter asking if he would ever begin a nuclear war.

On this day in 1990, Jimi Hendrix's Fender Stratocaster was auctioned in London for $295,000.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Walter de la Mare (1873-1956), poet; Guglielmo Marconi (1874-1937), inventor; William J. Brennan Jr. (1906-1997), U.S. Supreme Court justice; Edward R. Murrow (1908-1965), news broadcaster; Ella Fitzgerald (1918-1996), singer; Paul Mazursky (1930-), director, is 69; Al Pacino (1940-), actor, is 59; Talia Shire (1946-), actress, is 53.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1901, Erve Beck of Cleveland hit the first home run in the history of the American League.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The monuments of wit survive the monuments of power." — Francis Bacon

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (April 22) and full moon (April 30).

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Who was the first to reach Everest summit?

BOSTON (AP) — The last time climbers George Mallory and Andrew Irvine were seen, they were distant shadows creeping up Mount Everest's jagged North Side, 900 feet from the summit.

Whether they reached the top before disappearing in 1924 is the question driving a team of climbers on the face of the world's highest mountain Saturday.

The eight climbers are looking for the bodies of the Englishmen and a camera that could contain pictures proving they reached the summit 29 years before Sir Edmund Hillary.

"I would say all of us feel we're taking part in a historical endeavor that's bigger than this climb," said Eric Simonson, speaking by satellite phone Friday from base camp in the Himalayas.

Mallory and Irvine are held in awe by many high-altitude climbers, given the rudimentary equipment used and the raw courage required for their early crack at Everest. The pair wore cotton shells and wool sweaters and jackets for the ascent, mere rags by today's standards.

A similar search for their bodies in 1986 failed, leaving one person dead. But Simonson, 43, likes the chances for his team.

"We think we know where to look," he said. "Obviously there's some luck involved."

The search is being funded by the Public Broadcasting Service for the documentary program NOVA, which is produced in Boston. NOVA is posting online updates throughout the expedition to the 29,028-foot summit.

The climb, which began on March 29, is being made in six stages, and the team must be finished by early May's start of the monsoon season.

So far, the weather has been cooperative, said Simonson, a veteran Everest climber from Ashford, Wash. High winds combined with low precipitation have scoured the mountain clean, possibly exposing the bodies.

Simonson said the team expects to perform its first, cursory search next week. The mountaineers have targeted a search area based on calculations from Jochen Hemmleb, a 28-year-old German climber and Mallory historian.

"He thinks he knows where the body is," said NOVA producer Liesl Clark, 32, who's with the climbers. "It's a little bit of a treasure hunt."

Hemmleb is basing his guess on a 1975 discovery by Chinese climber Wang Hongbao, who reported seeing a body on the North Ridge route Mallory and Irvine would have taken. Hongbao described the body as "English Dead," and indicated its vintage clothing broke to pieces when he touched it.

The body was found on a snow terrace, just below the spot where an ice ax believed to be Irvine's was found in 1933. The ax had three notches on the handle, which was how Irvine marked his equipment.

"It raises the question of whether he fell," said NOVA producer Lauren Aguirre.

Two days after Hongbao told his story in 1979, he died in an avalanche on Everest's North Face. But Hemmleb used information about Hongbao's climb to pinpoint the likely location of his camp.

Mallory took a Kodak Vest-Pocket camera with him before his final ascent, and likely took pictures if he reached the peak. Eastman Kodak Co. said if the film hasn't been exposed, it can still be developed.

Births

Erin Ashley English was born weighing seven pounds, eight ounces to Joe and Nicole English of Odessa, formerly of Snyder. She was born on April 19 in Odessa Regional Hospital and has a brother and a sister, Garrett, 5, and Kathryn, 3.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Steve Warren of Snyder and Peggy English of Odessa, formerly of Snyder.

Three arrested by peace officers

Three subjects were taken into custody Friday and early Saturday.

Deputies arrested a 17-year-old female at 5:35 p.m. Friday in the 900 block of Avenue Q for harboring a runaway.

A 35-year-old male was taken into custody at 8:03 p.m. Friday in the 1400 block of 22nd Street for disorderly conduct.

At 3:18 a.m. Saturday, officers arrested a 17-year-old male in the 3000 block of Avenue G for public intoxication.

A man requested an attempt to locate on his 16-year-old daughter at 3:42 p.m. Friday in reference to the girl running away.

Officers filed an offense report for indecency with a child at 6:19 p.m. Friday.

Grand jury takes no action now

A Nolan County grand jury took no action last week in the case of a 20-year-old Sweetwater woman who told authorities she placed her new-born baby in a trash dumpster — the contents of which were later placed in the city of Snyder landfill.

Her statements prompted a search for the baby's body by local and Nolan County officials on March 26.

The search failed to find the baby's body.

Sweetwater Police Chief Jim Kelley said Wednesday that he is encouraging Nolan County District Attorney Mark Edwards to have the grand jury consider the case in its next session.

Sweetwater officials became aware of the situation when the woman had to have emergency surgery at Rolling Plains Hospital. The surgeon found the umbilical cord and the placenta during the surgery and the woman later told the doctor about wrapping the baby in a towel and putting it in the dumpster.

Sweetwater officials were notified and the search began at the local landfill.

Kelley has said charges against the girl — who has one other child — could range from abuse of a corpse to murder.

Berry's World



"I HAVE HALF A MIND TO QUIT THE RAT RACE AND MOVE TO THE COUNTRY."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, April 25, 1999

Should you take on a number of unrelated projects in the year ahead, you'll be successful with all if you devote the necessary attention that each deserves. Be a doting creator.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Attempting to control someone you love is akin to possessiveness. Lighten up the reigns a bit or there's a possibility they could snap. Taurus, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Chances are you won't read people well today. You might end up catering to the wrong types in hopes of furthering your career. Only seek out those who aren't completely self-involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A lack of self-discipline regarding certain health procedures you know you should be following could lead to later regrets. You'll think better of yourself if you don't get lax.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In order to receive, you first need to be a giver, so if you want people to pay attention to you or do something nice for you, set the example.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) It's never a good day to try to transform someone into your own image, so don't attempt to do so today. Family members will especially be resentful, and they'll let you know it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A compassionate heart does not ask anything back in return when helping the needy. Remember it takes humility by the recipient, so don't put those you help on the spot by making them feel obligated.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You could overlook some really neat people who have a lot of friendship to offer if you judge others today by what they have rather than who they are. Get your head on straight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Getting along with others might be somewhat of a chore today. It doesn't matter whose fault it is, it only matters how you handle your dealings with others. Be understanding and tolerant.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A sloppy mind produces sloppy talk, so take heed of your mental focus and watch your tongue. Thoughtless remarks that are offensive to your listeners reflects right back at you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It'll work both ways today. If you challenge someone's self-worth or they challenge yours, it makes one feel belittled. If the truth be known, everyone is better than the next person at something.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Show respect for those you have dealings with today and in turn, they will honor you. Being argumentative or unsympathetic could cause a lack of consideration for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Problems on the job will be able to be traced back to a lack of communication today. Clarify what needs to be done, as well as the procedures needed for the task.

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Your Birthday

Monday, April 26, 1999

A marked improvement in your material circumstances could be in the offing for you in the year ahead. However, be careful not to spend it as fast as it comes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A chance situation that pops up from out of nowhere could work to your advantage today. Whatever it is, there's a possibility that it'll put money in the bank for you. Major changes are ahead for Taurus in the coming year. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and self-addressed stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your charismatic personality may draw more attention to you than usual today, especially from those of the opposite gender. It pays to be a friendly and warm person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Nice things could happen for you today when you intermingle with others. Persons you see and those you get involved with might do favors for you purely on impulse.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) When judgments are in order today, don't leave the decision-making up to others. You are the one most capable of calling the best shots for all concerned.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) What you've been waiting for might develop and be instrumental in helping you fulfill an ambitious objective today. However, you'll have to act fast, for opportunity is fleeting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If things haven't been too nifty for you in the romance department lately, take heart. As of today, Cupid may start to show a new interest in your love life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Implement any changes you've been contemplating today, for it could enhance your material security. The aspects favor those who do not sit on good ideas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your first thoughts today could actually be more sound than those you make after lengthy deliberations, so trust yourself with snap decisions when under pressure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) There's a strong possibility that you could derive material benefits from something that comes out of left field today. It's one of the rare days when windows briefly open up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Cultivate any social contacts you make today, because one or two of them might have greater significance than you realize. Even those of brief duration could be something special.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Lady Luck might give you not one, but two unrelated rainbows today, with each yielding a pot of gold at its base. Chances are they'll come from something you didn't have to earn.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Through a friend of yours, you could meet someone who may turn out to be of real assistance to you on a project today. Don't hesitate to take him or her up on the offer.

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Could thyroid cause perspiration?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Because of an underactive thyroid gland, I have been prescribed a quarter grain of thyroid extract a day. However, the medicine hasn't cured a chronic and troublesome symptom: Profuse sweating, even when I am not physically active. Is this a psychological or a physical problem? Where should I seek treatment?

DEAR READER: Before addressing your perspiration problem, allow me to digress a moment about your thyroid gland.

I'll bet your doctor was surprised to discover that your thyroid gland was underactive. Increased sweating is customarily a sign of an overactive gland, so I am sure he was uncertain about how to approach your symptom. I hope that your thyroid exam included blood tests, because the actual measurement of thyroid hormone levels is much easier and more accurate than the older, indirect tests, such as the basal metabolic rate. In any case, a quarter grain of thyroid supplement is a tiny dose which is unlikely to have much of an impact on your health, unless your thyroid gland were completely inactive — an improbable possibility.

Normal thyroid tissue makes the equivalent of three grains of hormone a day. If you take a grain in pill form, the normal feedback mechanism tells the gland to cut back production by one grain. If you take two grains, the gland cuts back to one, and so forth. Your quarter-grain is doing little more than reducing your own output by a corresponding amount; you will still maintain the three-grain total, although a small part of this comes from your pharmacist. In order for you truly to build up your level of thyroid hormone, you would have to take three or four grains of supplement a day. Therefore, don't expect your thyroid extract to affect your symptoms.

Increased sweating is usually a phenomenon that appears relatively early in life. Called hyperhydrosis, it is often worsened by tension and stress. There is no way for you to arrest your sweating pattern physically. Sometimes counseling helps people adapt to over-perspiring. Excessive underarm sweating can often be controlled by antiperspirants. If need be, you can certainly request a consultation with an endocrinologist, but I suspect that he or she will simply reassure you that your perspiration problem is normal for you and that medicine and topical treatment will, in the long run, be of limited assistance.

Check with your doctor about your thyroid, and — if you wish — request a referral.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've read many articles in the popular press about enlargement of the prostate gland. Some authors advise treatment with pills, such as Proscar, while others recommend surgery. An acquaintance of mine was told by his doctor to have an operation as soon as prostate swelling was detected. Another was told to wait until obstruction caused difficulty. Which view is correct?

DEAR READER: The responsible urologist will defer prostate surgery until the patient experiences unequivocal symptoms, such as dribbling, trouble voiding or frequent nighttime urination. I don't know of any urologist who would operate on a symptom-free man with a large prostate, unless there were a nodularity or irregularity suggesting a tumor. In such instances, ultrasound-guided biopsy is the initial procedure of choice, followed — if necessary — by surgical excision.

If a man simply has an enlarged prostate, no therapy is necessary. However, in the presence of symptoms (without the presence of prostate cancer), therapy with medication is an appropriate option.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my new and completely revised Health Report "The Prostate Gland." 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: I'm 5 feet 2 and 134 pounds. I'd like to lose some weight but I'm afraid to diet. About two years ago, I dieted strictly, lost 15 pounds and ended up in the hospital with hypoglycemia (faintness, vomiting and diarrhea). Is it dangerous not to eat when I am hungry? How can I lose weight?

DEAR READER: To paraphrase an old song, it's not watcha do but the way thatcha do it. You don't have to starve yourself to lose weight. Try omitting refined sugar from your diet and reduce your intake of fat. If you are hungry, eat small portions of fruit or a salad. Increase your physical activity. Abstain from alcohol. Go easy on pasta and starchy food. Eat several small meals a day, rather than one or two large ones. If you do have hypoglycemia (which I doubt), these measures will help that, too. Remember, your goal is to spread out your caloric consumption, as well as to cut down on total calories.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: Because of an overactive thyroid gland (that caused weight loss, weakness and a rapid pulse), I was given radioactive iodine. That was three years ago, and I still have symptoms. My T3 is OK. Should I visit an endocrinologist?

DEAR READER: Yes, you should. The treatment of hyperthyroidism is, at best, an inexact science. Your one dose of radioactive iodine may have been insufficient to cure you. Even though your T3 is "OK," you may have an excess of T4 — the more complicated form of thyroid hormone that is a more common cause of hyperthyroidism. Your doctor should order two further blood tests: A T4 and a TSH. These tests will clearly show whether your thyroid gland is functioning normally. If not, you will need additional therapy.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My blood pressure remains in the 180/100 range, despite my prescription of HCTZ once a day and potassium three times a day. What should I do?

DEAR READER: I don't want to second-guess your doctor but, based on the information you supply, I'd say that your blood pressure is much too high. You are taking a minimal dose of hydrochlorothiazide (a diuretic), with more potassium than you probably need. I advise you to review the situation with your physician, because a normal blood pressure should not exceed 150/85. There is a great deal more that can be done to reduce your blood pressure. If your doctor chooses to ignore your concerns, ask for a referral to another physician.

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Woody Allen items will be auctioned

NEW YORK (AP) — It could be the "Sleeper" of the auction season.

Props and memorabilia from a decade of Woody Allen films are tagged for auction today — everything from 1930s mahogany radio consoles from "Radio Days" to the head of John the Baptist from "Deconstructing Harry."

The leopard spotted chairs in which Mira Sorvino sat in "Mighty Aphrodite" lean against a '30s Coca-Cola sign. Across the way is the wave machine from the desktop where Joe Montegna made love to Judy Davis in "Celebrity."

Tags put on Friday represent numbers from 432 lots, but there are no estimates on how much items in the eclectic collection will bring.

"It's not your ordinary auction," said Richard Brick, a co-producer on Allen's last three films and organizer of the sale. "We basically just have to clean out our attic, so to speak."

The sale is not a case of "Take the Money and Run." Proceeds from the auction, to be held this weekend in a Long Island City warehouse, will go to charity.

This is the first time in Allen's quarter century of movie-making that his cinema props have gone up for auction like this, Brick said. The items are owned by Jean Doumanian, who has produced seven of Allen's films over the past seven years and has been his executive producer since 1991.

Items drawing the most interest include a pair of gold and red down-filled sofas used in "Crimes and Misdemeanors" and "Bullets over Broadway."

Buys ranch land

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Ted Turner apparently needs more room for his buffalo to roam.

The media mogul is buying more than 50,000 acres of ranch land in central South Dakota where he intends to raise buffalo.

Radio station KCCR reported Thursday that Turner secured a deed to almost 20,000 acres from Fred Olson Jr. of Fort Pierre, and records indicate he'll pay about $200 an acre or a total of about $4 million.

He also has agreements to buy 31,000 acres from Chris Knox of Murdo and Jim Hoffman of Fort Pierre, the station said.



CHEERLEADER TRYOUTS — These Hermleigh Junior High students will participate in cheerleader tryouts. From left are, back row, Valerie West, Brittainy Milota, Amy Botts; front row, Misty Ritch, Alana Culp, Tabitha Jones. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Bush gets high marks in poll

AUSTIN (AP) — A new opinion poll finds Texans giving Gov. George W. Bush high marks for his work and overwhelmingly saying they would elect him president. But nearly half of those surveyed couldn't cite his top accomplishment in office.

The Texas Poll, published Friday, found that 78 percent of those surveyed said Bush is doing a good job as governor.

When it came to presidential politics, 70 percent of Texas Republicans said they would vote for Bush, compared with just 11 percent for potential rival Elizabeth Dole.

Texans of both parties overwhelmingly favored Bush over Vice President Al Gore, by a 73 percent-to-7 percent margin.

Asked to name Bush's No. 1 accomplishment in office, 45 percent of those surveyed couldn't come up with anything specific, the poll found.

Among those who could, 19 percent listed education reforms, 18 percent cited Bush's character and communications skills, 6 percent mentioned his handling of the economy, and 3 percent said Bush's top accomplishment was his handling of criminal justice issues.

Mindy Tucker, spokeswoman for Bush's presidential exploratory committee, attributed his high approval rating to his work on education and tax cuts. She rejected any suggestion that Bush's popularity might be based more on name recognition than his achievements and positions on issues.

"The bottom line is they know he has been an accomplished governor," Ms. Tucker said. "He is a uniter, not a divider and builds consensus on a number of issues to accomplish any number of things."

