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Home Of Leeann Zajicek

"ALWAYS...PATSY CLINE" — Based on a true story and written by Ted Swindley, "Always...Patsy Cline" opened at the Ritz Theatre Friday evening starring Cindy Nix and Gale Northcott. Tickets are $7. Other performance are Saturday, 8 p.m., Sunday matinee at 2:30; and April 3-5. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Walls will make camouflage pants

A warmer than normal winter might meet with favor for some people in Snyder, but not so for those involved in the manufacturing of insulated coveralls.

"We're changing our product line," said David Wittie, plant manager of Walls Industries.

"It just was not cold enough anywhere for us to sell the number of insulated coveralls as we had expected," he said.

So, the plant here, which employs upwards of 95 people, will soon start making a camouflage hunting pant.

"The number of employees will stay the same. We've been working 32 hours per week since Christmas on the coveralls," said Wittie, noting the plant did close for a week during spring break time.

"We should be going back to 40 hours per week when we get cranked up on the pants," he added.

The plant still has some coveralls to finish, while getting geared up for the new product line.

"It's a little bit hectic, right now," Wittie said, as the plant finishes one product while starting another.

Wittie said the firm has set a goal of manufacturing about 8,700 pairs of pants a week.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Life may not be all we want, but it's all we've got."

We thought we had made a giant mistake just the other day. A mistake is not all that unusual, but this particular one haunted us at first.

We were sitting on a bench in a mall near Dallas, waiting for ole what's-her-name to come out of a store so we could proceed to the next bench.

While people-watching, we spied a guy that looked familiar — sort of a faces out of our past experience. We called his name and the guy looked around. We were then certain it was him.

He certainly looked a lot older than I remembered him in the first grade, or even when we graduated from high school together. But he hadn't forgotten that back-slapping technique.

He joined us on the bench. He, too, was waiting on his wife. He explained it was a new bride — the one we had known kicked him out just after his business failed during the oil bust of the '80s.

"You could have knocked me over with a feather," he said. "I had no idea. We had three sons. Two of 'em do well and one may never get out of college."

We learned he moved to a new town, got a new job and a fresh start. And yes, found a new wife. He told us he was happy.

"Could be a lot worse, you know."

He proceeded to recount his knowledge of former classmates whose situation was more bleak than his had been. In just a few short minutes, we had caught up on more than 30 years.

Ole what's-her-name and his new bride showed up about the same time. It was time to go.

At first the encounter made us feel bad — but in just a few thoughts more — we found outself walking with a bounce. As they used to say in the ole days — things ain't half bad!

Speaking of "Faces of the Past," the regular Wednesday feature in the Snyder Daily News is getting good reviews.

People are enjoying looking at their friends from the good ole days. Some folks are starting to bring in pictures for use in the feature.

It's all about hometown folks, and that's what the hometown paper is all about. Thanks for letting us be a part of it for almost 22 years.

Evil of apartheid is recalled as Clinton tours South Africa

SOWETO, South Africa (AP) — After two days basking in the officialdom of a new South Africa, President Clinton ventured to the townships Saturday to hear from a new generation and remember the boy whose murder "shocked the world into a new recognition of the vast evil of apartheid."

The president and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton planted a tree and laid flowers at the brown marble headstone memorializing Hector Peterson. The schoolboy was killed in the 1976 uprising that was widely considered the beginning of the movement that broke apartheid's back.

Children like Hector made today's new South Africa possible, Clinton said in a prayerful ceremony, because his was "a death that shocked the world into a new recognition of the vast evil of apartheid.

"Let this tree, the symbol of new life, recall their sacrifices but also embody — with every blooming — the bright and hopeful new day they gave so much to bring to South Africa," the president said.

Earlier, some three dozen waving schoolchildren put into song the message that Clinton heard from South Africans in the muddy roads, cinder block houses and wooden shacks of the Thokoza and Soweto townships on the outskirts of Johannesburg.

"This burden is heavy. Come and help us to carry the burden. If we work together, the burden will be light," the children sang in Zulu.

"I didn't want to leave the country without having the chance to have kind of an informal conversation with young people who are making the future of this country," Clinton told a roundtable discussion at the R.P. Maphanzela Primary School.

The Clintons said they wanted to know how the United States could help South African youth. "It's very important that your generation maintain its optimism and energy and ... that the rest of us continue to make a constructive contribution," the president said.

Students may test to skip grade, class

Snyder public school students wanting to skip a grade level or a course will get the chance to try and do so this summer.

The Texas Education Code and new state board rules require that students be given the opportunity to take an exam to be accelerated to a higher grade level or to receive credit for a course he or she has not yet taken in school.

Primary grade level students can advance a grade if:

1. The student scores in the 90th percentile or above in language arts, mathematics, science and social studies;
2. He or she receives a recommendation for advancement from a district representative;
3. His or her parents or guardian gives written approval of the advancement.

A student in grades 6-12 must be given credit for an academic subject in which he or she has had no prior instruction if the student scores 90 percent on a criterion-referenced test for the course.

The testing dates are June 23-25 and July 7-9.

Interested students and parents can contact Wendell Sollis, Snyder ISD director of curriculum and testing, at 573-5401.

The registration deadline is April 15.

Jury asks for death penalty

CANYON (AP) — A onetime prostitute is the first Texas woman to be sentenced to die since Karla Faye Tucker was executed on Feb. 3.

Brittany Marlowe Holberg wailed "Oh my God!" and collapsed into her attorney's lap when she was sentenced to die for killing an 80-year-old man in his Amarillo apartment in 1996.

State District Judge Patrick Pirtle pronounced the sentence after a Randall County jury ended 11 hours of deliberation by concluding the 25-year-old woman constitutes a continuing threat to society.

The jury said that it found no mitigating factors to warrant the only other possible sentence, life in prison.

The body of A.B. Towery Sr. was found on Nov. 14, 1996, in his southwest Amarillo apartment. A knife protruded from Towery's torso. He also had been stabbed with a paring knife, a butcher knife, a grapefruit knife and two forks. An autopsy revealed 58 stab wounds.

A foot-long lamp pole was shoved more than five inches down his throat.

"She didn't just kill A.B. Towery," Randall County District Attorney James Farren told jurors. "She butchered him. She slaughtered him."

Defense attorney Catherine Brown Dodson argued that Towery was wrongly portrayed as an innocent elderly man. She said Ms. Holberg was a prostitute who acted in self-defense when Towery, a client, attacked her.

Ms. Holberg was convicted on March 13 after the same jury deliberated for five hours. The sentencing phase was delayed because one of the jurors had pre-set vacation plans.

Ms. Holberg eluded West Texas law officers for three months. She was arrested in Tennessee after "America's Most Wanted" aired a segment on the case, calling her the nation's No. 1 fugitive.

After the program, investigators received more than 300 phone calls in connection with the case, and she was arrested on Feb. 17, 1997, outside a McDonald's restaurant in Memphis.

According to Memphis police, Ms. Holberg admitted to stabbing Towery, hitting him with a claw hammer and leaving a lamp pole embedded down his throat to silence his gurgling.

Ms. Holberg said she was high on crack cocaine when she took a cab on Nov. 13, 1996, to the apartment complex where Towery lived.

Prosecutors said the two met for the first time on that day, but defense attorneys said she had an ongoing sexual relationship with Towery and that she killed him in self-defense.

Ms. Dodson said Towery became violent when he found a crack pipe on Ms. Holberg. He struck her twice with a metal pan and threatened her with a knife, she told the jury.

"She wanted to know: 'Why are you hitting me? Why are you doing this?' " Ms. Dodson said.

Ms. Holberg stuck the lamp post in Towery's mouth and stabbed him once with his knife to repel his attack, Ms. Dodson said. Then, fearing no one would believe a drug-abusing prostitute, she fled to Tennessee, the defense attorney added.

6 employees quit jobs at Jones Co. SO Friday

ANSON (AP) — Six employees — about one-third of the staff — have resigned from the Jones County sheriff's office, citing disagreements with Sheriff Robby Wedeking.

About 2 p.m. Friday, four women and two men employees gave their letters of resignation to the sheriff.

"It is in our best interests to resign," said Gloria Gossett, who spoke for the group. "We regret we have to leave, but we cannot be a part of the reported allegations that seem to involve the sheriff."

She declined to elaborate.

Wedeking was indicted by a Jones County grand jury last July 24 on a charge of tampering with government documents, a Class A misdemeanor involving overtime sheets of sheriff's deputies.

The sheriff called the mass resignations a smear campaign and said he will have to re-do the work schedules and work overtime to take up the slack. On the other hand, he said he had planned to terminate two of the employees himself for insubordination and failure to do their jobs properly.

In the past 15 months, more than 20 employes have left on their own or have been fired, the Abilene Reporter-News reported.

The sheriff said the resignation letters were worded nearly the same, making it obvious to him that one person was behind it.

The sheriff said his office will be working with a "skeleton staff" and it will put him in a crunch for a while.

"I will have to re-do the work schedules and work overtime to take up the slack," he said.

Chamber set to meet Monday

Snyder Chamber of Commerce board will consider hotel/motel fund requests and welcome new members in a meeting set for 11:30 a.m. Monday.

Funding requests will be made by the Little Dribblers' organization and the chamber itself.

Expected to be welcomed as new chamber members are Debra Woods, Junior and Barbara McCormick, Omega Cleaning Service and Covenant Communities.

The board will also note upcoming events. Among them:

—Western Texas College NIRA Rodeo on April 2-4, the Exes Rodeo on April 6 and barrel race on April 7.

—Western Texas College Booster Club Rodeo on April 10-11.

National Little Dribblers Tournament on April 15-18

—High Plains Junior Rodeo on April 18-19.

ASK US

Q—Will the local cable air Texas Rangers baseball games again this year?

A—Yes. They begin April 7 on Channel 36.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 78 degrees; low, 48; 7 a.m. Saturday, 48; no precipitation; total for 1998 to date, 4.79 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, fair. Low, mid 50s. Sunday, partly cloudy. High around 80.

Vanessa Martinez
Partly cloudy

Sunset: 7 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:36 a.m.
Of 86 days in 1998, the sun has shone 84 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook.