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Donut

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Scrambled Eggs

WEDNESDAY
Sausage on a Stick

THURSDAY
Breakfast Pizza

FRIDAY
Biscuit w/Sausage

LUNCH

MONDAY
Hamburger on a Bun or
Spaghetti w/French Bread
Tossed Salad
W.K. Corn
Chilled Fruit

TUESDAY
Hot Dog on a Bun or
Nachos w/Beef
Pinto Beans
Lettuce & Tomato
Cookie

WEDNESDAY
Pizza or
Raviola w/Garlic Bread
Green Beans
Tossed Salad
Gelatin

THURSDAY
Burrito or
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Bread

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Creamed Potatoes
Black-eyed Peas
Rolls
Peanut Butter Chewies

WEDNESDAY
Chicken Chunks
Baked Potatoes
Green Beans
Plain Cookies

THURSDAY
Chicken Patty Sandwiches
French Fries
No Bake Cookies

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French Fries
Pinto Beans
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Fruit
Glazed Donuts

THURSDAY
Juice
Cheese Toast

FRIDAY
Fruit
Scrambled Eggs
Hot Biscuits

LUNCH

MONDAY
Sausage Pizza
Buttered Corn
Shredded Lettuce
Rocky Road Pudding

TUESDAY
Goulash
New Potatoes
Hot Rolls
Raisin Fruit Bars

WEDNESDAY
Frank Wraps
Tater Tots
Barbecued Beans
Spice Cake

THURSDAY
Chicken & Dumplings
Buttered Spinach
Hot Biscuits
Peaches/Whipped Topping

FRIDAY
Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
Tater Tots
Lettuce & Tomatoes
No Bake Cookies

Ex-coach sues Denton

DENTON (AP) — A 69-year-old former youth baseball coach has filed a $1.25 million lawsuit against the city of Denton, claiming a police officer assaulted him and arrested him without justification.

W.H. Rainey was selling plants and flowers at a flea market last year when off-duty police officer Randy Leavell thought he saw firecrackers in the booth.

Leavell said he identified himself as a police officer and told Rainey it was illegal to sell fireworks inside the city limits.

According to Leavell's report, Rainey — against the orders of the officer — then put the firecrackers down a toilet.

The officer said Rainey grabbed him by the throat and the two wrestled to the ground. He arrested Mr. Rainey and charged him with assault on a peace officer.

Witnesses, however, objected that Rainey had done nothing wrong, according to Leavell's report.

A Denton County grand jury declined to indict Rainey.

He filed his lawsuit in 158th state district court against the city of Denton and Leavell, charging that he was assaulted, unlawfully restrained, falsely imprisoned and beaten by the officer.

"He just beat the devil out of an old man," William Trantham, Rainey's lawyer, told the Denton Record-Chronicle. "It was really outrageous."

According to the lawsuit, Rainey required hospital treatment for several injuries, including a deep purple and red bruise from his groin to one knee.

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From one Columbine High School gunman...

Police find what may be suicide note

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Police have received what may be a suicide note from a teen-age gunman, blaming this week's bloody high school rampage on parents, teachers and "your children who have ridiculed me." It also warned of more death to come.

The note was contained in an e-mail that was received by police Thursday or Friday, days after Columbine High School became a killing ground. Police had not confirmed who wrote the note or who sent the e-mail containing the text.

The note was signed by Eric Harris and dated the day before he and Dylan Klebold stormed Columbine High School armed with sawed-off shotguns and homemade bombs, the Denver Rocky Mountain News reported Saturday.

The two killed 12 students and one teacher before shooting themselves Tuesday.

"By now, it's over. If you are reading this, my mission is complete," the note says.

It warns against blaming the massacre on the music the shooters listened to or the clothes they wore, placing the responsibility with teachers and parents.

"Your children who have ridiculed me, who have chosen not to accept me, who have treated me like I am not worth their time are dead. THEY ARE (expletive) DEAD," the note says.

"I may have taken their lives and my own — but it was your doing. Teachers, parents, LET THIS MASSACRE BE ON YOUR SHOULDERS UNTIL THE DAY YOU DIE."

The note ends with a warning of more bloodshed.

"You may think the horror ends with the bullet in my head, but you wouldn't be so lucky. All that I can leave you with to decipher what more extensive death is to come is '12Skizto.' You have until April 26th. Goodbye."

Jefferson County Sheriff's Lt. John Kiekbusch said police were investigating the note. He wouldn't say where it was found or when.

United States sending 2,000 more troops to the Balkans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Yugoslavian President Slobodan Milosevic is strapped for oil for his military and common sense dictates NATO should try to keep him from importing more, an alliance spokesman said Saturday.

NATO defense ministers, meeting for the alliance's 50th anniversary summit, have agreed to look at ways that NATO ships might stop oil shipments.

"Why are we doing this? Essentially because without oil, the Yugoslav military machine will come to a halt and very quickly," NATO spokesman Jamie Shea said at a briefing.

NATO airstrikes, which began March 24, have knocked out Milosevic's ability to refine his own oil, although he retains considerable reserves, Shea said. NATO hit at least one refinery Friday night, as well as military vehicles and a bridge in Kosovo, an airport, and a fuel station in central Serbia, Shea said.

On Friday, the Pentagon announced deployment of 2,000 additional troops to the Balkans and the NATO military commander claimed, "we're winning." Milosevic's Serbian forces are hiding from NATO planes and fuel shortages have forced the Serbs to suspend military operations in Kosovo three times, U.S. Army Gen. Wesley Clark said.

"We have about twice as much in the way of combat power as we did when we began this campaign 31 days ago," Clark said.

The bombing campaign aimed at stopping Milosevic's onslaught against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo has destroyed 40 percent of one version of Serb air defense missiles and 25 percent of a more sophisticated version, Clark said.

"In short, we're winning, he's losing, and he knows it," the general said.

Also Friday, the Pentagon announced that Defense Secretary William Cohen had approved sending 2,000 more troops to the area in connection with the arrival of 24 U.S. Apache attack helicopters.

The ground-based forces will help protect the Apaches while the helicopters are on the ground, but they will not accompany the aircraft on missions inside Yugoslavia, military officials said.

NATO officials have said repeatedly they have no immediate plans for a ground campaign.

The deployment of a variety of truck-mounted missile launchers, 14 Bradley fighting vehicles, 15 M-1 Abrams tanks, a howitzer battery and other troops and armament will bring U.S. troop levels in the region to 5,350, the Pentagon said.

Some of the equipment and troops will come from U.S. bases in Europe and some from the United States. Units will begin deploying next week, the Pentagon said.

The Apaches arrived in Tirana, Albania, this week but have not yet flown in combat.

NATO wants Milosevic to agree to a peace agreement in Kosovo, a rebellious province of Serb-led Yugoslavia, and allow more than 1 million ethnic Albanian refugees to return to their homes.

Refugees massed in neighboring countries have told horrific stories of Serbian troops carrying out systematic murders, rapes and burnings of ethnic Albanian villages.

Jury gives Torres eight years in pen

After deliberating almost six hours Friday, a seven-woman, five-man jury sentenced Rafael Torres to eight years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The jury began deliberating around 9:30 Friday morning, and returned its verdict shortly after 3:30 p.m.

The jury had returned a guilty verdict Thursday afternoon.

Torres, 33, of 1401 20th Street was charged with driving while intoxicated on Nov. 1, 1998.

During the punishment phase of the trial on Thursday, District Attorney Dana Cooley introduced the criminal history of Torres which included a number of DWI offenses, and that he had served time in prison on an involuntary manslaughter charge out of Lubbock County.

Torres was represented by Snyder attorney Pete Greene.

The trial was held in 132nd District Court with District Judge Ernie Armstrong presiding.

Obituaries

John Henry Tow

1925-1999

Funeral service for John Henry Tow, 73, of Pasadena is set for 4 p.m. Monday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Homer Anderson, minister of 37th Street Church of Christ, and Clarence Payne, Mr. Tow's brother-in-law, will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Ira Cemetery.

Mr. Tow died Thursday, April 22, at his home.

He was born on Aug. 13, 1925 in Hughes Spring, Ark. Mr. Tow, a retired truck driver, was a veteran of World War II and a member of the VFW. He had lived in Pasadena for 25 years.

Survivors include five sisters, Earlene Payne and Ann Chaney of Snyder, Mary Trantham and Pauline Tow of Farmington, N.M., and Ruby Gibbs of Saginaw.

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TAAS tests start Tuesday

State-mandated Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) tests will be given in the Snyder Independent School District Tuesday through Friday.

On Tuesday, mathematics will be administered to grades three through eight, and the writing test to grade 10.

Wednesday, the reading test will be given to grades three through eight, and mathematics to grade 10.

On Thursday, the social studies portion of the test will be given to grade eight, and the reading test to grade 10.

On Friday, the science portion of the test will be given to eighth grade students.

School officials are urging that all students be present and on time for the tests.

No make-up sessions will be offered.

Meeting

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of cooperation between the communities in the six-county area.

"It's a great day when Snyder and Sweetwater, and Anson and Stamford can come together for a common goal," said Stenholm.

"We have to have a spirit of cooperation," emphasized the Stamford native.

Rep. Counts, whose bill in the Texas House will allow members of this association to form a corporation in order to obtain funding, said the six-county alliance has drawn interest throughout the state.

"I've had calls from all over Texas wanting to join this alliance. I've had to tell them no, it's just for these six counties," said Counts.

Serving on the 18-committee board of the alliance from Scurry County are County Judge Ricky Fritz, Precinct 1 Commissioner Ralph Trevey and Board of County Development president David Kattes.

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Town & Country to open Monday

Town & Country's newest location at the corner of Coliseum Drive and 37th Street is set to open at 6 a.m. Monday.

The store will employ 20 people, including manager Jennifer Sawyer.

It will be open 24 hours a day.

The store is complete with a Country Kitchen food service offering hamburgers, burritos, fried chicken and breakfast items.

Combo meals are also available with choices including side vegetables and cream gravy.

The store will also have an automatic teller machine (ATM) available and Texas Lotto and Lottery tickets will be sold.

"We are happy to help the community with a new location," Cory Lee, regional director of operations, said. "We have had a great experience with our other location and we enjoy being a part of the community."

Ritz

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doesn't sing, she signs for the deaf, though there are no deaf in the congregation. June, who also plays a variety of unique percussion instruments, is played by Barbara Vincent.

The teen-age twins, Denise and Dennis, are played by Crissida Tyler and Matt Coronado. Denise sings soprano and alto and aspires to be a movie star. Dennis sings tenor and plays the guitar.

There is never a dull moment as the church meeting progresses from high-spirited oldtime gospel to fervent heart-jerking ballads to hilarious and touching testimonies by the family.

Ellie Dryden directs the show and Rebekah Thornton is the musical director.

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scenes, the diction and stage pictures.

"He also went out of his way to cite the young players for their individual performances especially noting Kevin Taylor, Anna Hanan, Kade Kubena, and a particular reference to Andy Parker for his double portrayal of both Ross as well as a fool servant to the Macbeths, and to Cheryl Reed for taking the very small part of the porter and making it memorable.

"Any comment I might have at this point would be how proud I am of this cast. They gave a superlative performance both on and off the stage. Even as their hearts were breaking at the decision which was being announced they took it with total class and stayed to lead standing ovations for the two winning casts as their honors were being announced. Other directors and patrons commented to me of how proud I must be to have young people like this here in Snyder."

Friday's contest concludes the local one-act season except for the hometown performance which will be announced shortly.

The two winning plays were "The Crucible" by Ryan High School and Boswell High School's "The Shadow Box."

Best actor and best actress kudos were captured by two Boswell players: Reid Winans who played Joe and Jill Carmichael who portrayed Maggie.

Angelo State University hosted the contest.

events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Warriors men's conference

A Warrior's for Jesus men's conference continues at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Word Is Life Church, 602 30th St. Paul Baskin of Big Spring is the music director and the speakers are David Fees of Plano and Keith Miller of Amarillo.

Tip a Cop

Daniel Unit correctional officers and Snyder police officers will be serving tables from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Jaramillo's. Proceeds will benefit the Area 14 Special Olympics.

First Assembly of God revival

The revival will be Sunday through Thursday. Sunday services will be at 6 p.m. Weekday services services will be at 7 p.m. Evangelist is Jerry Wilkerson and the pastor is Mike Matheny. A nursery will be provided.

Baptist Doctrine study

North College Ave. Baptist Church will hold a Doctrine study on the subject of "Death and the Life Beyond" Sunday through Wednesday. Sunday sessions are: 11 a.m., "After Death, Then What?" and at 6 p.m., "The Resurrection of the Body." Weeknight sessions begin at 7. Topics are: Monday, "The Judgment Day;" Tuesday, "Hell! The Fate of the Damned;" and Wednesday, "Heaven a Better Place For Us."

Sound of Jubilee service

Sound of Jubilee Ministries, 908 East Hwy 180, will have a special service at 7 p.m. Sunday presented by the Christian Motorcycle Association. Featured speaker will be Ken Richburg of Lubbock. Leading praise and worship will be Heart and Soul from Snyder.

Kmart reunion

All former Snyder Kmart employees are invited to a dutch treat social from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Rudy's. For more information, call 573-8829.

Business of month reception

The Snyder Chamber of Commerce will host a business of the month reception at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the board room at Western Texas College. All Goldcoats are urged to attend.

American Cancer Society

The Scurry Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold a board of directors meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Genealogical society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library. Frances Pitner will present the program, "Passing of the Card File." Visitors are welcome.

East Elementary parent council

The East Elementary parent council will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the school library.

Garage sale items needed

Price Daniel unit employees will host the third annual spring carnival to benefit Special Olympics next Saturday. Garage sale items are needed. To donate, call 573-1114.

Ira kindergarten registration

Ira ISD has set kindergarten registration from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 3-5. Registration is for students who will turn 5 before Sept. 1. Needed at the time of registration are birth certificates, social security card and updated immunization record.

Relay for Life

Snyder's American Cancer Society will host the Relay for Life next Friday and Saturday at Tiger Stadium. Sponsors, teams and volunteers for entertainment are needed. Contact Mark Cypert at 573-5454 or 573-5714.

"Spring Fling With God"

Trinity United Methodist Church is hosting a "Spring Fling With God" celebration May 2-5. John Barrett from On the Rock Ministries in Midland will be the evangelist.

Senior Center May Day

May Day, the Senior Center annual fundraiser, will be held May 8 at the Scurry County Coliseum, starting at 2 p.m. A barbecue meal will be served from 4:30 to 6 p.m., followed by the quilt auction.

Snyder Junior High showcase

Snyder Junior High School will host a special showcase at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 3, for all sixth grade students and their parents. Parents will receive information packets and teachers and coaches will be available to answer questions about their course or sport.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
8-27-28-30-35

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
4-1-6

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — There were no winners in the top tier of the Texas Million drawing Friday night.
The Texas Million numbers were:
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Mamie Patterson — almost 40 years without cancer

There was a time when Mamie (Mrs. J.B.) Patterson feared she would not live to see her daughters grow up and begin lives of their own. But in the near 40 years since a cancerous kidney was removed she has done that and much, much more — including playing grandmother to three granddaughters.

To celebrate her 40th year of surivival, Mamie will participate in next weekend's Relay For Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society. (See story page 4B.)

THE SNYDER DAILY NEWS

Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

Mamie began experiencing kidney problems in the late 1950s. A local doctor, Dr. Harry Ward, treated her and each time she got better. But the problem always came back. Mamie never doubted she would get better, as long as she took her medicine.

On Dec. 26, 1958, Mamie's condition worsened and she was passing blood. Since Dr. Ward was out of town, a Dr. Hartley treated her. His advice: Go home and drink a glass of water every hour. She estimated she probably drank 12-14 ounces each time.

Mamie couldn't pass the water and she began to experience excruiating pain, and was admitted to Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

The next day, Dr. Ward examined her. "I thought Dr. Ward could fix it," Mamie said. He ordered X-rays and then sent her to see a urologist, Dr. Virgil Pate in Abilene.

Even then, Mamie said the word "cancer never entered my mind. I always thought Dr. Ward could make me better."

On New Year's Day, Mamie was admitted to Hendricks Memorial Medical Center where she remained for three days. She recalled that a nurse came into her room and apologized for waking her up. Mamie told her that she was worried because Dr. Pate had scheduled her for surgery. The nurse told Mamie that she would pray for her.

However, after reviewing the X-rays, Dr. Pate told Mamie "things were looking better" and he sent her home, but told her to repeat the X-rays in a month. Surgery would be needed in six months so that he could "see what the problem was."

The doctor told J.B. that the X-rays did reveal something in the kidney, but "it's not anything I can't stay ahead of."

She said she almost backed out of having the surgery, but when she told Dr. Ward he called her into his office for a stern talk. "After that, I knew I better have the surgery and never complain about it to him again," she said.

Mamie always experienced some degree of pain, but was too stubborn to completely give into it. She continued doing her household chores.

That summer before surgery, Mamie said she did not feel up to working in her yard or garden, but she did spend as much time with her daughters, Renee 8, and Retha 3½, that she could. She said they even attended a Girl Scout or Brownie camp.

The doctor removed Mamie's right kidney in September of 1959.

Mamie said, "I'll never forget the day we left for surgery." J.B's father and sister stayed with their daughters. It was an emotionally trying day. "Retha wanted her mother so bad," Mamie said. That was the first time that she realized that she might not ever see her children again.

Mamie recalled thinking that if she didn't make it, she was afraid that people would be mean to Renee but that everyone would love Retha because she was still a baby.

However, the surgery was successful and the doctor told J.B. that all his wife needed "was love and understanding."

Since the operation, Mamie had never taken any medication or treatment but did have periodic checkups, including X-rays of her lungs which would reveal if the cancer had spread.

Mamie liked those checkups because that was the day "J.B. always took me out to eat."

At the time, the Pattersons attended Union Baptist Church. The congregation prayed for her recovery and Mamie was also told that an Apostolic Faith minister who was preaching in Missouri prayed for her day and night. "I had a lot of confidence in his prayers."

She said she has always depended on God — even though she has had a few doubts. "But God let me do a lot of things including help J.B. pay for our farm," she said.

During the nearly four decades since her surgery, Mamie said that God had given her the privilege of doing many things including raising her daughters.

"I was able to take them to school, to music lessons and to recitals," she said. "I saw them grow up and get married. I felt very fortunate to be able to do those things."

She attended their high school graduation and their weddings.

"I feel privileged that I did lots of things for both girls," she said.

In later years, Mamie rocked and sang to three granddaughters, memories she also cherishes.

Renee married Ted Floyd in 1970 and Retha and Albert Canon were married in 1974. The Pattersons said, they love their sons-in-law who "are a part of our family."

Renee's first daughter, Holly, was born Nov. 23, 1973 and is married to Tommy Reynolds. They live in San Angelo and Holly teaches at Bronte.

Heather was born on Oct. 23 of 1977 and passed away in 1996, after battling cystic fibrosis all of her life. "We saw Heather through lots of good times and bad times," Mamie said. "We loved her and wanted her to have a good life, but it just wasn't meant to be."

Retha's daughter, Allison, was born on Feb. 22, 1984. She said the "14-year-old is a real cowgirl," adding they enjoy her playdays.

Mamie has never let having one kidney keep her from doing anything she wanted to do. However, she noted that a friend once told her that she knew someone with only one kidney who could not do anything.

Besides loving her grandchildren, Mamie said she likes to garden. "I feel close to God when I'm working in the garden." She loves to gather food and prepare it too. She also enjoys pot plants and flower beds.

China painting is another love, and she said she particularly enjoys taking classes from Virginia Lowrance.

Mamie has always loved going to church and church has also always played a big part of her life.



TO CELEBRATE — Mamie Patterson loves to china paint. In September, she will celebrate four decades of being cancer free. She will participate in the Survivors' Lap of next weekend's Relay For Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

See Mamie, Page 4B

Mother's Day
May 9

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MAWC GAME DAY, LUNCHEON SET — Martha Ann Woman's Club's regular fourth Wednesday game day and luncheon will begin at 11:30. Cost is $7.50 at the door and reservations should be made by Tuesday by calling 573-3427. Following lunch, games of choice will be played throughout the afternoon. Shown enjoying game day in March are (from left) Carol Miller, Maribeth Vestal, Dorothy Rosson and Elsie Tippin of Abilene. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Scurry County Library News & Views

Scurry County Library staff reminds parents that Storytime for 4- and 5-year-olds is now held on Wednesday at 10 a.m. The staff presents stories, poems, fingerplays and crafts. Occasionally, the staff has flannelgraph stories and puppet shows. Storytime lasts about 45 minutes and parents are asked to remain in the building and browse while their children are in the Storytime room.

BOOK FEATURE

"The Color of Our Future," by Farai Chideya.

By the year 2050, America will have become more of a multriracial society. Americans now in their teens and 20s will be at the forefront of this cultural revolution. The author has talked to young men and women across the country about their personal views of race.

She paints a vivid portrait of a nation in transition. The moving stories of these young people form the blueprint for the future of America.

NEW NON-FICTION

"Carrier: A Guided Tour of an Aircraft Carrier," by Tom Clancy.

"Heat: My Life On and Off the Diamond," by Dwight Gooden.

"All About Dreams," by Gayle Delaney.

"Power, Money, and Sex," by Deion Sanders.

NEW FICTION

Liberty Falling," by Nevada Barr.

"Angels Flight," by Michael Connelly.

"Thale's Folly," by Dorothy Gilman.

"While I Was Gone," by Sue Miller.

LIBRARY HOURS

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

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Bridal Registry

Monica Rosson and Scott Squiers
Keely Willmon and Nathan Williams
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Shelly Englert and Whitley Bradberry
Haley Boaz and Steven Ratliff
Brea Hensley and Rick Post
Samantha Boyd and Jimmy Campbell
Susan Gauntt and Alexander Brice
Jennifer Barnes and Michael Rodriquez
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Peppermint, jasmine scents show to increase physical performance

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Bryan Raudenbush is trying to prove a cool theory: That there's pep in peppermint.

"Research has shown that certain odors, like peppermint, make you more attentive and alert," said Raudenbush, a professor of psychology at Wheeling Jesuit University.

He designed a study, officially known as "Effects of Odors on Objective and Subjective Measures of Physical Performance in Athletes," to figure out if the fragrance can help you run faster and jump higher.

To test his theory, Raudenbush and a team of students will electronically monitor dozens of athletes pounding on a treadmill while sniffing different scents.

They'll measure heart rate, blood pressure, respiration and oxygen consumption during 20-minute stress tests. After the tests, peppermint-powered subjects will be asked to rate their performance.

Peppermint and jasmine are expected to raise athletic achievement by improving the subject's mood and making the person feel better about their performance.

"I definitely find peppermint stimulating," Raudenbush said Wednesday.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North 04-24-99 ♠ J 9 4 ♥ Q J 10 8 7 ♦ K 7 ♣ K 9 6	
West ♠ K 2 ♥ --- ♦ A Q J 10 9 5 2 ♣ 10 8 7 3		East ♠ 5 ♥ 9 6 5 4 3 ♦ 6 3 ♣ A Q 5 4 2
	South ♠ A Q 10 8 7 6 3 ♥ A K 2 ♦ 8 4 ♣ J	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	4 ♦	Pass	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

Please solve the mystery

Today's deal occurred during the match between Northern Ireland and Scotland in December 1997. Looking at the North-South hands, would you prefer to be in either four hearts or four spades?

In the other room, West started with one diamond. After that, a confusing auction resulted in North's declaring four hearts. (North overcalled one heart, which is the modern style. Then South had to advance with two diamonds, the cue-bid showing at least a game-try in hearts, because he couldn't bid a sensible, forcing one spade.)

After a diamond to the ace and a diamond to the king, declarer thought he was on easy street, until he played a trump to dummy's (South's) king and saw West discard. Declarer drew three rounds of trumps, then finessed the spade jack. However, West won with the king and returned a diamond, which promoted a trump trick for East. A moment later, the club ace killed the contract.

Here, West's four-diamond opening (not my style) silenced North. Yet South bid four spades, of course.

West started with the diamond ace, and another diamond to dummy's king. Declarer called for the spade jack, but when it wasn't covered, he correctly won with the ace and turned his attention immediately to hearts. South lost only three tricks: one spade, one diamond and one club.

Note that if declarer finesses in spades, West can lead a club to his partner's ace and receive a heart ruff to defeat the contract.

No problem, except that the reporter claims that a different opening lead beats four spades. I cannot see what; do you?

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Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scores

Games were played at the Snyder Country Club.

FRIDAY
April 16
North-South

Group A:
1. Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever.
2. Pat Floyd, Margaret Presswood.

Group B:
1. Pat Floyd, Margaret Presswood.
2. Gwen Riggs, Frances Ridley.

East-West

Group A:
1. Nona Morrison, Frances Stevenson.
2. Billie Marie Long, Shirley Stewart.

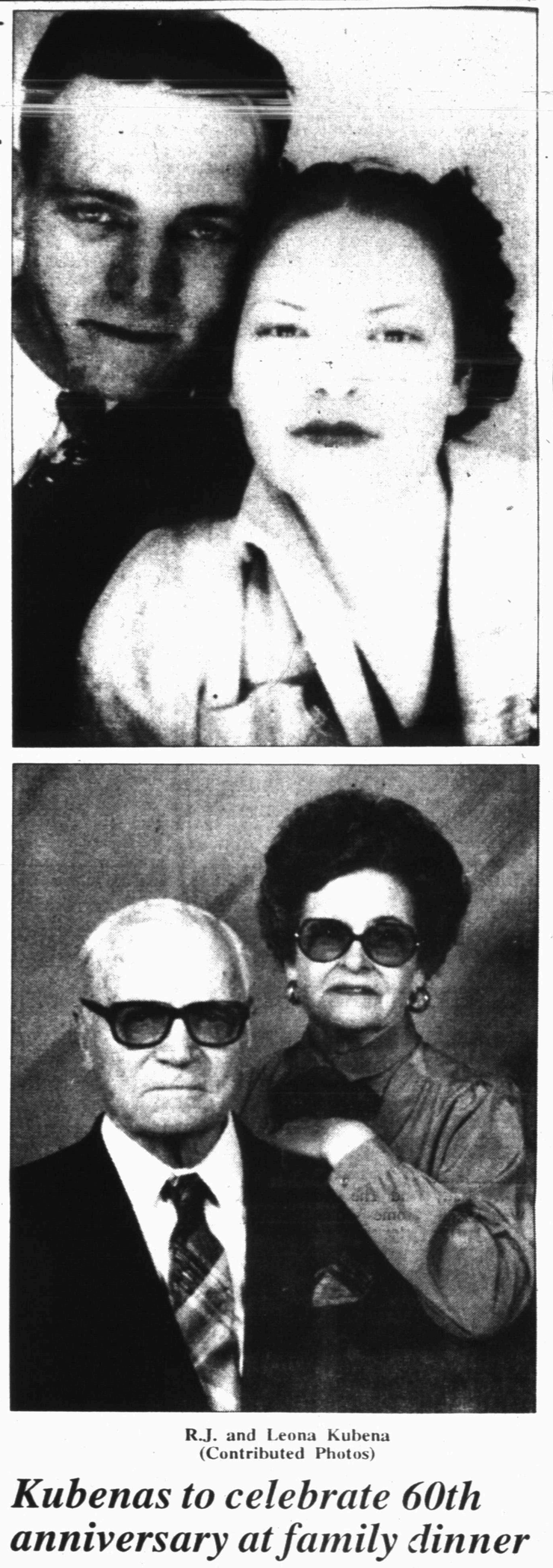
Group B:
1. Billie Marie Long, Shirley Stewart.
2. ElWanda Nall, Bobbie Taylor.

SUNDAY
April 18

1. TIE: Barbara Russell, E.J. Russell and Nona Morrison, Barbara Yorgesen.
2, Dora Blakey, Shirley Stewart.

TUESDAY
April 20

1. Mippie Brownlee, Shirley Stewart.
2. Jane Hinton, Louise Thompson.
3. TIE: Dorothy Rosson, Frances Stevenson and Margaret Birdwell, LaVerne Hood.



R.J. and Leona Kubena
(Contributed Photos)

Kubenas to celebrate 60th anniversary at family dinner

R.J. and Leona Kubena were married on April 24, 1939 in the Holy Family Catholic Church in Sweetwater and they will celebrate at a family dinner Saturday in Hermleigh.

Mrs. Kubena was born in Mena, Ark., and R.J. was born in LaVaca County. They still live on the farm in Hermleigh where they moved following their marriage 60 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Kubena are longtime members of St. John's Catholic Church in Hermleigh.

Their children and their spouses include Patricia and Lewis Deen of Camden, Ark.; Bill and Pat Kubena of Abilene; Don and Marsha Kubena and Randy and Gayle Kubena, all of Hermleigh; Terry and Terry Kubena of Snyder; and Jo Ellen Picciano of Midland.

Their grandchildren are Kristina Herskovitz and Brandon Kubena; Alicia and Brooke Kubena; Jiletta and Kade Kubena; and Tyson, Tiffany and Tara Kubena.

House has lots of trouble getting home

MIDLAND, Mich. (AP) — Five-year-old Brent Pobocik had hoped to be able to spend the night in his new home. The trouble was, the home didn't quite make it home.

On Tuesday, the home was resting in the Mount Haley Township Hall parking lot because a state law forbids moving houses after 5 p.m.

Tony and Marie Pobocik's frustration began in July, when they bought the house for $8,000. A hauling company had accepted the moving job, but then quit — even though the Pobociks paid $4,500.

Finally, Midland Towing and Ray's Trucking secured the house and hit the road Tuesday, hauling the home nine miles before the state's 5 p.m. deadline.

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Last year in Texas, more than 29,000 children were victims of abuse and neglect. In our own county, Child Protective Services investigated 66 reports of child abuse and neglect and 97 children were alleged victims.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is a time to reflect on what we are doing as a community to support children and families. Children don't come with instructions and too many parents face raising their children without the knowledge and support they need and deserve. We all have opportunities to reach out to parents in our families, neighborhoods, places of worship, and places of employment.

This April, let's make sure all parents know that their hard work is valued. Think of what it will mean for the future of children and the future of our community.

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MARRIED IN APRIL — Dr. and Mrs. Steve Cobb and Mr. and Mrs. Vic Dodson of Roswell, N.M., former WTC students, announce the marriage of their children, Heidi Cobb and Kye Dodson. They married on April 17 in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Grandparents are Ms. Joyce Dodson of Robert Lee and Peggy English of Odessa, formerly of Snyder. The couple will reside in Las Cruses, N.M., while attending the university. (Contributed Photo)

Nation's top video sales and rentals

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission:

Top Kids Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Mulan," Walt Disney Home Video.
2. "Lion King II: Simba's Pride," Walt Disney Home Video.
3. "Teletubbies: Nursery Rhymes," Warner Family Entertainment.
4. "Lady And The Tramp," Walt Disney Home Video.
5. "101 Dalmatians," Walt Disney Home Video.
6. "Teletubbies: Dance With The Teletubbies," Warner Family Entertainment.
7. "Mary-Kate & Ashley: You're Invited to a Costume Party," Dualstar Video.
8. "The Rugrats Movie," Paramount Home Video.
9. "Pokemon: The Mystery of Mount Moon," Viz Video.
10. "Blue's Clues: Blue's Birthday," Nickelodeon Video.

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Top Video Rentals

(Compiled from a national sample of rental reports)

1. "There's Something About Mary," FoxVideo.
2. "Waterboy," Touchstone Home Video.
3. "Pleasantville," New Line Home Video.
4. "Bulworth," FoxVideo.
5. "Ronin," MGM/UA Home Video.
6. "What Dreams May Come," PolyGram Video.
7. "Meet Joe Black," Universal Studios.
8. "The Truman Show," Paramount Home Video. Paramount Home Video.
9. "Snake Eyes," Paramount Home Video.
10. "Rounders," Miramax Home Entertainment.

Top Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Tae-Bo Workout," Ventura Distribution.
2. "Mighty Joe Young," Walt Disney Home Video.
3. "Ever After: A Cinderella Story," FoxVideo.
4. "Mulan," Walt Disney Home Video.
5. "The Rugrats Movie," Nickelodeon Video.
6. "Austin Powers," New Line Home Video.
7. "101 Dalmatians," Walt Disney Home Video.

Classmates addresses sought now

The Snyder High School class of 1989 reunion planning committee needs information on the following classmates.

Addresses are needed for Tony Anderson, Donald Anderson, Kenneth Buchanan, Jay Burns, Darrell Campbell, Marcus Carroll, Frank Castillo, Clifford Chambers, Ricky Clark, Tracy Clemmons, Jackie Cole, Darrell Dolliver, Tyrone Durst, Ricky Elam, Manuel Espinosa III, Tony Ferard, Joe Fink, Lee Fletcher, Richard Garcia, James Garvin, Terry Grimes, Isrrael Hinojos, David Kenner, Mark Kuss and Shane McCarter.

Others include Daniel McVey, Brett Merritt, Lupe Ramirez, Jimmy Realzola, Mike Price, Mark Velasquez, Dan Scannicchio, Roger Smith, David Stewart, Jimmy Sturdivant, Jimmy Taylor, Ralph Torres, Lewis Wesley, Stephen Williamson, Antonio Zapata, Michelle Blake, Michelle Craig, Tanya Dean, Cathy Deltoro, Krystal Graham, Sandra Polanco, Robin Rodgers Ferard, Diana Rodriquez, Nellie Rodriquez, and Kelli Rogers.