William James

Passing campaign finance bills will be tough

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a move likely to ensure the measures' defeat, House Republican leaders are scheduling votes on campaign finance bills under procedures that require a two-thirds majority for approval. Backers of the legislation expressed outrage at the tactic.

The leaders' abrupt decision Friday to bring four Republican-sponsored bills to the floor on Monday reversed an earlier agreement to postpone work on the measures for several weeks.

The bills will be handled under procedures generally reserved for noncontroversial issues that limit debate to 20 minutes per side, bar the offering of amendments and require a two-thirds majority for passage. Given those limits, the measures are expected to fail.

Members from both parties expressed outrage over the decision.

"I was told we would have input. We had no input. This was pretty much a sneak attack," said Rep. Chris Shays of Connecticut, one of a group of Republicans who favor more stringent controls on campaign spending than the GOP leadership is willing to back. Shays has said requiring a two-thirds majority would doom all controversial proposals.

"The leaders of campaign finance reform in this institution are outraged," added Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass., a co-sponsor with Shays of legislation excluded from Monday's schedule. "The American people see what's going on here and it's a disgrace."

Legislation crafted by the GOP leadership would curtail union political activity and ban large, loosely regulated "soft money" donations that flow to the national political parties. It also would allow local election officials to try to verify the citizenship of prospective voters and permit individuals and political action committees to donate larger sums to candidates than current law allows.

The leading alternative, by Shays and Meehan, would not affect labor unions but would extend the ban on soft money donations to state parties, meaning those gifts would no longer be available to finance congressional campaigns.

Faced with the prospect of losing key procedural votes on the floor and opening the door to passage of the Shays bill, GOP leaders decided Thursday to postpone action to continue negotiating with supporters of campaign finance reform. The decision came after Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., met privately with Shays and other Republican supporters of curbs on campaign spending.

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KIWANIS DONATION — Sheriff Darren Jackson presented a donation in behalf of the Noon Kiwanis Club to the American Heart Association Heart Walk scheduled for the coming weekend. Chairman of the event, Dee Chasteen, accepted the donation. (SDN Staff Photo)

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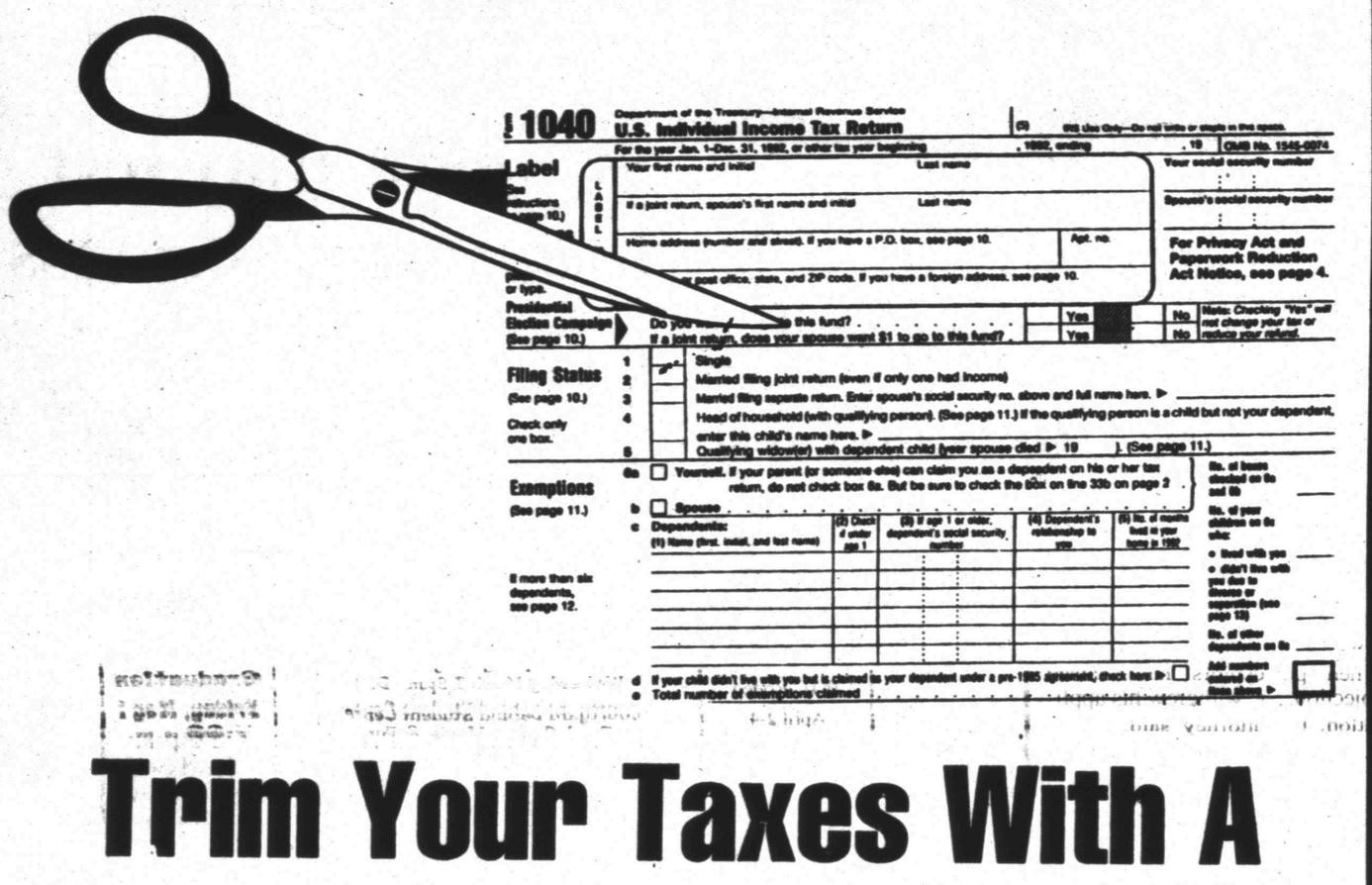

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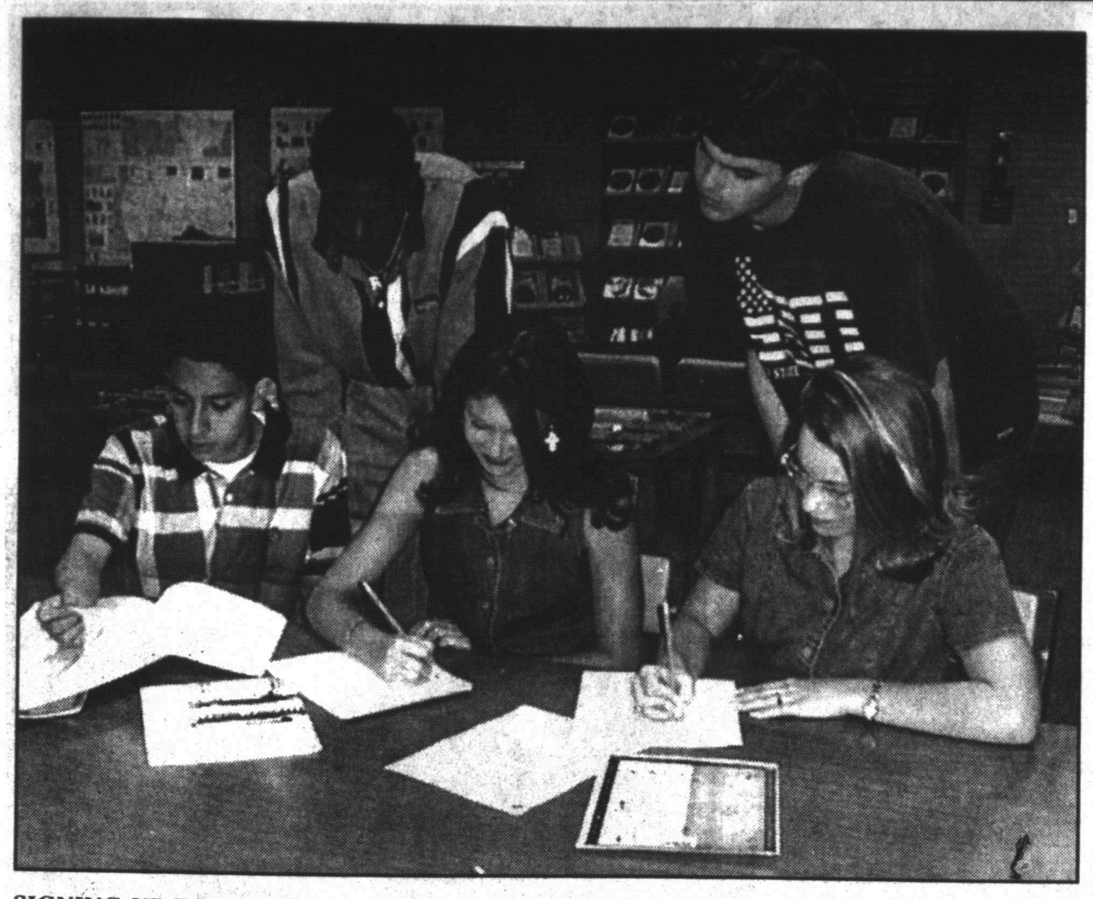

SIGNING UP FOR SCHOLARSHIPS — These Snyder High School students are signing up for scholarships. From left seated are, Josue Coronado, Lisa McNair and Lila King. Standing are Chris Riggins and Wade Yearwood. Organizations wishing to give scholarships are reminded to call the SHS counseling office at 574-6049 by May 15. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Jury says company liable for rare cancer in four children

TAYLORVILLE, Ill. (AP) — For eight years, Brenda May wondered why a rare form of cancer was stalking the children in her small community.

One after another, four children — including her daughter — had become sickened, all within a three-mile range.

On Friday, she got her answer.

A jury ordered Central Illinois Public Service Co. to pay more than $3 million to the four families with children stricken with neuroblastoma, a cancer of the adrenal glands or the sympathetic nervous system.

"I wanted answers, and now I have them. Twelve jurors, God bless them, saw the truth," said May, whose 8-year-old daughter Erika May is now in remission.

The Mays and the other families said their children had contracted cancer after a 1987 cleanup stirred up coal tar dust and fumes from the Springfield-based utility's long-abandoned plant. The families all lived within three miles of the site.

Family members who packed the courtroom during the four months of the trial sobbed and hugged as the verdict was read.