Addresses are also needed for Sophia Ruiz, Kristina Salgado, Annette Salina Pina, Billie Slaughter, Dolores Sosa, Cori Taylor, Lawana Tillotson, Janie Torres, Melissa Travis, Kristi Ward, Naomi Gutierrez, Shandra Hendricks, Ann Hernandez, Rose Ann Herrera, Adelina Hill, Tammy Jennings, Crystal Lamen, Jennifer Lancaster, Tami Layfield Cox, Karen McAnelly, Dana Moss, Nichole Overman, Stacy Paregien and Melody Pickering.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Al-Anon, Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

MAWC Game Day and Luncheon; Martha Ann Woman's Club; cost is $7.50 with serving to begin at 11:30. Games of choice will follow. Reservations are needed by 5 p.m. Tuesday by calling 573-3427.

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

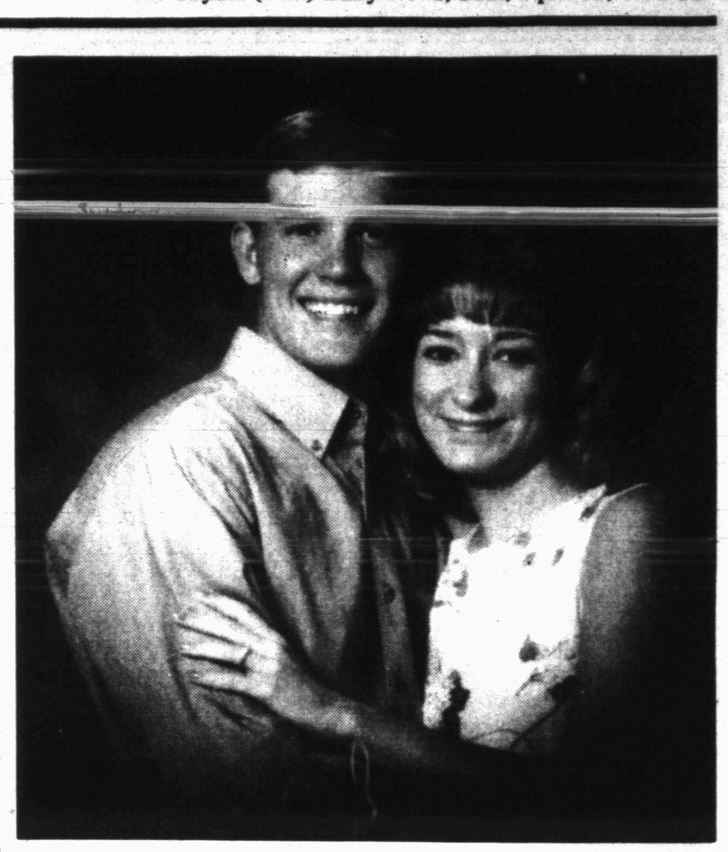
SUNDAY

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

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

Just For Today, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

Time saving idea: Use a crockpot or slowcooker to prepare delicious soups or stews ahead of time. Your dinner will be ready to eat when you walk in the door after work.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Roy and Susan Rosson announces the engagement of their daughter, Monica Susanne Rosson, to Louis Scott Squiers. He is the son of Kim and Chodya Squiers. A 2 p.m., July 31 wedding ceremony is being planned in 37th Street Church of Christ. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

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Artists Hudgins, Gardner win in Post

Two Snyder Palette Club members placed high in the Post Art Guild Spring Show on April 6-11.

Paul Hudgins won two first places and two second places, and Nettie Fay Gardner won a first place in a landscape painting using colored pencils.

Hudgins received a purchase award with his first place miniature, any media. Another first place was in watercolor. His second place drawing received a purchase award, and he received a second place in portrait, any media.

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Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Don Buchanan, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Kerry and Rita Hagins, 1999 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Rita M. O'Shea, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Mike Fry, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Michael and Cheryl Smith, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Bob and Jenny Tresch, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Cheryl and Shannon Blair, 1999 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Alvin Fabre, 1999 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Linda Rains, 1999 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Randy Callan, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

K.R. Knight Jr., 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Laura Baze, 1999 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Bobby Ray Davis, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Swanson and Mary Aucutt, 1999 Buick from Big Country Autoland.

Jerry Pechacek, 1999 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Melton Tarrant, 1999 Cadillac from Big Country Autoland.

Texas Capital Corp. and Guy W. Morgan, 1999 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

J.D. Dyess, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

John M. and Janice F. Harty, 1999 GMC van from Big Country Autoland.

Mike Hoyle, 1999 FJ trailer from DC Trailer Sales.

Robert Guilliams, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Weldon Key, 1999 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Jessie L. Hernandez and Margaret Martinez Villa, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Colonial Pacific Leasing Corp., dba G.E. Capital Colonial Pacific Leasing Corp., vs. R.L. Tomlinson Inc., dba Everybody's Thriftway, Ronnie Tomlinson and Mike Tomlinson, suit for damages.

L. Tommy Hood vs. State Industries, suit for damages.

Providian National Bank vs. Lilia Campos, suit on account.

Providian National Bank vs. Tammy L. Berry, suit on account.

Providian National Bank vs. Marie H. Clark, suit on account.

Providian National Bank vs. Deanie Mills, suit on account.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Jerry Ray Thompson and Lorna Beth Thompson, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Anita Olivarez Vasquez and Dominick Vasquez, divorce granted.

Dyck-O'Neal Inc. vs. Lewis Wayne and Betty Jo Monroney, order of dismissal with prejudice.

Deed Records

Leland and Gerald Marie Wallace to Lawayne Fagan, all of Section 9, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Swartz and Brough Inc. to Savino and Susan Lara, all the east one-half of Lot 3 in Block 46 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Alice A. Guerrero to Jose Ramirez Guerrero, all of Lots 8-10 in Block 7 of the Green Hills Addition.

Bobby G. and Jannette W. Ivy to Ricky L. and Emily Upham, the south 80 feet of the west 110 feet of Lot 3 in Block 34 of the Blankenship Addition.

Ida Berry Jones to Troy Wayne Jones Jr., a 2-acre tract in the northeast one-quarter of Section 211, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Marlene L. Richburg to Bruce and Vicki Kallemeyn, the west one-half of the northwest one-quarter of Section 152, Block 3, H&TC survey.

James Harley Hall and Toni Jo Hall to Lewis C. and Lucille D. Kimbrell, Lot 15 in Block B of the Replat of the Highland Park Addition.

Jackie Dale and Penny D. Redman to William M. and Brenda G. Winter, tract one being Lot 3 of the Colonial Hill North Addition (Section 2); tract two being a tract out of the southwest one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Jackie Dale and Penny D. Redman to William M. and Brenda G. Winter, a tract out of the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Carolyn Jean Jenkins, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Douglas K. Lock, and Jimmy Wayne Lock to Richard Dupree, an 0.214-acre tract in the southeast one-quarter of Section 181, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Regions Mortgage Inc. to Aurelia Almanza, the north 75 feet of the east 140 feet of Lots 5-7 in Block 19 of the A.C. Wilmeth's Addition.

ACS's Relay For Life slated next weekend

Walkers and runners will soon go around the clock in the battle against cancer during the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

The event kicks off at 7 p.m. Friday at Tiger Stadium with a Survivors' Lap and will conclude at 10:30 a.m. next Sunday.

Local ACS volunteers are seeking the names of cancer survivors who may want to participate. Call Bonnie Hodge at 573-8285 or Janet Wesson at 573-9914 if you know anyone who has survived cancer.

A Luminary Service is set for 10 p.m. Friday. White sacks with candles either in honor of someone who has cancer or in memory of someone who has died will be placed around the track. They may be obtained from Helen Mock for a $5 donation. She may be reached at 573-8332.

Entertainment and games will also be provided. To be included, entertainment acts may contact Mark Cypert at 573-5714.

All participants are encouraged to bring sleeping bags, tents and lawn chairs. The gates at Tiger Stadium will open at noon on Friday so tents may be set up. However, no tents can be placed on the field.

Teams of walking and running enthusiasts from all walks of life will gather at Tiger Stadium for the 24-hour relay. Relay For Life is a family-oriented team event where participants can walk or run a track style relay for 24 hours.

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Mamie

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She has worked in the third grade department at First Baptist Church in Snyder for 24 years.

She now plays the piano for Doris Wilson's class and is responsible for decorating three bulletin boards.

"I'm very thankful for the 40 years I have had since surgery," Mamie said. As each year passed, Mamie would think "I've made it a year." Then it would be five. Then it got to be 10 years and then 30 and now almost 40.

Mamie said she encourages anyone with a problem to have it checked out because it might be serious. "Don't wait like I did. You might not have a Dr. Ward or a Dr. Pate to push you into surgery."

The Pattersons have been married for 53 years.

Russian unveils disc of pop songs

MOSCOW (AP) — Vladimir Zhirinovsky is taking his show from the parliamentary podium to the music hall.

Zhirinovsky, whose flamboyant and occasionally outrageous performances in the legislature have scandalized Russia, unveiled his first compact disc of pop songs on Thursday.

True to form, the head of the ultranationalist Liberal Democratic Party held the presentation at a well-known strip bar in central Moscow, called Dolls.

Q&A

Do alcohol and pregnancy mix?

(In response to a growing concern among parents, educators and other members of the community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, is devoting this column to your questions about the increasing threat of substance abuse.)

Do Alcohol and Pregnancy Mix?

NO!

A pregnant mother nourishes her baby through the placenta, which cannot block alcohol. If she's drinking so is the baby. Any alcohol in her bloodstream will in be in the baby's body within one minute, and it could remain there for up to 24hrs. The worst danger is in the first few months of pregnancy. During this time the baby is developing its vital organs. The damage done then lasts for the rest of your child's life. But alcohol at any time during pregnancy is unsafe.

MYTHS

- **Beer and wine are OK**- They both contain alcohol which is dangerous for your unborn baby.
- **I can stop when I start looking pregnant**- You should stop drinking as soon as you think you're pregnant or planning to have a child. The first months of pregnancy are the most important. This is when the child develops and could be harmed the most.
- **Only alcoholics have abnormal babies**- Alcoholic women run a higher risk, but they're not the only ones. As little as two drinks a day could harm your baby.

If you drink while you're pregnant, this is what could happen to your baby:

- Lowered birth weight
- Birth defects
- Infant death
- Mental retardation
- Deformed arms, legs, and face
- Heart defects
- Growth problems

Studies indicate that some mothers who drank an average of fewer than 2 ounces of alcohol per day delivered babies with birth defects. Research suggests that the effects of alcohol on a baby during this time may be very harmful. **That's why it's important to think about your drinking before you decide to have a child.**

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, Texas 79550. All questions and personal inquires may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four-hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800-658-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Rodman trying to make peace

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dennis Rodman is trying to make peace with a college student who claims he attacked her.

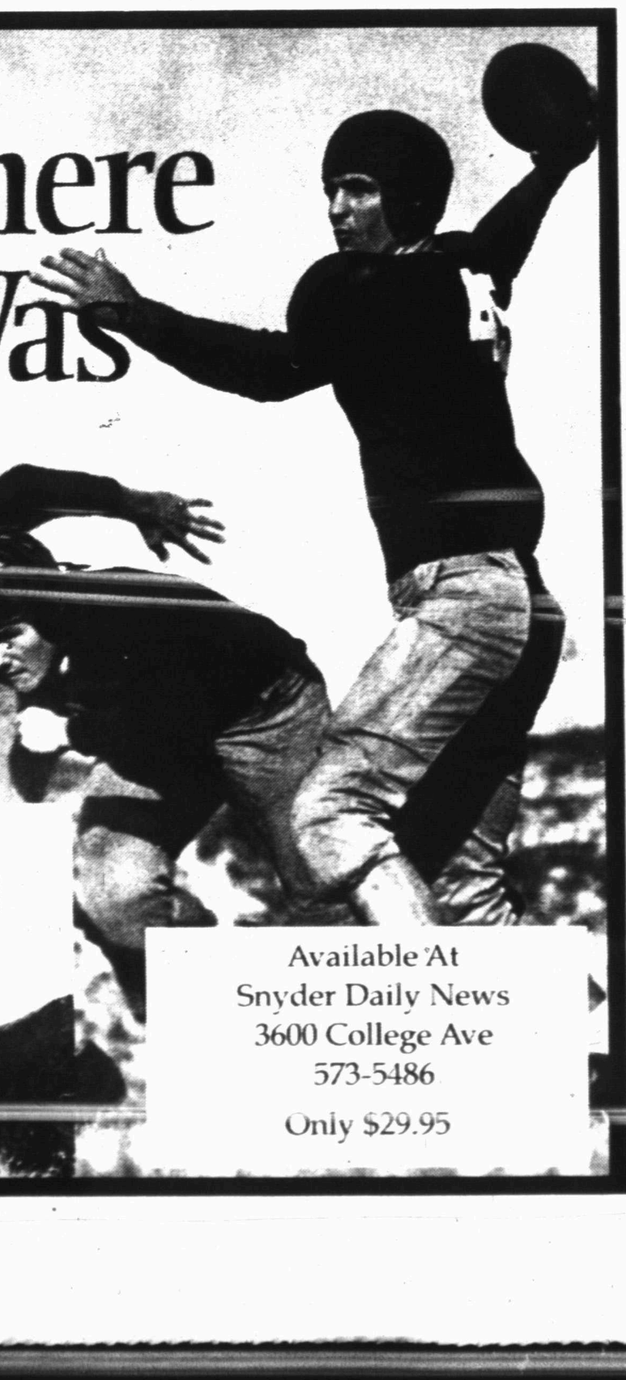
Rodman, released this month by the Los Angeles Lakers, met Thursday with the woman and a city attorney in an effort to resolve the dispute without charges being filed.

The woman accuses Rodman of attacking her Jan. 21 at a hamburger stand.

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Surgeon says...

Kidney's time in trash did not cause transplant failure

VALHALLA, N.Y. (AP) — State health officials were investigating the failure of a kidney transplanted into a 67-year-old man that the surgeon admits spent 90 minutes languishing in a recycling bin prior to the operation.

The kidney had to be removed Thursday from the patient, two days after it was implanted, because there was no blood flowing in or out of the organ.

"If I had any doubt at all, I wouldn't have used it," said Dr. Khalid Butt, who performed the operation at Westchester Medical Center. "The kidney in its package was intact. It would have been a waste not to use this priceless resource."

But the medical center and the state Health Department are investigating.

"Certainly this is an extraordinary event that should not have occurred," said Kristine Smith, a spokesman for the state agency. "Our job will be to investigate and discover what exactly happened that led to this result and what if any changes need to be made."

Butt's transplant team was about to administer anesthesia to the patient when the surgery was delayed because the kidney, which came from a cadaver, was missing.

It had been in the operating room, on ice, wrapped in four layers of plastic inside a polystyrene box and a cardboard container labeled "Organ/Tissue for Transplant."

Spring finds alligators are on prowl again in Florida

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Jimmy Jordan couldn't believe it. Walking his dog, Pete, along a lake in St. Petersburg, he whistled for the golden retriever and then watched in horror.

"As soon as he looked back at me, the alligator grabbed him by his whole head and whipped him into the water and was gone," he said.

"This could easily have been a child. This thing could have taken anybody, anything just as quickly as it took an 85-pound dog. And that's insane."

Warm spring days are awakening cold-blooded gators from their winter sluggishness, animal experts said Thursday. And as the reptiles search for food and mates, they're making their presence felt in developed areas that used to be their home turf.

"In residential areas where you have canals or ponds ... you never know where an alligator might pop up," said Jim Huffstodt of the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. "In front of your garage door, in your swimming pool ... they end up in the oddest places."

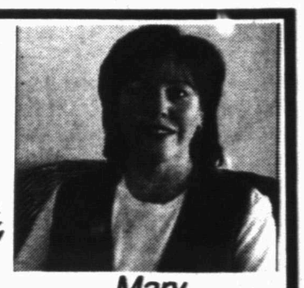
The American alligator (Alligator mississippiensis) is found in rivers and swampy lowlands of the southeastern United States, ranging from North Carolina to the Rio Grande in Texas.

In Florida, which has the most gators, there have been 248 alligator attacks on humans since 1948, Huffstodt said. Half of them involved children, and nine were fatal.

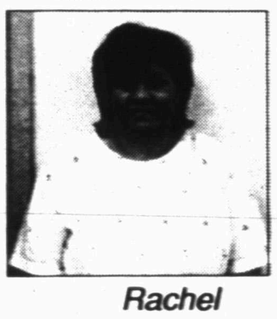
The 11-foot bull alligator that snatched Jordan's dog last week was in a city lake directly behind a hospital.