Two co-defendants, Hanson Engineers Inc. and Parsons Engineering Science Inc., were cleared.

CIPS, now known as AmerenCIPS, plans to appeal.

"We continue to believe that there is no causation and no negligence shown during the case," AmerenCIPS spokesman Ed McDowall said. "It's very inconsistent that the co-defendants were not found liable while we were."

C. Keating Jr. jailed again after allegedly applying for passport

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Charles H. Keating Jr., the symbol of the savings and loan collapse of the 1980s, was jailed for allegedly applying for a passport to leave the country.

Keating was being held in a federal lockup in Phoenix without bail after surrendering to authorities on Friday afternoon, said Thom Mrozek, spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in Los Angeles.

Keating attorney Stephen Neal said the arrest was expected and emergency papers would be filed with U.S. District Judge Mariana Pfaelzer on Monday to free his client.

Keating needed the passport because he was asked to be a consultant on a hotel project in Belize, Neal said.

The job offer was his first since he was freed from federal prison in October 1996 after a federal judge threw out convictions for racketeering, conspiracy and fraud in connection with the failure of Irvine-based Lincoln Savings & Loan.

Keating's attorney told him to submit his passport application after prosecutors didn't object. When prosecutors later raised objections, he withdrew his application, the attorney said.

Nevertheless, Pfaelzer issued a no-bail bench warrant after "allegations of a violation of his release on various bond conditions were raised to the court," Mrozek said. He declined to specify the allegations, except to say they were not raised by prosecutors.

In his federal trial, Keating was sentenced to a concurrent term of 12 years and seven months on convictions of fraud and racketeering. He had about seven years remaining on the term when those convictions were overturned Pfaelzer.

SHS graduate continues internship with feed mill

Danielle Renee Vernon, senior agricultural services and development major from Tarleton State University, has begun her student internship with the SureFed Feed Mill in Brady. She is under the supervision of David Barksdale and Brandon Owens.

Danielle will be in the community for 11 weeks, now entering the fifth week, for the purpose of receiving training in the business operations and activities.

This arrangement has been made by mutal agreement between the SureFed Feed Mill and Tarleton State University. The intern will assist with all activities concerning the sales and service programs.

Upon completion of this training period, she will receive the bachelor of science degree in agricultural services and development for Tarleton State University in August of this year.

Danielle is a 1993 graduate of Snyder High School and the daughter of Dianne Vernon of Snyder.

Danielle Renee Vernon

Campus Happenings

April 1998

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 BSM - Free Meal 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. BSC Meats Judging Contest	2 Last Day to drop a class WTC Rodeo Scurry County Coliseum	3	4
5	6	7 PTK Executive Board Meeting 10:45 a.m. New Officers Dig Deep Bible Study 7:17 p.m. BSC Campus Favorite Elections	8 SPRING FLING courtyard located behind the student center 3:00p.m.-Dusk BSM Free Meal	9 PTK General Meeting 10:45 a.m. Student Body Campaign Speeches 10:45 a.m. LVN Disaster Drill 1-4 p.m.	10	11
12 Easter Planetarium 2:00 - 4:00p.m.	13 WTC Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the board room	14 ASU on campus Senate 10:50a.m. Student Body Elections Dig Deep Bible Study 7:17 p.m. BSC	15 Student Body Elections WTC Board Early Voting BSM Free Meal 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. BSC	16 Student Body Elections	17	18
19 Planetarium 2:00 - 4:00p.m.	20	21 Dig Deep Bible Study 7:17 p.m. Baptist Student Center	22 SPRING FORMAL 8:30-Midnight SC BSM Free Meal	23 Social Science Contest Drama Production Imaginary Lines	24 Drama Production Imaginary Lines Hardin-Simmons Rodeo Abilene, TX	25 Drama Production Imaginary Lines
26 Planetarium 2:00 - 4:00p.m.	27	28 Senate 10:50 a.m. WTC Board Early Voting Ends	29	30 Awards Day Central Courtyard	1 Graduation Tarleton Rodeo Stephenville, TX	

WTC Rodeo
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Scurry County Coliseum

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She has three children: Mechelle, age 10, Ashley, age 3, and Cody Lane, who just reached his first birthday. She also has 2 stepdaughters: Brittany, age 8, and Maegan, age 6. Her husband, John, works at Stone's Welding Service in Snyder.

Donna said she finds that nursing is a challenging and rewarding career. "It combines the knowledge of science and technology with the humanistic art of caring for those in need."

She was selected for this honor following nominations by co-workers. Comments on nomination ballots for Donna included: a dependable and conscientious nurse... a loyal employee who is dedicated to our mission to provide quality patient care... very knowledgeable about her job... willingly accepts additional responsibility... her documentation is excellent... courteous and kind to patients, family members and co-workers.

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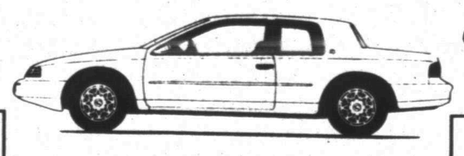

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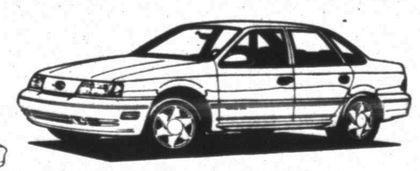

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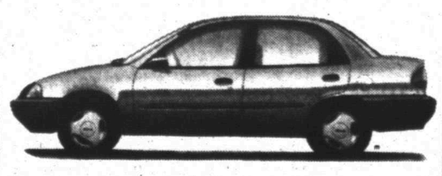

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Ira FFA students wrapping up successful year, Long says

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

What's the recipe for success?

According to Richard Long, Ira's FFA adviser, it's team effort plus year round hard work.

That formula has really worked since January, when Long's elementary and high school exhibitors, have brought home about $50,000 in premium money, including shows at the county level, San Antonio, Houston and San Angelo.

For the San Antonio, Houston and San Angelo shows, Ira students placed 16 animals in sales. And 12 of 17 animals were in the top ten.

"This is our best year by far, since I've been in Ira," Long said. "We've had some ups and down the last few years, but this year things have really come together for us. It's like a good plan finally met in the middle and worked out good for us."

He said they have experienced some "disappointment or bad luck or whatever you want to call it" in that some animals did not do as well as they expected. But they also showed two breed champions, Audra Oliver's champion cross in Houston and Celeigh Sterling's champion southdown in San Antonio.

While Long is the adviser, he said he doesn't "make all the calls," and credits the success of Ira's program to the "mommies and daddies of my feeders," an affectionate nickname for his students who show animals.

One exhibitor is Jackie Beck, a senior who will graduate in May.

For the past four years, Long said the Becks have been showing animals. Jackie has an older sister, but with Jackie's graduation the Becks will be through showing.

"They have been nothing but an asset for the past four years, Long added. "Weldon and I have traveled a lot of miles together buying animals. He's been a good friend and I thank him for his support and advice."

"Showing animals is a year-long job, between buying the animals, working with them and then showing them, Long said, adding, "the younger students have always shown with my FFA students."

"It's been a year-long effort but it's been a lot of fun," he noted.

Ira students who exhibited animals this school year include Hayley Smith, Nathan Wilkins, Wesley Kellner, Tyler Frey, Bryce Wilkins, Richard Wilkins, Chet Stuart, Celeigh Sterling, Candace Sanchez, Colton Long, Amber Sanchez, Travis Frey, Jackie Beck, Audra Oliver.

The list of winners follows:

—Jackie Beck: 17th, light heavy medium wool, San Antonio; 17th heavy weight medium wool, Houston; second light heavy fine wool and 7th light fine wool cross, both San Angelo.

—Audra Oliver: 22nd light weight medium wool, San Antonio; champion cross, Houston, TCLA Top Ten Showmanship.

—Colton Long: Eighth light heavy fine wool, San Antonio; third light weight fine wool cross, Houston; second medium heavy fine wool cross and 4th heavy weight fine wool cross, both San Angelo.

—Celeigh Sterling: Champion southdown, San Antonio; 7th medium weight cross, Houston.

—Tyler Frey: Fourth light heavy fine wool cross, San Antonio.

—Richard Wilkins, 12th yorkshire pig, Houston.

—Bryce Wilkins: 5th yorkshire pig, Houston.

—Chet Stuart: Second light

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SUCCESSFUL YEAR — Ira students have had a successful year at stock shows. Students shown with the prizes they have won include from left clockwise, Hayley Smith, Nathan Wilkins, Wesley Kellner, Tyler Frey, Bryce Wilkins, Richard Wilkins, Chet Stuart, Richard Long, adviser, Celeigh Sterling, Candace Sanchez, Colton Long, Amber Sanchez, Travis Frey, Jackie Beck. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

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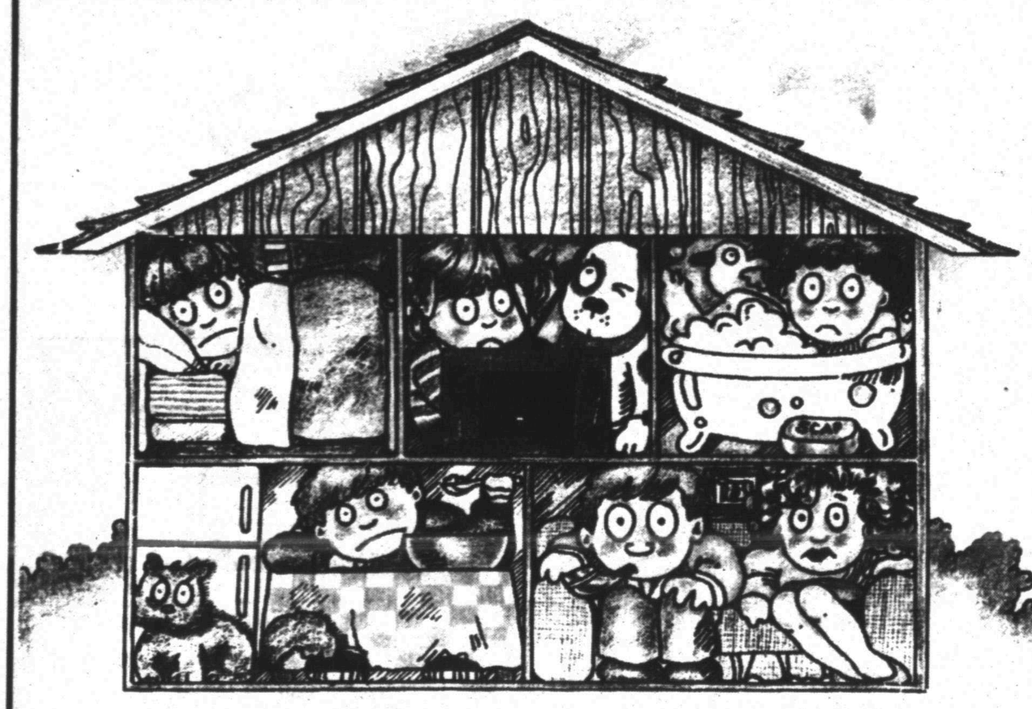