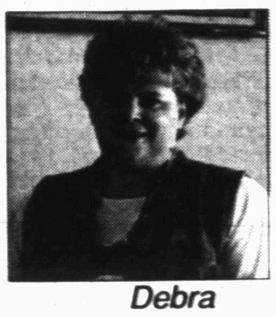

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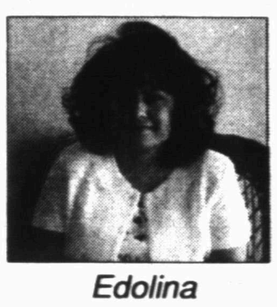
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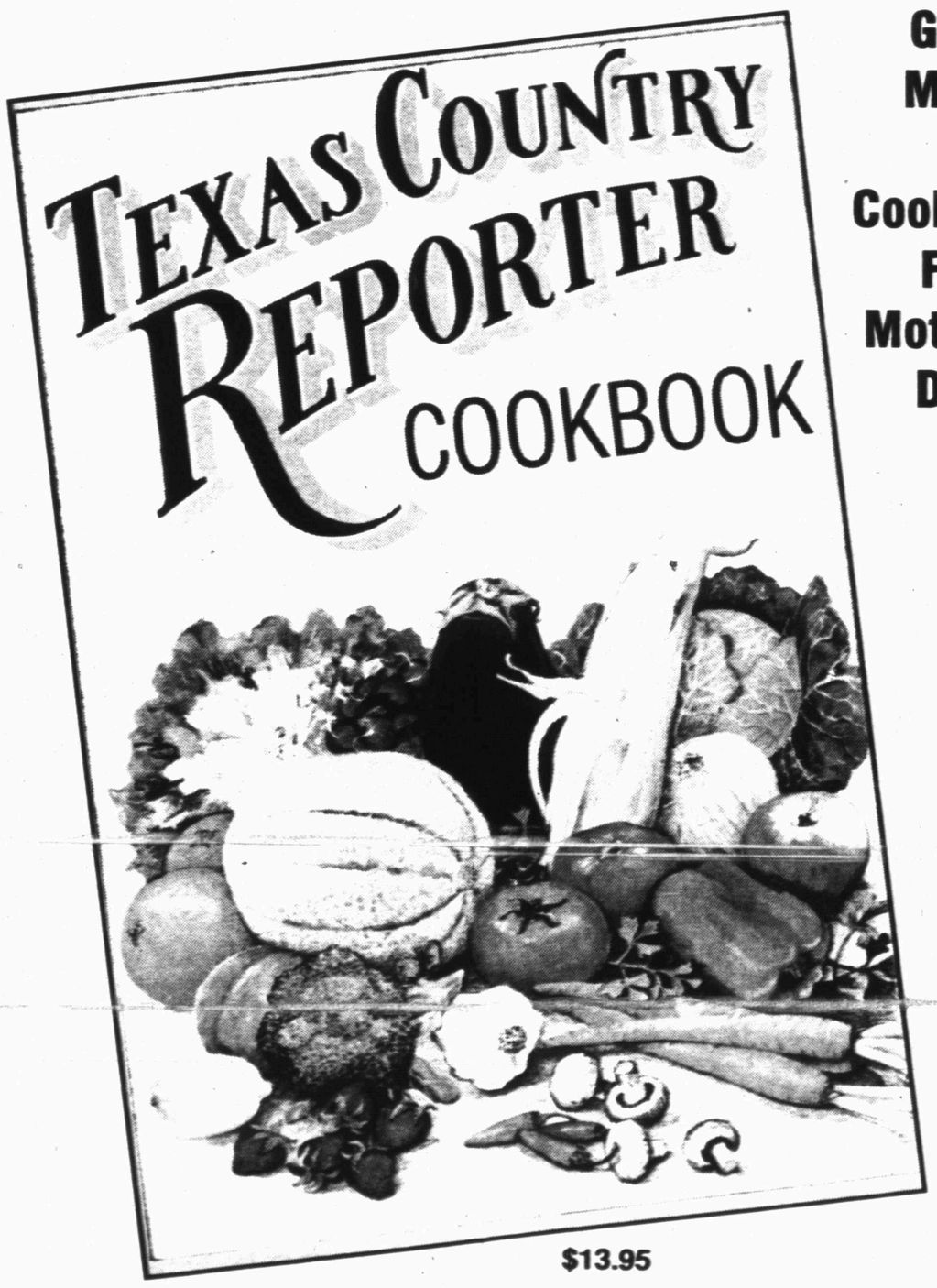
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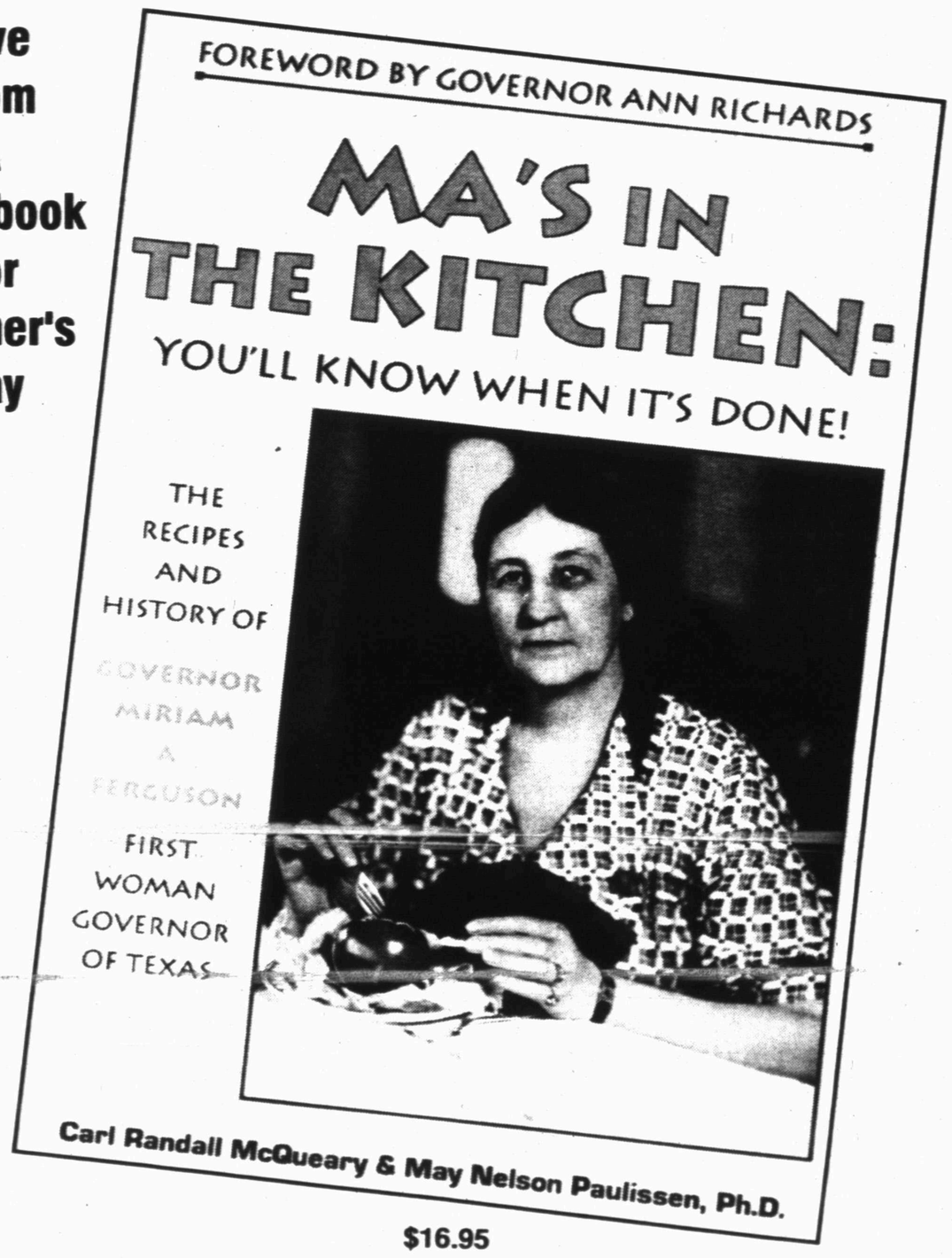
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Wake Up

When I first tuned into the news yesterday, April 20, and heard to my horror that there had been yet another horrendous school shooting and the sheriff was standing there saying that there were 25 fatalities (final count more likely 15 to 16, but STILL), I burst into tears.

All I could think about was sending our kids off to school on a morning, and maybe they've dawdled and maybe they didn't do their homework and maybe we lose our tempers at them and hustle them out the door so they won't miss the bus and the next thing we know they are DEAD.

But the more I heard, the angrier I got. Here is what is making me yell at the silence and pace the floor. As in every other instance of school shootings — five, now, in less than two years, THERE WERE CLEAR WARNING SIGNALS!

For Heaven's sake, in the Littleton, Colo. situation those kids did everything but go around with a bullhorn around the school yelling "WE'RE GOING TO SHOW UP WITH GUNS AND BLOW AWAY AS MANY KIDS AS WE CAN ON APRIL 20!!!

Facts:

*Every kid in the school had heard of the "Trench Coat Mafia," knew they were disenfranchised, knew they were preoccupied with death and killing, and knew that —

*The Trench Coat Mafia was known to collect firearms.

*Kids from the Trench Coat Mafia MADE A VIDEOTAPE OF THEIR WEAPONS COLLECTION AND SHOWED IT IN A SCHOOL CLASSROOM FOR AN ASSIGNMENT. But nobody took it seriously. Why? "These things don't happen here."

*Kids from the Trench Coat Mafia HAD A WEBSITE. On this Website, not only did they LIST their collection of weapons, not only did they glorify bloodshed and vio ence, but THEY HAD A LIST OF NAMES THAT THEY INTENDED TO "WASTE." Included on that list were various school athletes and at least one teacher.

*The Trench Coat Mafia liked to draw swastickas on their skin. They glorified Hitler. ON THEIR WEBSITE, THEY SAID THAT ON HITLER'S BIRTHDAY APRIL 20, PEOPLE WOULD BE VERY SORRY for ever making fun of them.

*On two different occasions, a gang expert from Denver paid a visit to the high school in Littleton, but seemed to find nothing worthy of concern about the Trench Coat Mafia.

Why? I don't like to say this, but I HAVE to, under the circumstances: They were white.

I'm sorry, but if a gang of black kids, or Hispanic kids, or even Asians, went around a school wearing black trench coats on even warm days, bullying kids as these did, bragging about weapons collections and glorifying killing and violence what do you think would have happened? How much time do you think would have elapsed before somebody would have called the police?

"It doesn't happen here." This is the refrain I heard over and over again. In other words, it doesn't happen in WHITE, well-off, "nice" neighborhoods. And yet it HAS happened there. Five times in less than two years.

What I want to know is, exactly HOW were they able to collect firearms? Weapons can be expensive. Where did they get the money to buy these weapons? These are not self-supporting adults; they're kids.

Some experts think that this school violence has to do with the violence in movies, video games and music. Such kerosene doesn't help the fire, I'll grant, but it has MUCH more to do with blindness in our society to troubled, angry youth and the self-preoccupation of parents who somehow do not know that their kids are collecting guns, building bombs and publishing hit lists on Websites.

Last year, I wrote about a community which could have faced this terrible fate if it weren't for two things: a heroic young person who spoke up to police the night before, and outstanding law enforcement in scooping up those kids before they could commit this atrocity.

Were any of THOSE people interviewed on "Nightline?" Did anybody there get any credit for stopping the violence? Did even the judge co-operate by sending a message to these kids that such activities will not be tolerated? (No, he said the main instigator's confession was coerced. Why? Because the officer bought the kid a Coke and put him at his ease before questioning him.)

We have to have a COMPLETE about-face in this society. I don't care WHERE you live, IT CAN HAPPEN HERE. Rich, white kids can be bad, too. Kids who glorify violence and brag about their guns need immediate attention BEFORE they act on their violent fantasies.

All I wanted to do when I heard this terrible news was talk to my kids. But they're busy college kids, hard to reach; I don't know whether I should call and leave a message or what to do. Then the phone rang. It was my son. "Mom," he said, "What's happening?"

He'd wandered into the student commons, which has a TV, and encountered live CNN coverage. "There was blood running out the front door of the school and down the sidewalk," he said, "like what happens when you leave the garden hose on." His voice was somber, distressed. "I'm going into law enforcement," he added. "I may have to deal with this someday."

And all I knew was that if, as a society, we don't wake up and start paying attention to the warning outcries of our disenfranchised youth ... a lot of law enforcement oficers will have to deal with this someday.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Public hearings

The (Galveston County) Daily News

Suppose you live in a home outside a city that is in a financial bind and wants to annex more territory to tax. Under current law, the city must give the public notice of its plans. It also must conduct public hearings.

However, some city governments have found these provisions for informing the public to be bothersome. City officials point out that sometimes these homeowners don't want to be annexed, and that just creates controversy.

Giving notice and conducting hearings just makes the job harder for professionals to run a city, they say. Their proposed solution: Change the law. Kill the provisions for public hearings and public notice.

Sound preposterous? Actually, it's House Bill 7, sponsored by state Rep. Fred Bosse, who represents Houston, a city that has been known to annex occasionally.

Put yourself in the shoes of someone who wakes up one morning and finds out that his tax bill has been doubled. He examines the bill and discovers that he lives in — rather than near — a city. Is that really government serving the people — or people in servitude to government?

The less information you have about government, the less control you have over it. And every year, lobbyists for governmental organizations prevail on legislators to sponsor bills that would make it more difficult for you to find out what's going on.

Here are some other examples: House Bill 301 would make confidential the name of a person who was accused of a felony. Sounds reasonable, doesn't it? If you were charged with drunken driving you wouldn't want your name in the paper, would you? But how would you feel if you lived down the block from someone who was charged with molesting children?

Suppose the school board gets into a touchy situation and appoints an advisory committee to look into the controversy. Right now, those meetings must be open to the public. Under House Bill 1030, you'd be locked out.

A few years ago, a newspaper in Texas did a story about a mayor who lived in a mansion, complete with a five-car garage that fronted the city's most valuable commercial thoroughfare. The property was on the tax rolls at $20,000.

Although the mayor screamed, the newspaper was able to get the tax records because they were public records. House Bill 3169 would allow that mayor — or any custodian of public records — the right to refuse any request he considered "unreasonable."

Texas newspapers are tracking these and dozens of other bills designed to keep you in the dark. If you object, there is something you can do. Make it clear to our representatives that the policy of the state should be the policy that's in state law right now. Here's what it says: "It is the policy of this state that each person is entitled, unless otherwise expressly prohibited by law, at all times to complete information about the affairs of government and the official acts of public officials and employees."

It's a good policy. It allows the people to be master of their government — rather than the other way around.

Compulsory volunteerism

Odessa American

Californias Gov. Gray Davis has raised the specter of "mandatory volunteerism," an idea that runs contrary to logic and freedom but has caught the eye of some soft-souled politicians.

Referring to the "ethics of the World War II generation," Davis introduced the idea last week of requiring all students at public California universities and community colleges, "as a condition of graduation, to provide some public service."

We call it the "pitch in or get kicked out" plan. While the public, and politicians from both major parties, tend to embrace community service as a way of "giving something back to society," there is much wrong with the idea, from a philosophical and practical standpoint.

Philosophically, compulsory volunteerism is something out of a George Orwell novel. War is peace. Slavery is freedom. Forced servitude is a great moral imperative.

If people have the desire to volunteer their time to groups that they support, they should do so. But to coerce them, as a part of a graduation requirement or as payment for some government benefit, is offensive in a nation that's supposed to revolve around freedom and individualism, not the demands of "society" as interpreted and enforced by the political authorities.

"That's always the little trick, you see. The government says were going to shower you with all these wonderful social benefits. The old line of bribing people with their own money ... And then they say, well now were going to impose the price," said Richard Ralston, director of development for the Ayn Rand Institute.

Ralston has nothing against volunteer activities, but says that when the government imposes community service, by means of legal requirements or "moral guilt trips," that it is evil. The purpose of plans such as Davis is not to help people, he believes, but to "disarm you and take away your individual rights."

Practically speaking, Ralston doubts that "bored time-servers," fulfilling their government-imposed community service commitment will do anything more than waste everybody's time. And rather than inspire altruism, he said that compulsion would breed only cynicism.

Another likely outcome, he said, is that some volunteer activities will be more equal than others will. In one anecdote he's heard of, he said that Planned Parenthood was an acceptable community service choice, but not the Right to Life Committee. So political correctness will enter the picture, with bureaucrats or academics offering the choices.

And, lest you think that this is just another kooky California idea, consider Senate Bill 37, which was introduced into the current session of the Texas Legislature by Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston. SB 37 would launch a new tuition scholarship program for students at Texas universities and community colleges.