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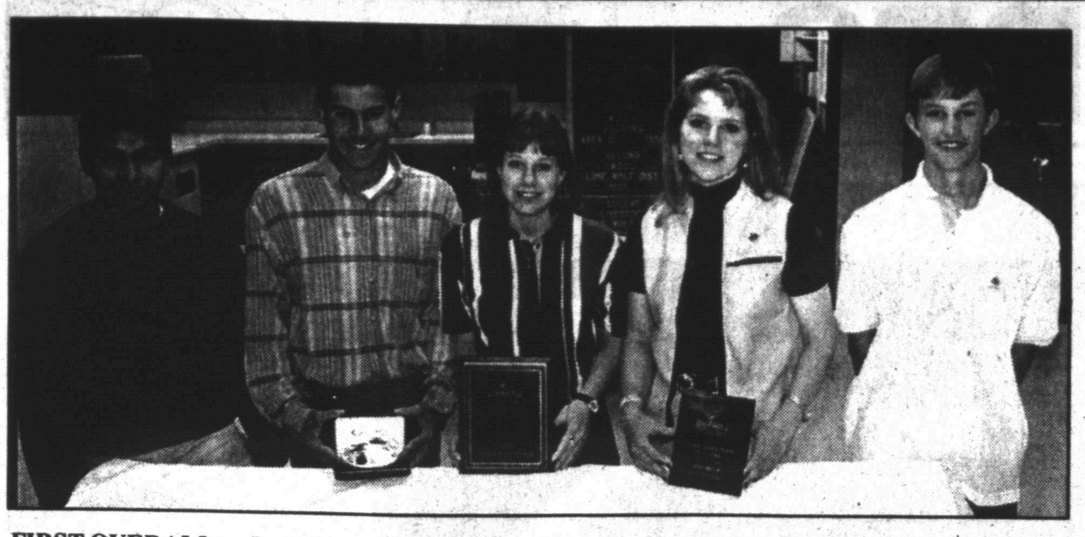

FIRST OVERALL — Ira's livestock judging team placed first overall recently at San Angelo. From left are, Jose Juarez, Richard Wilkins, Korby Calley, Hayley Smith and Jenson Gainer. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Ira ag has successful year

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weight cross pig, San Angelo.

—Hayley Smith, reserve champ showmanship, San Angelo.

The livestock judging team also did well at San Angelo, winning first overall out of 120 teams as well as second in swine, third in beef and third in sheep.

Richard Wilkins was the first high individual and first high in swine judging.

Hayley Smith was fifth high individual.

Other team members include Jose Juarez, Korby Calley and Jenson Gainer.

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Success not what Ed Burns thought it was going to be

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Success hasn't turned out quite the way Ed Burns thought it would.

The surprise success of "The Brothers McMullen," the 1995 film he wrote, directed and starred in, gave him entree into Hollywood and a measure of fame that he only imagined growing up in New York as the son of a policeman.

"My fantasy of the life of a famous person was more decadent than it's proven to be," he said. "I thought it was all cocaine, girls, limos and parties."

But, Burns said, the only perks he's found interesting are courtside tickets to New York Knicks basketball games, his own editing facility and "time to write."

His latest film, "No Looking Back," follows "The Brothers McMullen" in exploring the dreams of blue-collar people, this time in a small, bleak East Coast beach town.

Burns, 30, said he's been criticized for exploring similar themes in his films.

"But I know where I want to go as a filmmaker and I'm in no hurry," he says.

Fed jury clears gun company in Brooklyn Bridge shooting

NEW YORK (AP) — In the first of its kind to reach trial, a federal jury cleared a gun manufacturer of any liability in the slaying of a Hasidic student shot with one of its weapons on the Brooklyn Bridge.

Wayne and Sylvia Daniel, owners of seven gun companies in Ducktown, Tenn., were cleared Friday in the March 1, 1994, murder of 16-year-old Aaron Halberstam.

The youth was killed when a Lebanese immigrant with a 9 mm handgun made by the companies opened fire on a van filled with Hasidic students in apparent retaliation for the slaying of 29 Muslims in an Israeli mosque.

Halberstam's family and a survivor of the attack, Nathan Sansonkin, filed the suit. It was the first time a civil suit against a gun manufacturer over a crime committed with its weapon had gone to trial, attorneys for both sides said.

Sansonkin still has a bullet in his head from the attack.

"This jury put politics aside, put aside the sympathy everybody had for the Halberstams and the Sansonkins, and judged the case on the facts and the realities," said Steven Harfenist, attorney for the Daniels' companies.

"When a firearm or a car functions the way it's supposed to, it's just not logical to hold the manufacturer responsible."

Halberstam's killer, Rashid Baz, was convicted of the slaying and sentenced to life imprisonment. He was called to testify by the defendants, but refused.

Defense attorneys had said that Baz purchased the murder weapon on a New York street, not from the Daniels or one of their companies.

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SPORTS

Tigers drop hitting contest to Rangers

It was a battle of the bats.

Ranger Junior College JV and the Snyder Tigers combined for 29 hits Friday, as the Rangers took a 15-11 exhibition victory at Moffett Field.

Of the 15 hits for Ranger, three of them were home runs, including two in one inning.

David Smith answered for the Tigers, belting a homer of his own to go along with a double.

Ranger took the early 3-0 lead in the first, before the Tigers got on the board in the scond.

Sonny Cumbie led off with a single to left

Two batters later, Chris Hernandez looped a ball into right field which was misplayed, allowing Cumbie to score.

With Hernandez on third after the error, Sam Bedell knocked a base hit to bring in the second run.

But Ranger remained strong at the plate, posting four runs in the second and fourth innings.

The Tigers biggest threats came in the fourth and fifth, both times led by Smith.

With the bases loaded and nobody out, Smith smashed a double to center field to bring all three runners home.

Then in the fifth with two men aboard, Smith crushed a homer over the left field fence, giving him six RBI on the night.

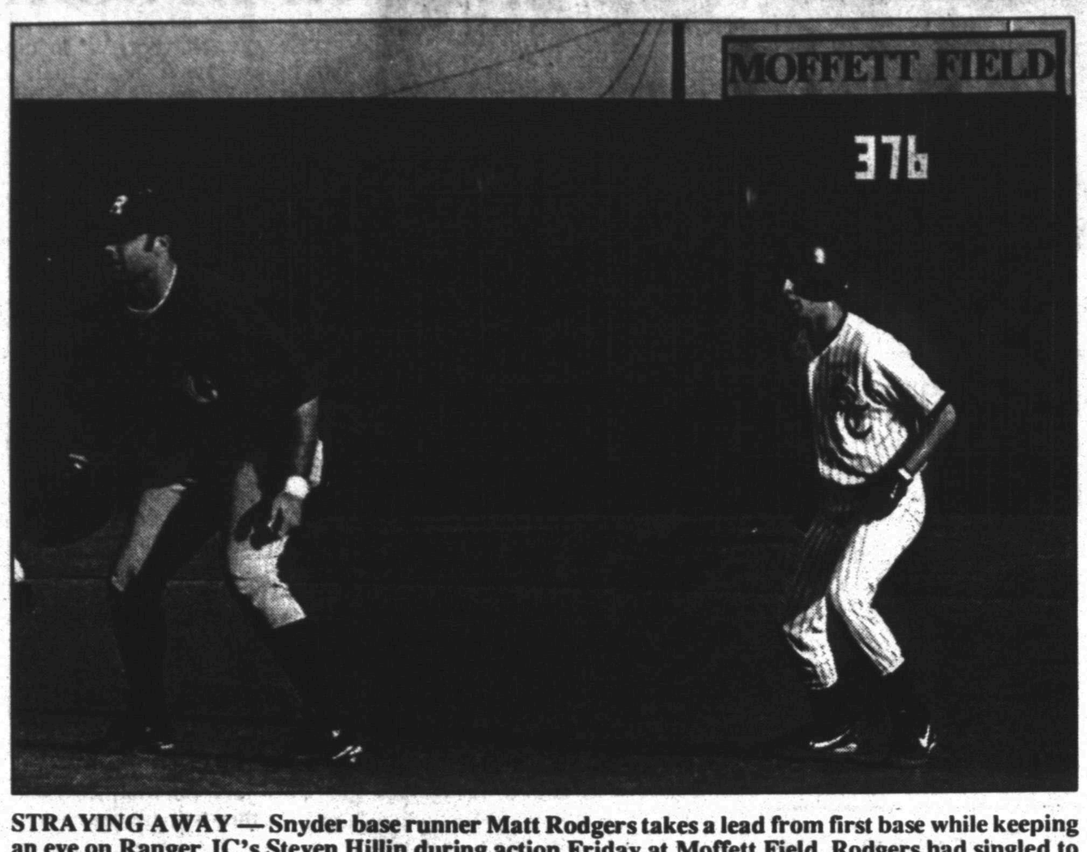
The contest marked the end of the non-district schedule for Snyder.

The Tigers open 2-4A play at 5:30 Tuesday at Lamesa, before hosting Levelland on Friday.

Ranger	340	500	3	15	15	5
Snyder	021	440	0	11	14	6

Ranger: Silverio and Rinehart, home run and double; Davis, home run and single; Hillin, double and single; Nusen, double; Jara and Rojas, two singles; Carrion and Lemly, single.

Snyder: Smith, home run and double; Alexander, three singles; Berryman, Fish and Cumbie, two singles; Rodgers, Hernandez and Bedell, single. Hernandez (LP), 1⅓ innings, 6 H, 1 BB, 0 SO; Mandrell, 2 innings, 6 H, 0 BB, 1 SO; Fish, 3 innings, 3 H, 4 BB, 2 SO; Berryman, ⅔ inning, 0 H, 0 BB, 0 SO.



STRAYING AWAY — Snyder base runner Matt Rodgers takes a lead from first base while keeping an eye on Ranger JC's Steven Hillin during action Friday at Moffett Field. Rodgers had singled to drive in the Tigers' first run, however Snyder fell to Ranger, 12-11. (SDN Staff Photo)

District golf race heating up for SHS

With only two district tournaments remaining after Monday, Snyder High School's golf teams are positioning themselves for the 2-4A stretch run.

Snyder travels Monday to Lamesa with the Tigers locked in a battle for the second regional berth, while the Lady Tigers seemingly have a lock on the district's top spot.

Only seven strokes separate places two through four in the boys' race, with the Tigers sandwiched in the middle in third.

Lamesa A leads the standings at 461 with Plainview A currently holding the second slot at 479. Snyder A stands at 484, while Lamesa B is a close fourth at 490.

In the girls' chase for the regional tourney, Snyder A is on top by a remarkable 71 shots. Its closest competitor is Snyder B, which posts a two-event total of 560.

Chasing the second-place group of Lady Tigers is Lamesa A, only six strokes back at 566.

Following competition at Lamesa, Plainview and Frenship will host the final two events on the district schedule.

Regionals are set to begin the fourth weekend of April in San Angelo. Girls action will take place at Riverside Golf Club, while the boys will compete at Bentwood Country Club.

Widmark blisters course

DADEVILLE, Ala. — Fredrik Widmark conquered the championship layout Friday during the opening round of the Jr./Sr. Collegiate Invitational.

Widmark fired a sizzling three-under-par 69 to pace Western Texas College as the Westerns stood in third place after 18 holes, just four shots behind the leader.

WTC's team total was 297, four strokes off the pace set by Wallace-Dothan of host Alabama. Scottsdale College of Arizona was in second with a 295.

"It was nice weather, but a tough golf course," said WTC Coach Milton Ham. "The course is as tough as it gets. Fredrik had a great round and I expect all the guys to improve. We're still in the hunt."

The tournament continued Saturday and Sunday, with 18 holes each day.

Other WTC rounds included a two-over-par 74 for Andreas Ljunggren and a 75 by Peter Gustavsson. Jonas Wahlstedt carded a 79 and Mike Stenger finished an an 81.

Tar Heel named Player of the Year

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — North Carolina's Antawn Jamison got choked up as a letter from President Clinton was read, congratulating him on winning The Associated Press College Player of the Year award Friday.

Clinton said, "Through determination, skill and exceptional self-discipline, you have taken your rightful place among the premier college basketball players today."

Clinton also said he watched Jamison play in the NCAA tournament and admired his "tenacity, competitiveness and unselfish style of play."

"That was special," Jamison said about the letter from the president. "That's why I got nervous."

Like the North Carolina tradition after an assist, Jamison pointed to his teammates for winning the award.

"The thing I remember about this season is the way the team stayed close," Jamison said. "There wasn't a lot of selfishness or people pointing the finger saying they're not getting the same opportunities as Antawn.

"For me, payback to them would be to win a national championship."

The 6-foot-9 forward was the runaway winner of the award, receiving 110 votes from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters. Kansas center Raef LaFrentz was second with 35 votes and Duke's Trajan Langdon third with 15.

Texas rallies past Twins

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Mike Simms' two-out single in the bottom of the ninth gave the Texas Rangers a 3-2 exhibition victory Friday over a Minnesota Twins split squad.

The victory was the Rangers' ninth come-from-behind win of the spring and the team's 20th exhibition win, one more than the club's previous record, set in 1992 and tied in 1996.

JV wins, 6-3

Snyder JV scored four runs in the top of the sixth inning to pull out a 6-3 win over Levelland on Friday.

Snyder trailed 3-2 until they had their big inning.

Starting pitcher Wesley Wilson led the hitting for the Tigers as he gathered three hits in four times at bat, including one double. Scoring for the Tigers were Bebos Martinez, Colins Jones (2), Wilson, Adam Beck and Brian Gordon.

Josh Ward pitched the final three innings of the game and garnered the win. Ward struck out two batters and walked one.

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x-Miami	50	21	.704	-
NewYork	39	31	.557	10½
NewJersey	36	35	.507	14
Orlando	36	35	.507	14
Washington	36	35	.507	14
Boston	31	39	.443	18½
Philadelphia	25	45	.357	24½
Central Division				
x-Chicago	54	17	.761	-
x-Indiana	49	21	.700	4½
Charlotte	45	25	.643	8½
Atlanta	41	28	.594	12
Cleveland	39	31	.557	14½
Detroit	34	37	.479	20
Milwaukee	30	40	.429	23½
Toronto	15	54	.217	38

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	52	17	.754	-
x-SanAntonio	48	23	.676	5
x-Houston	37	33	.529	15½
Minnesota	36	34	.514	16½
Dallas	18	53	.254	35
Vancouver	16	53	.232	36
Denver	9	63	.125	44½
Pacific Division				
x-Seattle	52	18	.743	-
x-L.A.Lakers	50	19	.725	1½
x-Phoenix	46	25	.648	6½
x-Portland	39	31	.557	13
Sacramento	26	46	.361	27
L.A.Clippers	15	54	.217	36½
GoldenState	15	56	.211	37½

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Thursday's Games

Cleveland 97, Toronto 96
Charlotte 94, Milwaukee 80
Portland 108, Vancouver 102
Golden State 98, Seattle 91

Friday's Games

Indiana 133, Charlotte 96
Chicago 89, Atlanta 74
San Antonio 110, Philadelphia 85
Miami 102, Milwaukee 77
Boston 82, New Jersey 76
Cleveland 88, Detroit 87, OT
Orlando 100, Houston 75
Utah 99, Dallas 90
Phoenix 89, Washington 85
Denver 97, Golden State 89
Portland 90, Sacramento 73

Saturday's Games

L.A. Lakers at Utah, 9 p.m.
New York at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Houston at Miami, 12:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Indiana, 12:30 p.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
Orlando at Toronto, 3 p.m.
Charlotte at Cleveland, 3 p.m.
Vancouver at Phoenix, 3 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 3:30 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-NewJersey	44	18	9	97	199	137
Philadelphia	36	23	11	83	208	166
Washington	32	28	11	75	187	182
N.Y.Rangers	22	33	17	61	179	204
N.Y.Islanders	24	36	10	58	182	200
Florida	19	39	12	50	167	223
TampaBay	16	45	9	41	137	220
Northeast Division						
Pittsburgh	36	20	15	87	199	165
Boston	32	25	13	77	184	164
Montreal	33	29	9	75	204	181
Buffalo	30	25	15	75	180	161
Ottawa	28	30	12	68	166	176
Carolina	28	34	7	63	170	188
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
x-Dallas	42	17	11	95	210	138
x-Detroit	38	19	15	91	219	174
St.Louis	37	26	8	82	208	170
Chicago	28	31	12	68	176	173
Phoenix	28	31	12	68	193	199
Toronto	25	37	9	59	161	202
Pacific Division						
x-Colorado	36	20	16	88	209	177
LosAngeles	33	26	11	77	203	187
Edmonton	28	34	10	66	183	201
SanJose	28	36	7	63	173	190
Anaheim	24	37	11	59	177	222
Calgary	23	35	13	59	188	213
Vancouver	22	38	13	57	201	250

Thursday's Games

Boston 4, Philadelphia 2
Carolina 4, N.Y. Rangers 1
N.Y. Islanders 4, Pittsburgh 3
Florida 5, Montreal 4
Anaheim 3, Detroit 3, tie
St. Louis 3, Tampa Bay 2
Toronto 1, Dallas 0
New Jersey 2, Colorado 0
Calgary 3, Washington 2
Buffalo 5, Vancouver 2
San Jose 5, Los Angeles 2

Saturday's Games

Florida at Boston, 3 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m.
Carolina at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Detroit at St. Louis, 3 p.m.
San Jose at Dallas, 3 p.m.
Anaheim at Colorado, 3 p.m.
Los Angeles at Calgary, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Washington at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 2 p.m.
Florida at Chicago, 3 p.m.
Philadelphia at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Local Sports Schedule

Saturday

Rodeo: WTC at Odessa College.
Golf: WTC at Southern Jr./Sr. Invitational, second round.
Powerlifting: State meet, Killeen.
Softball: Midland Greenwood at Snyder JV and varsity, 2 p.m., 3:30.
Baseball: Snyder freshmen at Grape Creek, 1 p.m.
Tennis: Snyder varsity at Hereford Invitational.
Track: Snyder girls at All-American Classic, Abilene.
Track: Snyder boys at Coahoma Relays.

Sunday

Golf: WTC at Southern Jr./Sr. Invitational, final round.

Monday

Golf: Snyder varsity boys and girls at Lamesa.
Baseball: Lamesa at Snyder JV, 7:30.
Baseball: Lake View at Snyder freshmen, 4:30.
Tennis: Levelland at Snyder JV.

Tuesday

Baseball: Snyder varsity at Lamesa, district opener, 5:30.

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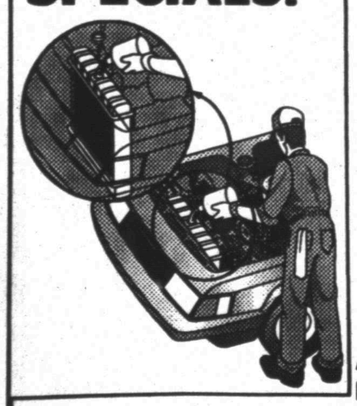

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SPORTS

Lady Tiger offense tops Iowa Park, 7-4

The Lady Tigers got back into the swing of things — literally.

Playing for the first time in two weeks, Snyder belted out 11 hits while allowing only five in a 7-4 victory Friday over Iowa Park.

"We looked really good for not having played in so long," Snyder coach Carmen Bohannon said. "It just took us a while to get going."

With the score knotted at 4-4 in the fifth, the Lady Tigers broke the game open.

CiCi Valadez led off with a single, then quickly stole second base.