In its original form, SB 37 included a requirement that scholarship recipients, along with meeting certain academic criteria, would perform an average of at least five hours of public service per week. The "volunteer" work was to be at a nonprofit charitable organization or a government entity approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Were thankful that the public service provision of this bill was stripped from it before it was approved by the Senate. It is pending in the House Higher Education Committee, as is a companion House bill sponsored by Rep. Juan Hinojosa, D-McAllen. bill still carries the public service requirement.

Once doing time for an approved government entity becomes a requirement for a state tuition handout, how long will it be before some "public-minded" legislator decides it would be a good idea for all Texans should "volunteer" in return for the privilege of a degree from one of the states universities?

We hope Gov. Davis volunteers to retract this bad idea and that the concept of "mandatory volunteerism" is buried for good in Austin.

Letters to the Editor

Prayers answered

Dear Editor:

On Saturday afternoon, April 17, my eleven-year-old daughter, Leslie Wright, was involved in a major automobile accident.

I thank God in Heaven for sending His angels to watch over us continually during our lives. Even at times when we as humans seem to get so consumed with our daily lives that we forget they are around.

I also thank God for providing the citizens of Snyder and Scurry County with an exceptional Emergency Medical Service! Albert "Snuffy" Canon and Tami Shirley, the Snyder EMS attendants in charge of the care given to my daughter were simply excellent with her! Words cannot express my sincere gratitude adequately.

As I waited for the ambulance to arrive at the hospital with my daughter, as one can imagine, I had a million thoughts racing through my mind. I prayed for God to take Leslie into his hands and bring her a sense of peace. I also asked him to provide me strength and a clear mind to take care of the things I needed to for Leslie. Now, as I reflect back on the moments, I believe without a shadow of a doubt, God heard and answered my prayers immediately! As Leslie was taken from the ambulance and wheeled into the emergency room, she had a heavenly peace over her.

I also want to say that God has blessed us with many loving friends. I mean the kind of friends that stand beside you through thick and thin! I do not choose to even think about what we would do without such people.

The telephone calls, and the personal visits we have received have truly been special to us. We seem to endure the trials and hardships much easier knowing that so many people care and pray with us and for us.

Personal regards,
Kent Wright

Confused

Dear Editor:

Well, they did it again. The Air Force used their "open house" format for the public hearings to continue to keep the impacted citizens confused and in the dark on what the military has planned for West Texas by not holding a real meeting where everybody can ask questions and hear everyone else's opinions, knowledge and experiences.

The attendees' only source of information is the smiling, charming public relations personnel whose job is to sell these proposals to an uneducated public.

The Trans-Pecos Protection Group attended the hearings in Snyder, Big Lake, Pecos and Alpine. The only areas that had sufficient notice that the hearings were even going to be held were where there was an active group of citizens in opposition to the flights that got the word out — the job the Air Force is required to do by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

There were about 450 of us in Snyder, 41 in Big Lake (unorganized), 51 in Pecos (unorganized), and about 60 folks trickled in and out in Alpine where there was no advance notice of the format other than it was from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1-5 p.m.

Some people came all the way from Sierra Blanca to attend only to find the Air Force had packed up, changed clothes and were loading up to leave at 3 p.m. Over 700 people attended the Angel Fire and Taos hearings.

Congressman Stenholm spoke at the Snyder hearing and a representative from Congressman Bonilla's office attended the Big Lake and Pecos hearings. Impacted counties were well represented by comments from county officials in Snyder, Big Lake and Pecos.

By the way ... on April 9th, a B-1B bomber caused a sonic boom that "rattled windows from Idalou to far south Lubbock County, startling residents and prompting a flood of calls to emergency agencies." ".. a few buidings sustained broken glass and dislodged signs." The boom shook cars and nearly knocked people out of their chairs."

We urge everyone to submit written comments to: Maj. Brent Adams, RBTI EIS Project Manager, HQ ACC/CEVPP, 129 Andrews Street, Suite 102, Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769. Your comments will become part of the final environmental impact statement and will greatly help future litigations to stop these unreasonable Low Level Realistic Combat Training Flights over the human environment.

Kay Kelley
P.O. Box 605
Alpine, Texas 79831

Price wars

Dear Editor:

I would like to submit a personal view on an upcoming situation ... GROCERY STORE PRICE WARS ... when I hear these words my heart practically starts racing ... just think of the bargains ... the savings ... the deals ... the likes of which Snyder has never seen!!!

BUT A WORD OF CAUTION: there must be more than one grocery store in town in order to have a price war. In the event there is no competition for our brand new, super-duper ... low priced ... money saving store ... Is it the GOODNESS OF THEIR CORPORATE HEARTS that will keep their prices down after they have succeeded in closing down the competition? (I hear different stories from other small towns.

It is a very familiar story if you think past the grand opening ... we need to consider there will be many out-of-town shoppers to make sure our new, bigger, better and bolder store makes it ... (guaranteed they have done the prospectus or they wouldn't be here!)

I'm not saying don't go and enjoy the place ... just keep in mind we are the ones (the locals) who will determine whether they have competition or a monopoly.

Thank you,
Sincerely,
Hazel Gibson
Snyder

Preventable tragedies

Dear Editor:

The terrible tragedy of a motor vehicle accident is an uncommon event for most people, but those of us who work in heathcare tend to see the effects of car accidents almost daily. So I speak with some authority when I say that almost all of these tragedies are preventable.

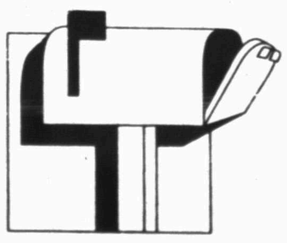
Impairment of the driver is a very common but very needless source of many accidents. Your eyesight, hearing and reflex time are vital in controlling your car. All the traffic laws in the world can't prevent an accident if a driver can't perceive the dangers around him or her. Alcohol and drugs are well known causes of impairment. Unfortunately so is aging.

Age alone will not impair your driving, but if your eyes or hearing is diminished then so is your ability to drive safely.

The government could certainly make it more difficult to obtain or keep a license, but I feel certain that more regulation would be a poor solution for a problem like this.

Better, perhaps, would be a neighborly concern for older drivers in our community. Offers to drive and conversation about impaired skills may be unwelcome, but so is a traumatic injury. Better yet, ask yourself: Should I drive today? Maybe I shouldn't drive at night any more, or on the highway. Maybe I shouldn't drive at all. West Texans are known for independence and courage. Sometimes less independence requires more courage.

Sincerely,
Mark Weaver, MD, FACS



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Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Vegetable soup, grilled cheese sandwich, potato rounds, dill pickle spears, peanut butter cookie

TUESDAY

Baked ham, cream style corn, baked potato; peaches and cottage cheese, brownie.

WEDNESDAY

Chicken pot pie, fried cauliflower, Harvard beets, tossed salad, chocolate pudding

THURSDAY

Meatloaf, steamed cabbage, golden carrots, green pea salad, Jello cake

FRIDAY

Fried fish, baked beans, macaroni & cheese, cucumber/onion salad, cheery bars

Senior Center News

Two weeks until MayDay and preparation is well underway for a wonderful year. Some of the quilts are on display at local businesses and local merchants will be receiving letters to participate in the silent auction.

Volunteers are needed to contact merchants for their donations to the silent auction. Call 573-4035 if you can help. Volunteers are also needed to sell barbecue tickets. Office staff will be glad to assist you. Tickets cost $5 each for the barbecue.

The Mobil cooking team will be donating and preparing the brisket for MayDay, May 8. Activities kick off at 2 p.m. The barbecue is from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. and the quilt auction begins at 6:30 p.m. All seniors are needed to help with this annual fund-raiser.

Homemade crafts and baked goods such as cakes, breads, cookies and brownies etc. are needed. No pies, due to county health restrictions.

Entertainment will include the Hoss Clayton Band, the Sparkle City Line Dancers, the Deep Creek & Senior Cloggers, the Sunshine Choir, featuring a Mother's Day program, and the Kitchen Band.

The new Scurry County Senior Center's Cookbook will also be available for MayDay. The cost for the "900" recipes will be $17.50.

MONDAY

Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. and daily exercise will be at 11 a.m.

TUESDAY

88 bridge play begins at 10 a.m., the Local Yokels will entertain at 11 a.m. and the Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon.

Swimnastics at Western Texas College is on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. The center will open at 6:30 p.m. for the dance/game night. The dance begins at 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Birthday cake will be served at 10 a.m., the Kitchen Band will entertain at 11, Line Dancers and Cloggers will be practicing for MayDay at 1 and 2 p.m., respectively.

THURSDAY

The Sunshine Choir will begin practicing for MayDay at 11 a.m.

FRIDAY

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

Queen marks end of 4-day visit

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Britain's Queen Elizabeth II marked the end of her four-day visit to South Korea by meeting with Korean War veterans.

The queen, who celebrated her 73rd birthday in the Korean village of Hahoe on Wednesday, met with veterans from Britain, Australia, Canada and New Zealand before leaving Thursday.

With fewer risks...

New diabetes drug may be available

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — A drug that promises to fight diabetes as effectively as the controversial medicine Rezulin but causes less risk to patients' livers may soon hit the market.

Diabetics have been frightened by headlines that the popular drug Rezulin, the only medicine now available that can resensitize their bodies to insulin, also can destroy the liver.

Thursday, advisers to the Food and Drug Administration recommended the sale of SmithKline Beecham's Avandia, a drug that promises to treat diabetes in the same manner as Rezulin but that in studies of more than 4,000 patients has shown no sign of liver damage.

But the advisers stressed that there was no certainty that Avandia never would damage diabetics' livers. They urged Avandia patients to have intensive liver testing similar to the kind now required for Rezulin patients.

If liver damage is a rare side effect, as it is for Rezulin, then it may appear only after hundreds of thousands of diabetics have tried Avandia, said FDA panel chairman Dr. Henry Bone of the Michigan Bone and Mineral Clinic.

"I think this drug is far safer," said Dr. Leonard Seef, a liver expert from the National Institutes of Health. But he joined other panelists in insisting patients get precautionary liver tests.

Rezulin, known chemically as troglitazone, was cheered widely when it hit the market in 1997 because it is the only drug sold that resensitizes the body to insulin, the underlying cause of Type 2, or adult-onset, diabetes. Many doctors contend it is invaluable for patients who have failed other diabetes therapies. Some 750,000 Americans now use the drug.

Shortly after Rezulin hit the market, however, it began causing liver failure. FDA officials list 43 Rezulin patients who suffered acute liver failure. Of those, 28 died and seven needed liver transplants to survive.

The FDA warned that those cases may represent only 10 percent of all Rezulin-related liver damage, and the agency's advisers last month urged new restrictions on Rezulin sales.

The FDA is not bound by Thursday's recommendations on Avandia, but typically follows the panel's advice.

Nor is Avandia the only potentially safer Rezulin competitor; the agency also is considering sales of Takeda Pharmaceuticals' Actos. But any drug related to Rezulin must bear warnings that call for liver tests until doctors are sure the drugs are less risky, the FDA panel said.

In studies, Avandia, known chemically as rosiglitazone, significantly lowered blood glucose, particularly when used with another popular diabetes drug called metformin. For some reason, it worked best in women.

But the big question was safety. In studies, no one suffered jaundice or liver failure — but neither did any Rezulin patients when that drug first was tested.

To predict liver damage, doctors measure patients' liver enzymes. Elevations are a danger signal.

In Rezulin's studies, 2 percent of patients showed significantly elevated liver enzymes. But Avandia patients had no difference in elevated liver enzymes compared with patients taking a placebo or other diabetes medicines, FDA officials said.

Why would Avandia be less risky? SmithKline said Avandia requires 100 times less drug per dose to treat diabetes, is metabolized differently and seems to accumulate far less in the liver.

But Avandia is not without risk, the FDA panel said. It can increase cholesterol levels, particularly the so-called bad cholesterol or LDL.

Diabetics with high LDL levels probably should not be prescribed Avandia, and all patients need cholesterol tests, the panel said.

Also, the drug seemed to cause weight gain of about 4 pounds to 6 pounds, a concern because diabetics are supposed to lose weight.

In addition, animal studies suggested Avandia use in pregnancy can be toxic to fetuses.

Professor wins world's single largest prize for an invention

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A microelectronics pioneer whose early work on minuscule transistors helped power the information age won the world's single largest award for invention on Thursday night.

Carver Mead, a professor of engineering and applied science at the California Institute of Technology, was awarded the $500,000 Lemelson-MIT prize in a ceremony at the city's Exploratorium museum.

"I was very surprised," Mead said. "The previous awards were all given to people who had one big blockbuster patent. And I don't have one of those, so it never occurred to me that I was a candidate."

Mead's innovations also include a standard amplifying device used in microwave communication systems, which people use every day when making telephone calls or dialing into the Internet, and a hearing aid powered by a digital microchip.

"They made a video where they interviewed a number of people that had those hearing aids, and it makes you cry," said Mead, 65. "These people are saying, 'This thing has changed my life. I can hear my grandchildren now.' That's very satisfying."

But Mead is best known for his work on transistors, a project that he began in 1968 on a suggestion from Gordon Moore of Integrated Electronics — later Intel.

"Moore's Law" — that computer chips would continue to double in power while remaining the same size and price — has since become a truism in the computer industry. But in 1970, Mead's forecast that the transistor could be reduced to .15 microns was revolutionary.

By comparison, a human hair is 20 microns in diameter and a wavelength of invisible light is half a micron, Mead explained in an interview Thursday.

"I was able to show that we were nowhere near the limits," he said. "It was pretty counterculture at the time to take a position like that."

Yet his forecast has nearly come true: Today the smallest transistor is .18 microns.

Mead, who lives in Woodside, Calif., said he plans to use the prize money to help support companies that have been launched by his former students.

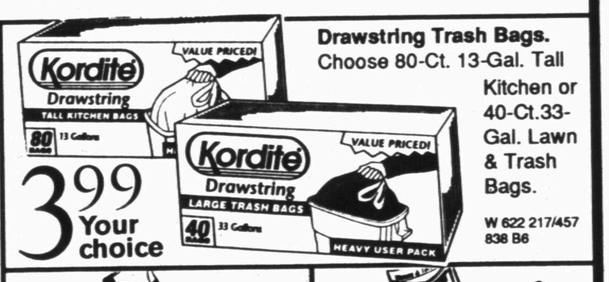
DuPont scientist Stephanie Kwolek was honored with a lifetime achievement award. Ms. Kwolek, who lives in Delaware and did not attend Thursday's ceremony, developed a fiber that eventually became known as Kevlar, best known for its use in bulletproof vests.