Two bunts, one from Amanda Huff and the other from Christy Tomlinson, brought Valadez home for a 5-4 advantage.

But Snyder wasn't through.

Next up, Starla Davis blasted a double. Then with Keila Helms running for Davis, Bradi Johnson knocked a base hit to move the runner to third.

Helms would eventually score on a passed ball, on which Johnson advanced into scoring position.

Shanna Fisk slapped an RBI-single to cap the offensive outburst.

The 7-4 lead would be all Kristin Martinez needed, as the Snyder hurler shut out the Lady Hawks for the remainder of the contest.

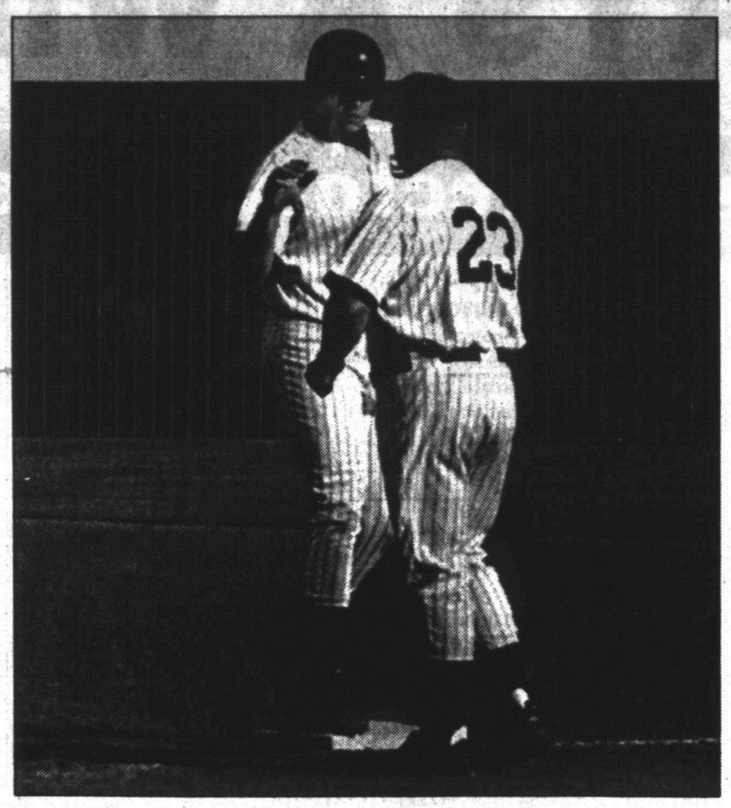
Tomlinson paced the Lady Tiger offense, belting a triple and a double with three RBI.

The win evens Snyder's mark at 12-12 on the season.

The Lady Tigers were to have faced Midland Greenwood on Saturday. Brittany Drummond was the expected starter on the mound.

Iowa Park	103	000	0	4	5 1
Snyder	202	030	x	7	11 3

Snyder: Tomlinson, triple and double; Davis, double and three singles; Johnson, double and two singles; Valadez and Fisk, single. Martinez (WP), 7 innings, 5 H, 7 BB, 3 SO.



WAY TO GO — Snyder's Dustin Fish is congratulated by Tiger assistant coach Levon Webb, following his first of two base hits Friday against Ranger Junior College. (SDN Staff Photo)

Michigan St. coach takes highest honor

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Growing up together in Iron Mountain, Mich., best friends Tom Izzo and Steve Mariucci listened to Notre Dame games on television and dreamed little kid dreams.

One day, they decided, they'd both wind up in South Bend, coaching the Fighting Irish.

Coaches, yes. Notre Dame, no.

Izzo remembered those days Friday after winning The Associated Press Coach of the Year award in his third year as basketball coach at Michigan State.

"That was our dream," Izzo said. "College jobs."

Both started as graduate assistants, Mariucci in football, Izzo in basketball. And both wound up as head coaches, Mariucci first at the University of California, then the NFL's San Francisco 49ers, and Izzo at Michigan State, where he led the Spartans to a surprising 22-8 record and a share of the Big Ten Conference regular season championship.

Izzo spent 12 years as Jud Heathcote's assistant at Michigan State, primarily as a recruiter.

"I was a decent recruiter but people wondered if I could coach," he said. "They took a chance on me. We've had some success. Hopefully, it was the start of more success in the future.

"I was brought up by one of the great all-time coaches. I can't tell you how much Jud Heathcote did for ne. He gave me the opportunity, first as a graduate assistant. He never asked me to do anything he wouldn't do himself."

Izzo received 39 votes in nationwide balloting by sports writers and broadcasters, edging Princeton's Bill Carmody, who had 56. North Carolina's Bill Guthridge was third with 33.

Izzo is the third straight Big Ten coach to win the AP honor, following Gene Keady of Purdue and Clem Haskins of Minnesota.

Ira outlasts Abilene Christian for 14-10 victory

Ira's Bulldogs wrapped up non-district baseball action Friday with a 14-10 victory over Abilene Christian High School.

The win, Ira's second of the week, improves the Bulldogs' record to 4-5 against primarily larger schools. The Dogs will take the upcoming week off before opening district play.

Jerek Brown got the win Friday, holding Abilene batters in check despite giving up a dozen hits. On Tuesday, Brown allowed just two hits and struck out 11 in Ira's 9-3 victory over Grape Creek JV.

Both wins were powered offensively by Brown and Jenson Gainer. Against Abilene, both hit sacrifice flys and had two RBI. The contest was broken open by Perry Jamison's second double of the game, a bases-loaded shot in the sixth inning.

Against Grape Creek, Brown and Gainer both went two-for-four from the plate with a double each and three RBI apiece.

Ira entertains Loraine in the loop opener on April 7, then hosts Westbrook two days later on April 9. Both games start at 5 p.m.

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Ira: Brown and Gainer. Grape Creek: Finch and Cody. Doubles: Ira: Brown and Gainer; Grape Creek: Finch, Hasty

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Sports Whirl

By Eric Drennan
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Why baseball is great — cheers and Cesar Cedeno

As baseball season nears opening day (March 31 for the Rangers), here are just a few thoughts on why baseball is such a great sport.

—**It is a forgiving sport:** Baseball is a friendly sport. In fact, it is forgiving in almost every aspect of it.

First, the batter gets three strikes. If he messes up twice, he still has another chance.

The same goes for the pitcher. If he throws three balls out of the strike zone, he still gets another shot.

Even baseball cheers are forgiving. The best example is when a batter lets two strikes fly right by him and you hear, "Alright, now you're ready. Get ahold of one this time."

Yeah, you're in the hole 0-2. You've really got the pitcher where you want him.

Football isn't as forgiving. If a lineman lets a defender through untouched two times in a row to crush the quarterback, making the team face third down and 30, you never hear, "Alright #76, now you're ready. Get ahold of one this time."

—**Baseball produces some of the best memories:** To this day, there is still something about hearing Joe Garagiola's voice that seems to make the problems of the world go away for a bit.

Maybe it's because he reminds me of my father. He kind of looks like Dad. But the biggest difference is that Garagiola stays awake through the whole broadcast. But he doesn't have nearly as many good Dizzy Dean stories as my dad.

But back to the subject of memories. I've been to pro football, basketball and hockey games. I've seen PGA and Senior PGA events. And I've witnessed many great college and high school contests. But it's still an Astros game when I was little that is my fondest sporting memory.

It's the summer of 1978 and Cesar Cedeno is my hero. Why is he my hero? For the same reason many kids choose their favorite ball players — his name happened to be the one etched into the barrel of my first bat. Therefore, he is my hero.

My parents have taken my sister and me to Houston to visit Astroworld and catch some ballgames.

It's the first night of the trip and my very first pro sporting event to see. The Astros are playing the most hated of all Pirates. Why are they the most hated of all? Because they happen to come from Pittsburgh, the same town as the Steelers.

The game is tied going into the bottom of the tenth and here comes my man Cesar Cedeno to the plate. Two pitches later, KABOOM! Cedeno blasts one over the fence to beat the most hated of all Pirates.

From then on, I was hooked on baseball.

The Rangers were to have faced the Cubs on Saturday, reminding sports fans of the loss of announcer Harry Caray.

Here are a couple of vintage Caray calls:

—Caray used to like to call ballgames from the outfield bleachers some days. He didn't always have the best vantage point and one afternoon, after downing a few icy-cold beverages, he made this call, "Struck him out! No wait...line drive to third!" (The batter had struck out. The catcher then threw down to third.)

—And then one time while explaining a player's absence from the line-up Caray said, "Mike Marshall went back to L.A. to get cocaine for his foot." His broadcast partner replied, "That's Novocain, Harry."

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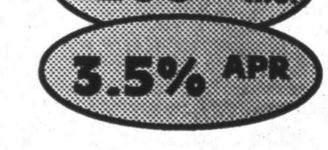
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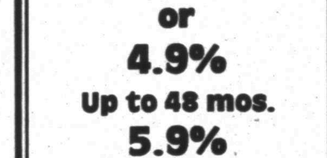
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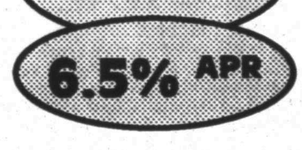
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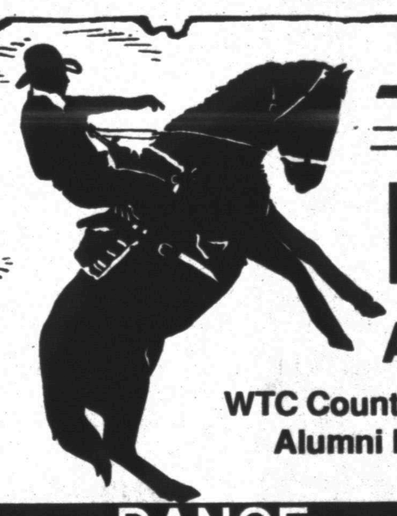
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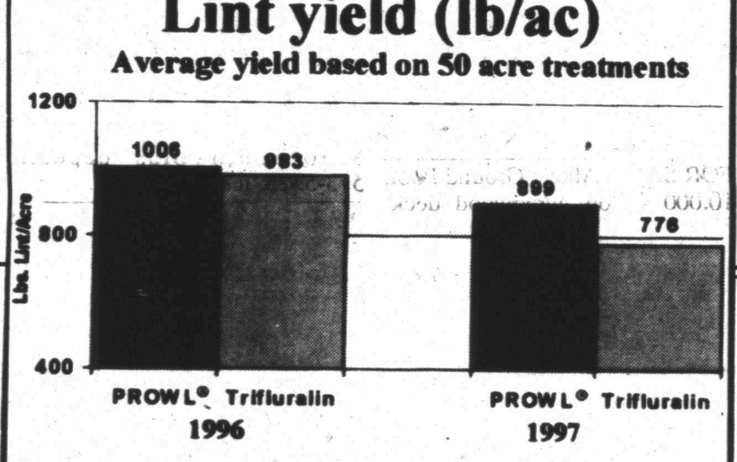