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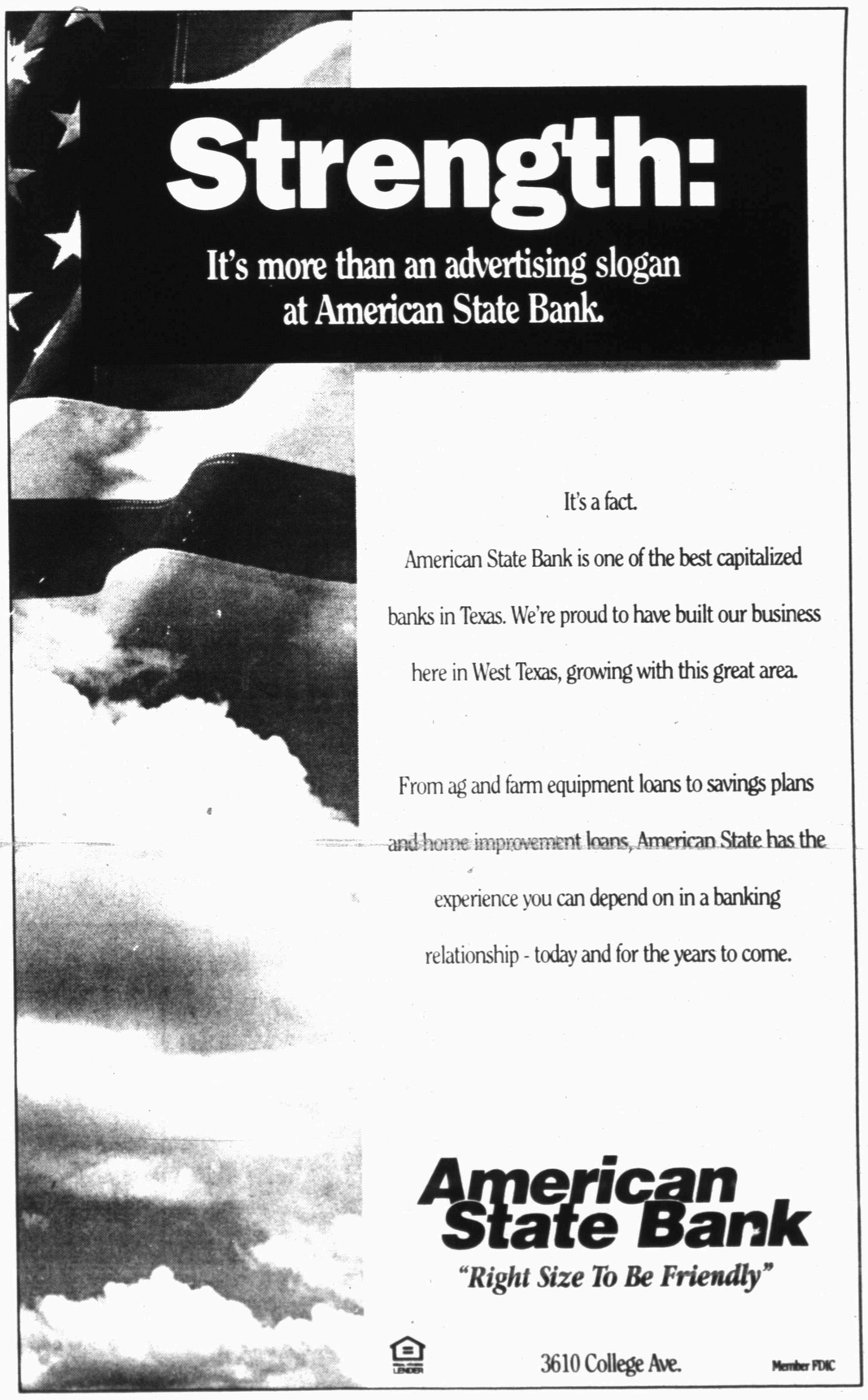
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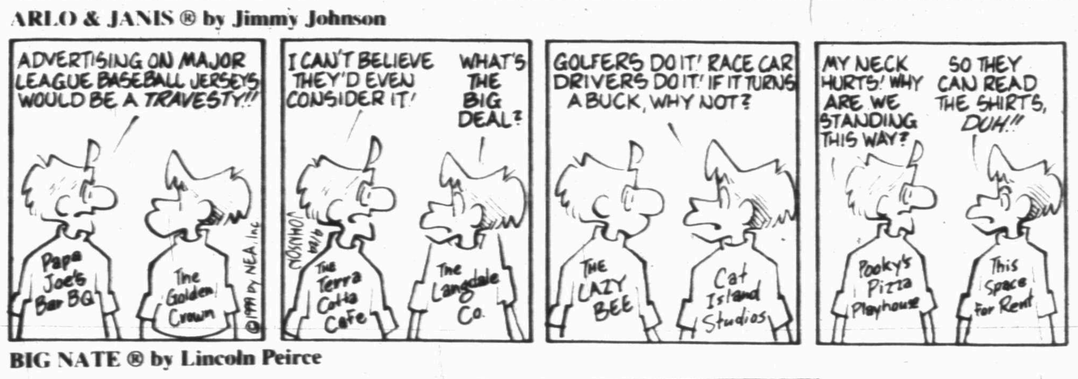
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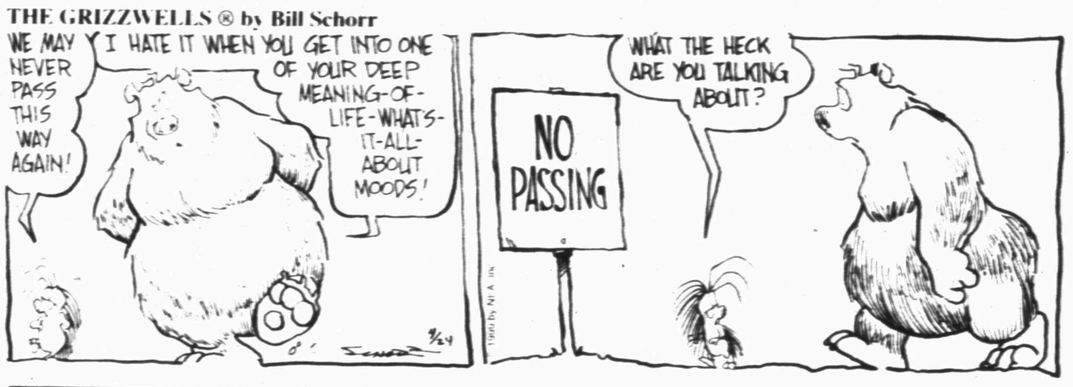
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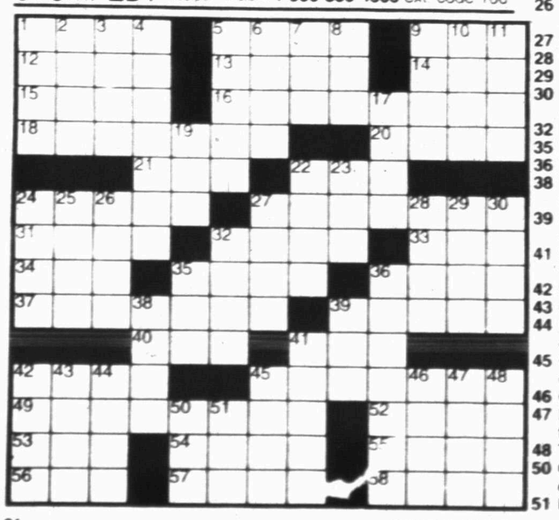
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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Guests overstep their bounds by suggesting dinner menu

DEAR ABBY: Last weekend, I called an old college friend and invited him and his wife — I'll call them Carl and Sheila — over for dinner. I was flabbergasted when he refused to accept my invitation before hearing what was on the menu and checking with Sheila!

To make matters worse, when he called back, he had "suggestions" on how to prepare each item I was planning to serve, as well as his wife's preferences for salad ingredients and dressing. I was floored! I told him I thought he and Sheila were extremely rude to dictate what I should serve in my own home.

My parents brought me up to believe that if you ask what's being served, it implies you're more interested in the food than the company. Carl says it would be more rude if they came to dinner and didn't eat what was served.

Abby, am I wrong, or do Carl and Sheila need a lesson in manners?

STEAMED IN SALEM, MASS.

DEAR STEAMED: I can think of two reasons to justify asking you what you were planning to serve at your dinner party. The first would be if Carl or Sheila had food allergies; the second if they planned to bring the wine.

However, either one of those reasons should have been explained to you before Carl asked what you were planning to serve, and neither reason justifies telling you how they prefer their food prepared. Carl and Sheila were extremely rude, and if you wish to continue the friendship, in the future, meet them in restaurants.

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DEAR ABBY: "Interested in Illinois" is unable to accept a man's reason, that she is "too young," for not wanting to see her again. She's only one of millions who fail to realize that a member of the opposite sex who gives a weak reason for not continuing a relationship is often being kind — sparing the feelings with a white lie instead of the brutal truth. The rejected party should move on.

ROBERT H. BICKMEYER, TROY, MICH.

DEAR ROBERT: I'm printing your letter because that's a good rule of thumb to follow in the dating world. You aren't the only reader who responded to "Interested's" letter. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am a first-time writer, but a longtime reader. "Interested in Illinois" got my pen hand shaking and my 52-year-old wheels turning.

She said "Jim" was in the process of getting a divorce, and he told her she was "too young." That young lady should butt out! Jim has enough problems without her adding her pheromones.

Abby, please give her my address and phone number. I've been looking for "Miss Right" since my third divorce, in 1986.

FREEZING IN BEMIDJI, MINN.

DEAR FREEZING: You're right and you're wrong. I agree that Jim has enough problems without the young woman's pheromones addling his thinking. However, you're wrong about the purpose of my column. I make it a practice never to makes matches unless I know both parties very well and can vouch for the fact that they are what they're representing themselves to be. Sorry.

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DEAR ABBY: Every time I pick up a newspaper, or see on the evening news a story about "road rage," I can't help but fear that my husband could be the next victim. "Alex" is an otherwise intelligent, caring individual who becomes the terror of the highway whenever he gets behind the wheel. He is somehow convinced that he's the only person who understands the rules of the road, and it has become his mission in life to educate other drivers.

His aggressive behavior includes slamming on his brakes — even on the interstate — when he thinks the car behind is tailgating. When he feels cars in the fast lane are going too slow, he cuts in on them and gives them the finger. Anyone who doesn't "step on it" at an intersection is in for a long blast on the horn to "wake them up." I'm afraid when our 15-year-old son gets his license, he'll think he can drive the same way.

I've tried to point out to him that this type of behavior could get us killed, but when he's behind the wheel, he's like a maniac. When Alex gets home and calms down he always apologizes for getting carried away, but it's the same story all over again the next time we're in the car.

Abby, I can't avoid riding with him because we have only one car. What can I do to convince Alex how stupid and dangerous this really is?

A ROAD WARRIOR'S WIFE IN RHODE ISLAND

DEAR WIFE: The next time "Alex" begins apologizing, let him know in no uncertain terms that you are taking over as the designated driver for the family until he takes a defensive driving course and seeks counseling to rechannel his anger.

Since your son is nearing the age when he too will get behind the wheel, the three of you could sign up for defensive driving classes as a family. In addition to driving schools, which are listed in the telephone directory, defensive driving classes are often available at community colleges and through your local automobile club. Please write again and let me know what impact this has on Alex's driver attitude. I care.

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DEAR ABBY: I just celebrated 10 years of sobriety. I hope the enclosed item will motivate anyone who has a drinking problem to *run*, not walk, to AA before it's too late. I can testify that life is better without the bottle. It doesn't matter if people come from Yale or jail — we in AA want them to join us. Their life will get better. I promise.

"MUMPS" MOM

DEAR "MUMPS" MOM: Congratulations on your 10 years of sobriety. May you be able to celebrate every single year.

I hope the item you sent will inspire those with an addiction to alcohol to join you in recovery through AA. Read on:

"I drank for happiness and became unhappy.

"I drank for joy and became miserable.

"I drank for sociability and became argumentative.

"I drank for sophistication and became obnoxious.

"I drank for friendship and made enemies.

"I drank for sleep and woke up tired.

"I drank for strength and felt weak.

"I drank for relaxation and got the shakes.

"I drank for courage and became afraid.

"I drank for confidence and became doubtful.

"I drank to make conversation, and it slurred my speech.

"I drank to feel heavenly and ended up feeling like hell."

ANONYMOUS

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Back To Basics

By Debbie Duddleston



HELP! I want to go to college and I don't know if I can afford it!

Have you heard of financial aid? That's right, financial aid. Seventy percent of the students at Western Texas College receive it and there is a big possibility you can too. There are various options available and most of us like to have options, so here goes...

1. Pell Grants — The FAFS form (free application for federal student aid), for those of you that dislike acronyms) is available at the financial aid office. You need to complete this form which is based on your 1998 taxes (you did file your taxes didn't you?) It takes about 4-6 weeks to process it if you choose to send it by mail. You can call to schedule an appointment to send the information electronically and you will receive results in about half the time.

2. Scholarships — We have many scholarships available, both academic and athletic. If you have not filled out our one page application — that's right — just one page, I encourage you to apply. Hurry and send in your application because scholarships are already being awarded. Applications are available at the financial aid office.

3. Work-Study Program — If you qualify for federal aid, you can qualify for this program. What is a work-study? It is simply, an opportunity to work on campus. A variety of campus jobs are available and you will work an average of ten hours a week. Again, call the financial aid office if you are interested.

Last, but not least, I'm going to reveal the best kept secret at WTC. Ready ... here goes ... our special needs office ... that's right ... special needs. There is money available through the Carl D. Perkins Fund. Now read closely for the details. If you enroll in one of our vocational programs and receive pell grant assistance or meet other income guidelines, you could qualify for assistance with some of the following:

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Now the word is out, so hurry and call our special needs office for details.

O.K. — Anymore questions? I want to hear those phones ring! Oh yes, I nearly forgot you may need these numbers ... Financial Aid Office 573-8511 Ext 309 and Special Needs Office Ext 325 or 1888-GO-TO-WTC.

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Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Three terrific triplets — powerful, life-changing words

My good friend Webster defines triplet as: "A collection or group of three," So today, I offer you three groups of three very special words.

These are not ordinary words. Rather, they are powerful, life-changing words. These triplets will help you build your business, put sizzle in your career and maybe even spice up your love life.

They are not new words and I haven't even combined them in a new way. You've heard them before and many of you have probably even used these powerful triplets.

So why do I bring them up again? Because they contain great wisdom. And, wisdom — when applied — will change your life.

Words to live by

The first powerhouse triplet is — *and then some*. If you're in school, do all your teachers ask of you — *and then some*. If you work for someone else, do all your boss asks you to — *and then some*. If you own your own business, give your customers great service — *and then some*.

Want to help your favorite church or charity? Write out a nice check — *and then some*. Know someone who needs a caring friend? Be the friend — *and then some*. If your partner needs a lift, offer a helping hand — *and then some*.

I watched the lives of many successful people over the years and every true success I've ever met was an "*and then some*" person. Go the extra mile and do a little more than is expected. You'll find life will be very rewarding — *and then some*.

The second triplet is — yes I can. Life doesn't always give us what we expect. Our friends sometimes let us down and trouble sometimes picks us up. When you are faced with an impossible mountain to climb, focus on the summit and say these words — *yes I can*.

When your boss asks for a little more effort, just look him in the eye and say — *yes I can*. When the doctor gives you bad news and you don't know if you can handle the challenge, just say to yourself — *yes I can*.

Several years ago, I was asked to write a newspaper column for small-business owners. The pessimistic little monkey, who sits on my shoulder and whispers negative words in my ear, immediately went to work. He said, "You're not a writer. No one will read what you write! You can't even spell very well."

I brushed that little monkey off my shoulder with these three words — *yes I can*. Then, I began to write. Nine years later, you're one of more than a million readers who seeks out "Minding Your Own Business" every week.

The third powerful triplet is — *I love you*. If you are a parent or if you have parents, use these words — *I love you*. If you have friends say — *I love you*. If you are married call your spouse and say — *I love you*.

Remember friends, actions speak louder than words. You can convey this message without moving your lips. Do something special, spontaneous and unexpected. Write a note, do an act of kindness or give a small gift. Little things mean a lot. Do something nice and your action will say — *I love you*.

I am certain there is a shortage of "active" *I love yous* in the world today. It is easy to say — *I love you*. It is much more difficult to show our love to our fellow man with random, unplanned acts of kindness.

I hope you'll adopt these three sets of triplets. The world needs more *and then some* folks, who greet their challenges with *yes I can* and who never hesitate to say — with meaning — *I love you*.

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City manager recommends Hispanic for police chief

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Twenty-year police veteran David Bejarano could become the city's first Hispanic police chief if the City Council approves his nomination next week.

City Manager Michael Uberuaga notified council members Thursday night that Bejarano, 42, was his choice based on a field of 21 candidates. A council vote was set for Monday and if approved, the new chief would start Tuesday.

Hispanic community leaders who wanted a Hispanic police chief lobbied the City Council with letters and phone calls. Bejarano said he would be proud to be the first Hispanic to lead the 2,000-member department.

"I'm proud of my ethnic background, but it's just another asset I can bring to the job," Bejarano said today. "It will only enhance my effectiveness."

Bejarano, an assistant police chief known for his unassuming leadership style and humble personality, appeared to have the support of a majority of the council members, the San Diego Police Officers Association and many community leaders.

Bejarano was one of the top eight contenders, who have interviewed with Uberuaga and a search committee since January. Four other officers with the San Diego Police Department were up for the job as well as Mark Kroeker, a former Los Angeles Police Department Deputy Chief who was a top contender for the Los Angeles chief's job. Two Hispanics and a black woman were among the finalists in San Diego.