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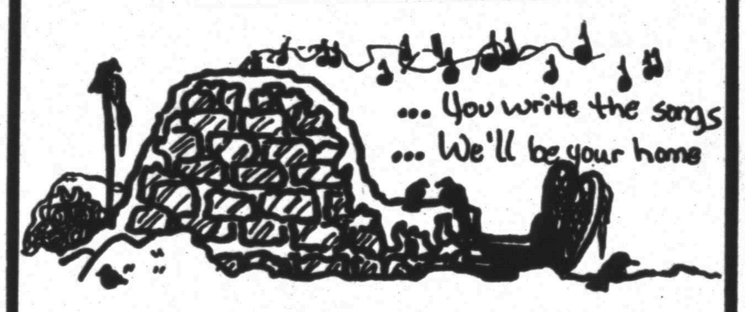

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The family of Billy Durham Sr. would like to say thank you to everyone who sent flowers, food, and cards during and after his illness and death. We have truly been blessed by the wonderful kindness shown by so many special friends and church family members. We also want to express our heartfelt appreciation to Kent Wright and the entire staff of Wright Colonial Funeral Home not only for their professionalism, but also for the loving kindness and geniune concern with which they treated our family during this most difficult time. May God's richest blessings always be with each of you.

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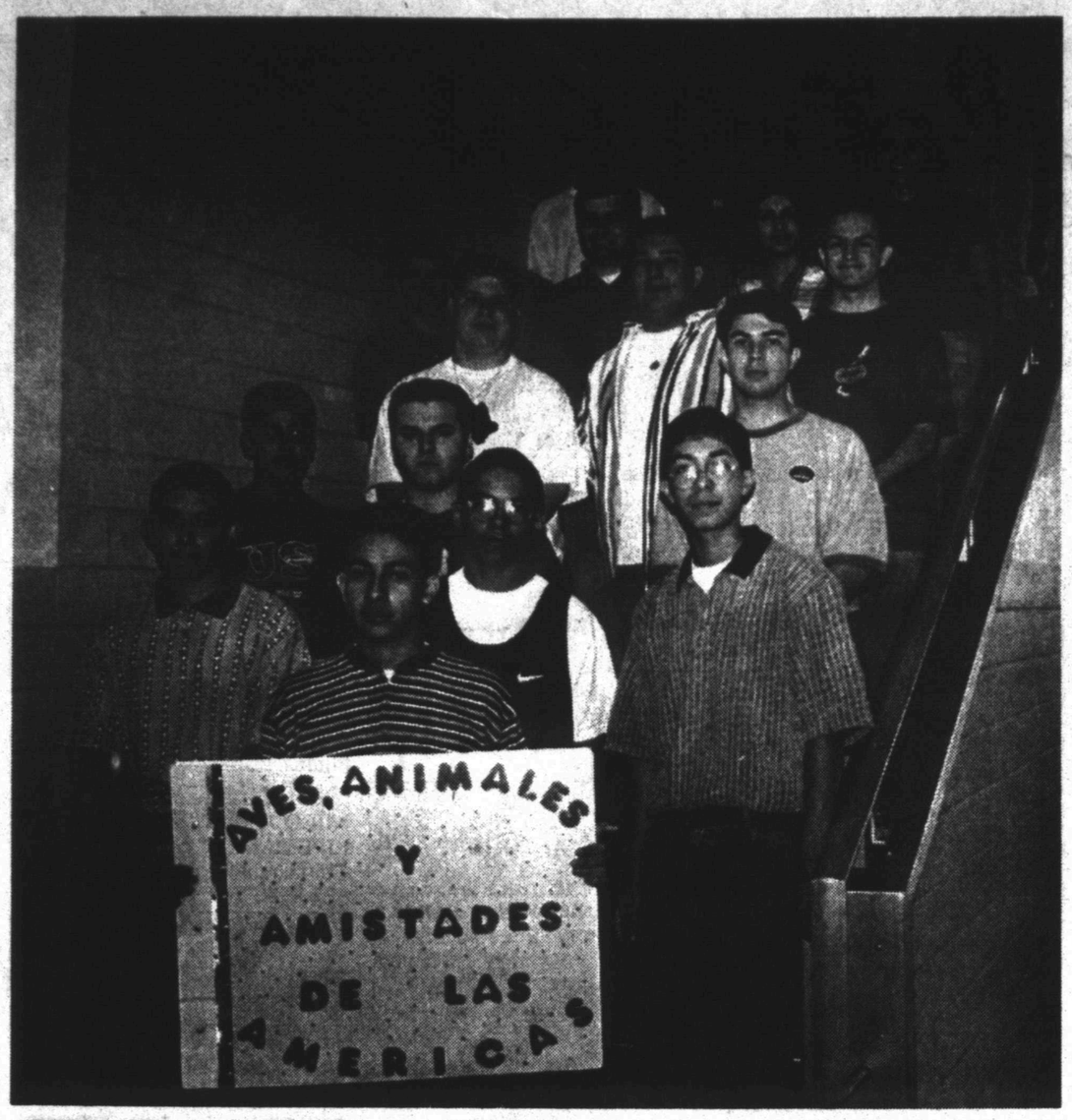


ATTEND CONVENTION — Nineteen Snyder High School Spanish Club members attended the PASF Convention earlier this month. Top row, from left, John Ortegon, Erica Arellano, Bebos Martinez, Jennifer Garza, Laura Gonzales, Isidro Villasana; next row, Lyndell Lee, Nickolas Means, Annette Perez; next row, Thomas Bishop, Lupe Guerra, Michael Hensley; next row, Matt Coronado, Richard Rodriguez, Zach Briseno; next row, Nick Barboza, Johnny Alaniz, Josh Coronado, Kris Casas. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Students attend session

Spanish Club receives honors

Nineteen Spanish Club members represented Snyder at the annual Pan American Student Forum (PASF) Convention in San Antonio March 13-14, along with 1,500 students from across the state.

Members participated in Spanish language contests, and workshops that dealt with different aspects of this year's theme "aves, animals, y amistades de las Americas (birds, animals and friendships of the Americas).

Snyder members presented a workshop on "making birdfeeders." They were made from pinecones which had peanut butter spread on them and then were rolled in birdseed.

String was tied to the top of the pinecone so that the birdfeeders could be hung from trees.

"Students really enjoyed making the birdfeeders and I noticed several hanging from the trees near the main convention hotel," Linda Trevino, Spanish teacher, said.

SHS members also entered the club's scrapbook in competition, winning third place. The scrapbook is a "history" of the club's activities from convention to convention, Mrs. Trevino said.

Four of the students participated in a debate competition called TAMOAS (Texas Area Model Organization of American States). They include Thomas Bishop, Michael Hensley, Lyndell Lee and Nickolas Means. Lynda McCormack accompanied them as their coach.

They represented the country of Haiti and debated issues that affected it. Means was selected as first alternate to the National Model of the OAS which takes place next November in Washington, D.C.

Ten students from PASF will represent Texas. In December, 1997, Mrs. Trevino (representing the State Board of PASF) went along as one of two sponsors with the 10 students who were selected at last year's convention to attend the national model.

Last year's delegates represented the United States and spent a week in Washington, D.C. sightseeing and attending the national model.

This year, two members of the state board of PASF were from Snyder. Lupe Guerra, a senior, was one of three student directors, and Mrs. Linda Trevino, served as publicity director. Mrs. Trevino was re-elected and will serve for two more years as publicity director.

Lupe and Mrs. Trevino also had their own responsibilities at the convention.

6 jailed as weekend off to rapid start

The weekend got off to a busy start for local law enforcement personnel as three people were arrested early Saturday morning.

Officers arrested a 33-year-old male at the VFW at 12:09 a.m. on an outstanding city warrant for failure to appear at Municipal Court.

At 12:58 a.m., DPS troopers arrested a 21-year-old male on Gary Brewer Road for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

An officer was requested in the 1300 block of North Avenue O at 1 a.m. in reference to a person causing a disturbance. A 21-year-old male was arrested at the location for Class C possession of drug paraphernalia.

Three people were taken into custody on Friday.

Officers arrested an 18-year-old male at 5:40 p.m. in the 2800 block of Avenue I for unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Officers were called to the Park Village Apartments at 7 p.m. as a person reported someone had thrown beer on a 10-year-old juvenile. A 17-year-old male was arrested for public intoxication and minor in possession and a 16-year-old male was taken into custody for minor in possession. He was later released to his parents.