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Honor Roll

Central Elementary
A Honor Roll
Alayna Alexander
Angela Almanza
Angie Amarillas
Ernesto Arellano
Brad Ashworth
Brent Bollinger
Colton Brewster
Lanxton Cole
Alison Cox
Devin Davidson
Lance Day
Jessica DeLeon
Ashley Farquhar
Brooks Gafford
Heather Garza
Tess Gruben
Cassi Hernandez
Erin Hogan
Hena Islam
Santiago Jaimes
Laura Landa
Josh Lumpkins
Nicole Means
Kristen Miller
Preston Munson
Jessica Rivera
Craig Robertson
Quentin Shafer
Martin Smith
Simon Stolarczyk
Mariah Stowe
Loren Toombs
Alex Urias
Megan Velasquez
J.W. Wesson
Brittany West
Nathan Wittie
Michelle Yruegas

A-B Honor Roll
Mark Aguilar
Kaden Billingsley
Devin Brown
Dylan Bunch
Daniel Burk
Tanner Butler
Adam Calvert
Brittani Carnes
Ashley Casas
Kristina Chandler
Ryan Claxton
Brett Cross
Samantha Daves
Jordan Derryberry
Mayra Estrada
Vallie Foreman
Chad Franks
Matthew Garcia
Paul Garcia
Zane Green
Laura Gutierrez
Audra Hall
Brandee Harbin
Kimberly Harlan
Travis Hatfield
Nikki Hembree
Corey Jaramillo
Whitney Jenkins
Audrey Jones
Allen Jones
Rebecca Juarez
R.J. Keener
Zackary Key
Lupe Lopez
Kaycee Loveall
Larry Luna
Lauren Lunsford
Anthony Martinez
Rudy Martinez
Brittany Mayes
Tyler McCormack
Jacob McFatridge
Michael Medrano
D.J. Muniz
Tatum Norwood
Chase Peterson
Kayla Pittman
Greg Resendiz
Cayelea Rhodes
Chris Richards
Wes Richardson
Virginia Rivera
Luke Robertson
Crystal Rodriguez
Raquel Ruiz
Amanda Sanchez
Jacob Scifres
Kendra Tidwell
Christian Tippens
Christina Villa
Layton Westmoreland
B.J. Witte
Caylea Wood

East Elementary
A Honor Roll
Steven Alaniz
Cinthia Arellano
Jamie Arnold
Tasha Ball
Hollie Berryhill
Jada Bilano
Mayela Borrego
William Brasher
Taylor Courtney
Krista Dorsett
Chelsey Drummond
Leslie Eades
Starla Early
Joe Fitzgerald
Kinsey Guynes
Kaylee Lacik
Ashley Luecke
Shannon Mangis
Michael Mann
Terann Ragland
Henry Ramos
Amanda Rivera
Jeremy Rodriguez
Courtney Tyrrell
John Whitworth
Sydney Wright

A-B Honor Roll
Gabriel Aguilar
Norma Aguilar
Marleah Akins
Rayna Alaniz
B.J. Alonzo
Casey Arnold
Jaedi Baze
Monica Benavidez
Brianna Bernal
Kunal Bhakta
Brett Bowlin
April Boyd
Amy Campbell
Stephanie Castaneda
Candace Chandler
Kelton Clayton
Dalton Cole
Tylor Courtney
Sarah Covington
Katy Crenwelge
Laura Culwell
Tyler Danforth
Alyssa Davis
Malcolm Deavers
Linda DeLaCruz
Tyler Driggers
Andrew Dupree
Sonja Estrada
Laura Flores
Ami Foreman
Clay Fritz
Whitley Fulford
Andy Garvin
Nolan Grady
Kaitlyn Greenlee
William Greenwood
Chris Gutierrez
Aaron Guynes
Felicia Guzman
Victoria Hermosillo
Ramsey Herrera
Amber Hildreth
Kade Kruger
Jordan Lester
Casey Long
Keith Manlief
Christina Martinez
Sesalie Martinez
Joseph McGough
Teisha McGlouthin
Cassie Mhoon
Jeremy Mills
Ryan Mitchell
Kazual Moore
Claire Morris
Perla Oliva
Austin Owens
Adrian Padron
Wesley Price
Ember Proffitt
Cody Reed
Candice Rice
Amanda Rios
Tara Robertson
Cheyene Roemisch
Joey Rosas
Erissa Sanchez
Kyle Sanchez
Amy Sauceda
Matthew Schoolcraft
Lindsey Small
Corbin Smith
Adrian Sosa
Adrianna Sosa
Levi Stahl
Jordan Stansell
Tana Sullenger
Justin Thamez
Toni Tovar
Mica Triggs
Ryne Trout
Michael Valadez
Sean Velasquez
Heather West
Bryce Westmoreland
Jessica Yanez
Sebastian Zamora
Lupe Zuniga

Northeast Elementary
A Honor Roll
Yuliana Arellano
Chase Ashworth
Kimberly Bell
Morgan Bilderback
Barrett Bowlin
Laura Boyd
Dondi Brock
Austin Brunson
Jason Cave
Bryan Clifton
Seth Cooper
Teddi Crenwelge
Katy Curry
Tyler Ezzell
Will Floyd
Kayla Hartzog
Racheal Herrera
Tyler Hogan
Ashley Hyer
Emily Jones
Cale Lancaster
Ciara Latta
Jana Lewis
Erica Little
Amber Luecke
Austin Lyle
Eric Martinez
Curtis Mason
Megan McCormick
Whitney Parks
Ashly Pavlovsky
Aeryal Peoples
Garrett Pinson
Jeremy Reed
Jessica Robbins
Blake Scott
Cade Simpson
Breanna Talavera
Jessica Taylor
Shaela Thompson
Temi Thompson
Christi Williams
Dustyn Williams
Marcus Williams
Kiki Wofford
Kelsea Wood
Glyn Wright
Tyler Zalman
Tehmina Zarrin

A-B Honor Roll
Veronica Aguilar
Ashley Barrera
Jessica Calvert
Jeanette Castaneda
Veronica Castillo
Claudia Delossantos
Gena Dooley
Tyler Eveland
Mayra Farfan
Ashley Flores
Stanley Forbes
Daniela Garcia
Derek Garcia
Chance Grantham
Tatum Gruben
Kim Henkell
Kenetra James
Whitney Kinney
Tara Kubena
Chris Lopez
Valerie Lopez
Juan Martinez
Celeste Morin
Amanda Murray
Calvin Nobles
Samantha Pena
Merissa Pierson
Claire Pollard
Sequoya Powell
Jamie Putnam
Wendy Reed
Dylan Richards
Justin Riddle
Kimberly Rodriguez
Noe Ruiz
Kellie Rushing
Blake Seale
Tina Speedon
Joel Tarin
Khristian Torres
Ashton Wall
Jay Weaver
Jacci Westbrook
Ofelia Zamora

West Elementary
A Honor Roll
Danisha A. Akins
Tanner C. Bloom
Kassey C. Burney
Sarah V. Carpenter
Nathaniel P. Clarady
Courtney J. Cox
Joshua L. Derington
Jarrod R. Fletcher
Alan L. Gray
Eric N. Guadarrama
Kayla J. Guerrero
Jerrica N. Gutierrez
Erin L. Hackfeld
Hadley K. Hirt
Heather C. Holmes
Paul Jackson
Patrick D. Jones
Matthew S. Kerr
Meggan L. Minor
Matthew R. Morris
Heather M. Polk
Philip N. Rice
Blake M. Robertson
Tamara N. Timora
Whitney L. Warner
Kalli D. Wesson
Logan E. West
Chelsea M. Wood

A-B Honor Roll
Elizabeth Arellano
Jacy J. Becue
Lee Ann A. Benitez
Adam B. Booker
Adrian L. Brooks
Briana J. Burk
Eric N. Carranza
Federico S. Castillo
Krista B. Chaidez
Devin L. Chandler
Hope A. Cole
Max D. Cormack
Jesus M. Cosio
Amanda M. Covington
Casey M. Crain
Jamai N. Dabney
Jessica L. Davis
Esmeralda J. Estrada
Natasha A. Evans
Abby J. Foree
Zachary B. Garcia
Cassie M. Gordon
Devin B. Gutierrez
Jake J. Guzman
Paul G. Haines
Jessica L. Hallford
Austin L. Hatfield
Thomas C. Hefner
Sheila M. Hicks
Jason W. Hook
Lesli K. Jackson
Traci L. Jordan
Lacey D. Kincaid
Jodi K. McGinty
Erica Medrano
Michelle L. Miller
Kelly C. Moore
Cynthia O. Morin
Marisa D. Munoz
John A. Neal
Casey W. Newby
Ryan C. Owen
Stephanie E. Parmer
Crystal L. Pena
Casey R. Pierce
Mechelle R. Renfro
Bradley A. Richardson
Colton L. Robertson
Marissa V. Saenz
Oscar A. Sauceda
Kelsey L. Shaw
Christopher C. Smauley
Jeffrey R. Stanfield
Carol A. Tavarez
Tyler B. Thompson
Jammie A. Treat
Ashley R. Villegas
Stacey R. Williamson
Heather L. Zajicek

Snyder Junior High
7th Grade
A Honor Roll
Ashlye Amox
Laura Arellano
Katie Bryant
Erin Burleson
Laura Calmes
Alexis Clawson
Beth Clements
Sarah Crawford
Jordan Donelson
Kelby Drum
Andra Dunham
Kristel Fitts
Rankin Hardin
Gretchen Hollis
Ashley Jenkins
Josh Kemp
Tiffany Kubena
Meagan Langham
Emily Long
Jed Martin
Ashley Martinez
Molly Mason
Nichole Ornelas
Rebecca Pavlovsky
Jose Perez
Peter Perez
Tanner Reed
Lee Scott
Chance Tatum
Sara Thornhill
Kendall Tidwell
Cami Trout
Brock Tyrrell
Amanda Whitson
Stephanie Williams

A-B Honor Roll
Lucy Amarillas
Aleida Arellano
Andrew Bane
Tasura Baze
Mandy Burns
Zach Cain
Mitchell Cole
Whittney Criswell
Ashley Darnell
Jordan Dea
Kyle Dortch
Brad English
Megan Fletcher
Clayton Floyd
Acee French
Adrienne Garcia
Christy Garcia
Ashlie Gonzales
Candice Gordan
Hayley Grant
Gerrico Greenlee
Blake Grimmett
Justin Guynes
Katie Haggard
Molly Haire
Alfredo Hernandez
Bryan Huddleston
Kelsi Johnson
Corey Longorio
J.J. Mandrell
Saturnino Martinez
Austin McCormack
Sharday McKinney
Sterling Millhollon
Katherine Neves
Josh Pickerel
Bradley Price
Destiney Proctor
Kim Rivera
Jacob Rodriguez
Brandi Russell
Jeffrey Scott
Kerissa Shipp
Holly Simmons
Paige Smith
Justin Stoker
Elizabeth Stewart
Jon Thomas
Cody Wall
Misha Wofford
Joseph Ynguanzo

8th Grade
A Honor Roll
Kara Brumley
Sara Cantu
Erin Cooley
Taylor Cotton
Christan Curry
Kellie Dodson
Josh Green
Laura Hager
Amanda Hartzog
Cozy Jones
T.J. Jones
Whitney Jones
Jacinda Judah
Tyler Kerr
Alberto Perez
Wendy Proffitt
Afton Schwertner
Aaryn Stewart
Lilli Valdez
Kasey Wemken
Catherine Whitworth

A-B Honor Roll
Jacque Alvarez
Ana Arce
Marina Barrera
Tanner Beard
Jackie Beccue
Kayla Beck
Johnathan Bell
Cameron Brown
Glenn Burns
Kristin Casas
Rachel Cave
Dara Chambers
Heather Crawford
Will Davis
Betsy Dominguez
Colby Driggers
Caleb Durham
Shelley Fisk
Johatan Garza
Brandon Gonzales
Ashlee Grantham
Stafford Gray
Chance Greenwood
Cassi Guerrero
Jason Guynes
Shell Hembree
Nikki James
Katie Kerley
Jeremy Kildow
Shane Kitchens
Duran Lopez
Cory Lyons
Jacob Macias
Veronica Maldonado
Garbriel Martinez
Rumaldo Martinez
Kristina Mayer
Tyger McClain
Bret McClendon
Matt McCormick
Josh McGaha
James Mills
Taz Moorehead
Cyrena Morin
Cindy Nachlinger
Jenna Neff
Jacob Pechacek
Zipporah Peoples
Natalie Perez
Hailey Putnam
Brady Reed
Adam Rodgers
Marci Rodriguez
Sheenette Sanchez
Bobby Sands
Zach Starnes
Matthew Stokes
Afton Sutter
Jade Taggart
Tara Trammell
Tyler Trout
Patricia Vargas
Anthony Vasquez
Clay Williams
Jennifer Williamson

Ira ISD
First Grade
A Honor Roll
Lindsey Daniel
Olivia Juarez
Rey Juarez
Brandon Lunsford
John Martini
Evian Olvera
Daniel Wooldridge
First Grade
A-B Honor Roll
B.J. Botts
Jonathan Hall
Cheyann Taylor

Second Grade
A Honor Roll
Austin Calley
Rance Dunn
Kati Knauss
Seth Sanchez
Second Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Ashley Fair
Amanda Kerr
Leeja Mauldin
Quentin McLaury
Shandy McMullen
Tanner Price
Brandon Ramirez
Brittany Taylor

Third Grade
A Honor Roll
Karen Rachel Coonrod
Laura Juarez
Clayton Long
Josi Presley
Third Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Tony Martini
Kendyll Pilcher

Fourth Grade
A Honor Roll
Aryn Calley
Jessica Odom
Genvieve Weaver
Fourth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Nickelynn Bays
Corbin Clements
Tyrelle Gilbert
Kate Wall

Fifth Grade
A Honor Roll
Terryn Autry
Fifth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Travis Frey
David Kirk

Sixth Grade
A Honor Roll
Colton Long
Sixth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Brandon Crane
Bryson Higgins
Wesley Kellner
Justin Taylor

Seventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Lindsey Wilson
Seventh Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Franki Briseno
Amanda Calley
Vanessa Espinoza
Chad Everton
Rusty Josey
Stephan Kirk
April Lollar
Lacie Thompson
Jess Wall
Nathan Wilkins

Eighth Grade
A Honor Roll
Colter Brown
Casey Kellner
Candace Sanchez
Celeigh Sterling
Eighth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Michael Allen
Kali Clements
Jeff Fine
Tyler Frey
John Gainer
Michelle Nettles
Geoff Pinkerton
Amanda Ramirez
Amy Strong

Ninth Grade
A Honor Roll
Kendra Krop

Ninth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Jessie Green
Lecia Knight
Aubrey Mathis
Nathan Smith
Chet Stuart
Cade Tucker
Dani White

Tenth Grade
A Honor Roll
Morgan Clements
Tenth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Tara Allen
Davi Barnes
Kristen Harless
Trey Shirley
Tosha Walker

Eleventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Jerek Brown
Eleventh Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Korby Calley
Logan Daves
Jenson Gainer
James Goolsby
Katie Howard
Jose Juarez

Twelfth Grade
A Honor Roll
E'Lissa Goolsby
Tye Shirley
Twelfth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Emily Hardy
Perry Jamison
Lindsy Josey
Terri Robinson
Brook Wilkes

Hermleigh
Second Grade
A Honor Roll
Marissa Davis
Lelan Shankles
Rustin Webb
Casey Williamson
Second Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Jeremy Eaton
Ashley Luna
Bryan Thompson

Third Grade
A Honor Roll
Willie Berkley
Third Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Ben Harrington
Brett McClure
J.D. Mireles

Fourth Grade
A Honor Roll
Alicia Culp
Fourth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Mike Barrera
Kelvin Doggett
K'Leigh Jackson
Brittany Kelley

Fifth Grade
A Honor Roll
Alana Culp
Johnathon McClure
Fifth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Robby Anderson
Samantha Berry
Dani Webb

Sixth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Shane Rinehart

Seventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Justin Williamson
Seventh grade
A-B Honor Roll
Krystal Beasley
Dustin Williamson

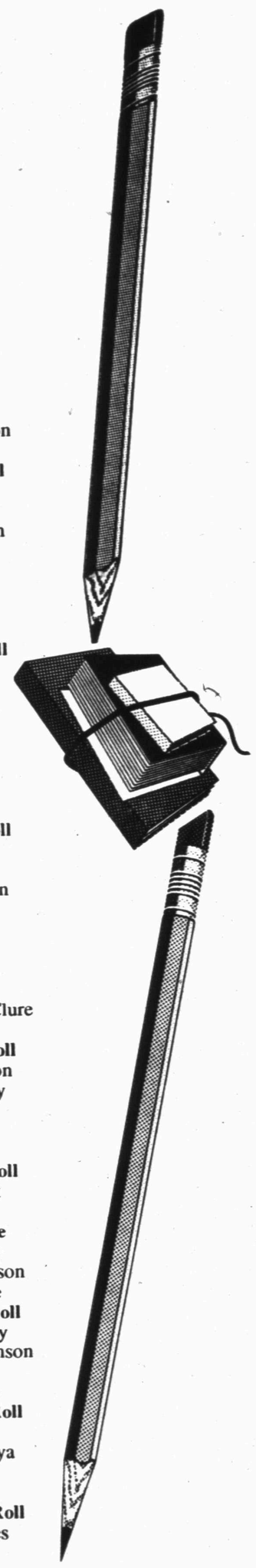
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Terrel Culp
Joshua Montoya

Ninth Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Chasity Perales
Mary Spruill
Sabrina Terry

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A-B Honor Roll
Janet Eckert
Lori Eckert
Billy Lambaren

Eleventh Grade
A Honor Roll
Jared Higgins
Randi Herrington
Eleventh Grade
A-B Honor Roll
Joey Garza
April Digby
Tracy Luna
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