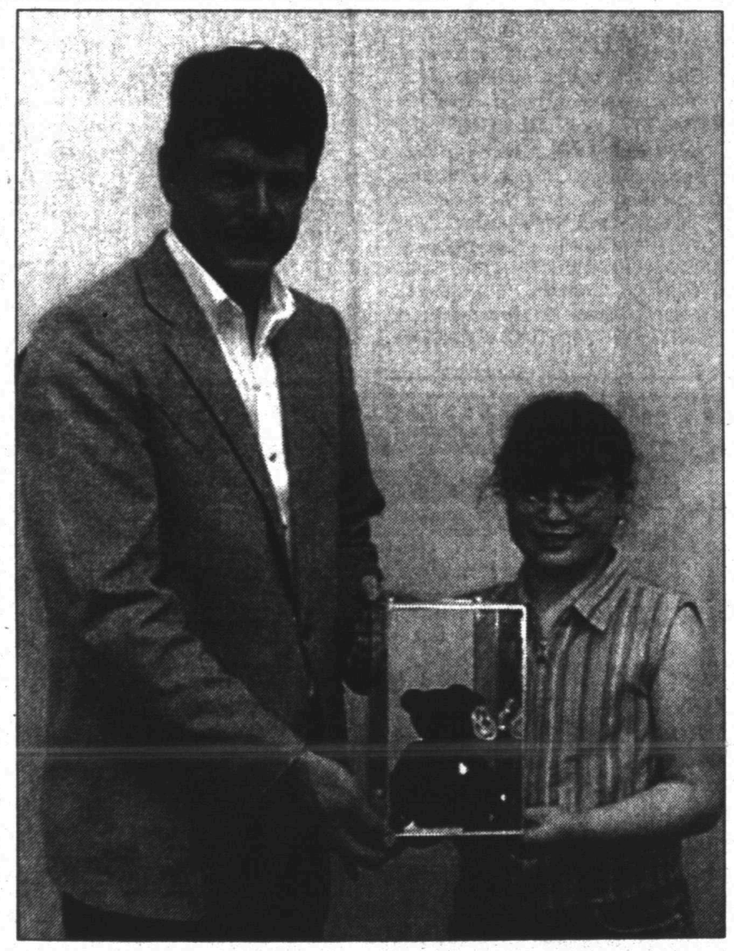
In other activity Friday, the fire department responded to a grass fire around 9 a.m. southwest of Union.

An offense report for Class B criminal mischief was submitted at noon in reference to a vehicle belonging to Dena Williams being "keyed" in the parking lot of Wal-Mart earlier in the week.

A person complained Friday afternoon that there were persons selling items around the square without a permit. They were advised of the city ordinance that requires a permit before selling items door-to-door.

Snyder EMS transported an eight-year-old male to Cogdell Hospital's emergency room at 5:30 p.m. for treatment after the youth fell off a trampoline. He was treated and released.

At 1 a.m. Saturday, officers were called to the VFW in reference to an assault. An offense report for Class C assault was submitted.



FOURTH GRADER WINS — Claire Pollard, fourth grader and daughter of Alan and Sandy Pollard, had the winning ticket for the Lions Club's Princess Di Ty Beanie Baby. Making the presentation was Joe Hefner, Lions Club president. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Claire Pollard wins Princess Di

Snyder Lions Club completed another fund raising project — taking donations for a chance to win a Princess Diana, Ty Beanie Baby. It was won by Claire Pollard, 10-year-old daughter of Alan and Sandy Pollard.

"I haven't collected Beanie Babies before, but I am about to start," said the excited winner.

According to Lions Club president Joe Hefner, proceeds will be used to fund various charitable club projects in the community. The Lions Club has donated to several projects this year, including United Way, Noah Project-West, Boys and Girls Club, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and others.

Lions meet at noon every Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club, with the exception of several special events.

On Sept. 12, 1609, English explorer Henry Hudson sailed into the river that now bears his name.

Chase continues

PERRIS, Calif. (AP) — A motorist led officers on a freeway chase until his sport utility vehicle apparently ran out of gas, but the pursuit didn't end there.

The man jumped out of the vehicle and began pushing it, with California Highway Patrol cruisers slowly following.

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NO ONE INJURED — Charles Williams, Hermleigh, was driving this 1997 Dodge pickup which was in collision Thursday evening with a 1995 Peterbilt truck tractor that can be seen in the background. The accident occurred on Highway 84 and CR 465. (SDN Staff Photo)

Woman receives death penalty

WHEATON, Ill. (AP) — Saying they were sickened by the crime, jurors recommended the death sentence for a woman convicted of murdering two children and their pregnant mother and cutting the woman's full-term fetus from her womb.

A week earlier, the same jury convicted Jacqueline Annette Williams, 31, in the 1995 killings of Debra Evans, 28, and two of her children, 10-year-old Samantha and 7-year-old Joshua.

"Just the way the crimes were done would affect anybody that was human," juror Susan Ryan said outside the courthouse Friday evening.

Williams put her hand to her mouth as the verdict was read, but showed no other emotion.

Prosecutors said Williams, who had been pretending to be pregnant, masterminded the killings because she wanted Evans' unborn baby.

"We think justice was served in this case," Assistant State's Attorney John Kinsella said. "It's a very difficult decision, a very weighty decision. But there appeared to be very clear unanimity."

Public defenders argued that Williams participated in the killings only because she was afraid of her boyfriend and co-defendant, Fedell Caffey.

Border firm worries card costs, red tape will drive Mexicans off

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Nogales merchant Nils Urman takes a contrarian view about the new U.S. border crossing cards that Mexican citizens will need to visit.

Unlike a number of pessimistic officials and fellow border businessmen, Urman thinks it will work.

"My approach is that it's inevitable, it's going to happen, so make the best of it and make it work," he said.

Starting Wednesday, Mexican citizens will have to pay $45 for each new crossing card.

Douglas Mayor Ray Borane is among those who worry that the cost and bureaucratic hoops Mexicans will face to replace cards they now hold, or to get them for the first time, will turn many away. And that, he worries, will lead to a business downturn.

"My biggest fear is that the city of Douglas is going to see a drastic reduction in the ability of those people to come over here, and a severe impact on our economy," he said Friday.

The old, free border crossing cards from the Immigration and Naturalization Service had no expiration date. They'll be replaced by a digital-technology card from the State Department.

The so-called "laser visa card," good for 10 years, will have a digital photograph and fingerprint and a magnetic strip to be read by laser. It's designed to prevent counterfeiting and forgery, said American consulate officer Sandra Salmon in Hermosillo, Mexico.

Congress required the fees to cover the program's costs.

Actually, processing applications will be phased in over several months, starting Wednesday at the American consulate in Ciudad Juarez, opposite El Paso, Texas, Salmon said.

Consulates in Mexico City, Monterrey, Hermosillo and Guadalajara will follow, and the State Department hopes to open consular operations in Nogales, Mexico, by July, she said.

Officials also hope to send workers temporarily to Agua Prieta, San Luis and elsewhere to take renewal applications, she said.

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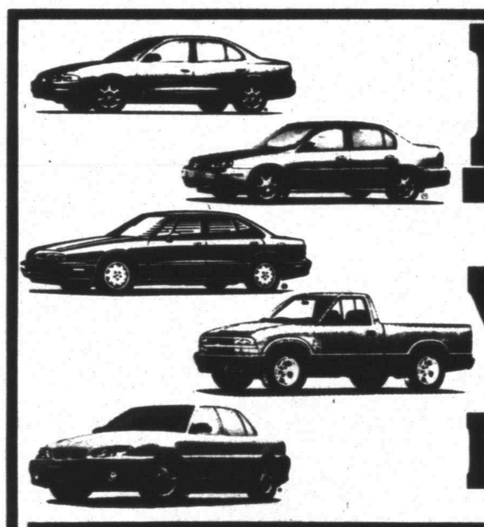
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On radio, Clinton mourns with families

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the wake of a schoolyard shooting that killed four students and a teacher in his home state of Arkansas, President Clinton urged the nation Saturday to "come together for the sake of our children."

Clinton sent condolences to the families and friends of the victims in his weekly radio address, taped as he visited Cape Town, South Africa. Two boys — 11- and 13-year-old classmates of the victims — were arrested in the shootings Wednesday at West Side Middle School in Jonesboro, Ark.

"We do not understand what drives children, whether in small towns or big cities, to pick up guns and take the lives of others. We may never make sense of the senseless, but we have to try," said Clinton, a former Arkansas governor.

He noted the Jonesboro shooting was the third time in recent months that a quiet town was "shaken by the awful specter of students being killed by other young people at schools." In December, a boy opened fire on a student prayer circle at a high school in West Paducah, Ky., killing three students and wounding five. Two months earlier, two students were fatally shot in Pearl, Miss.

"We have to understand that young children may not fully appreciate the consequences of actions that are destructive, but may be able to be romanticized at a twisted moment," Clinton said. "And we have to make sure that they don't fall into that trap.

The president encouraged parents to take comfort in a federal report released earlier this month that declared a vast majority of the nation's schools safe and free of violent crime.

"We've worked hard to make our schools places of learning, not fear — places where children can worry about math and science, not guns, drugs and gangs," he said. "But when a terrible tragedy like this occurs, it reminds us there is work yet to be done."

Although no final decision was announced, the Justice Department indicated Friday it did not plan to file federal charges against the two boys accused in the shootings. The possibility of bringing federal charges arose partially because federal law might bring longer sentences than state laws.

Clinton said he has ordered Attorney General Janet Reno to organize experts on school violence to analyze the recent school shootings and determine what they may have in common.

Obituaries

'Kay' Whitby

1915-1998

DALHART — Oscar "Kay" Whitby, the brother of Aline Parks of Snyder, died Friday, March 27, at his home in Dalhart.

Funeral service for Mr. Whitby, 82, is set for 2 p.m. Monday in the First Christian Church. Ray M. Guy, minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Hass Funeral Home.

Born June 19, 1915 in Strawn, he moved to Dalhart with his family in 1921 from Oklahoma City. He graduated from Dalhart High School in 1933 and attended Amarillo College.

He married Coye McClendon on April 12, 1936 in Dalhart.

Mr. Whitby retired from Rock Island Railroad in 1977 after 37 years as a conductor. He had obtained his real estate broker's license in 1952 and was still active with Golden Heritage Real Estate.

Mr. Whitby was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Elks Lodge and a charter member of the XIT Rangers Association. He served on the Dalhart Theatre Board and was a member of Friends of the Libary. He assisted in planning a new library in Dalhart and was a director of the Dallam-Hartley Historical Museum as well as the Dallam-Hartley Child Development Center. He was a long-time member of the First Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Coye Whitby of Dalhart; a son, Mike Whitby of Aurora, Colo.; a daughter, Pam Strong of Dalhart; another sister, Ruth Adelle Olney of Niland, Calif.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Dalhart Larita Theatre.

Mrs. Fitzgerald

1932-1998

SAN ANGELO — Graveside service for Wanda Butts Fitzgerald, niece of Mamie Patterson of Snyder, is set for 1 p.m. Monday in Fairmont Cemetery in San Angelo.

Mrs. Fitzgerald, 65, died Monday, March 23, in the Foothills Hospital in Calgary, Canada. A memorial service was held Thursday in Nanton Parkland United Church in Nanton, Alberta, Canada.

She was founder of Emporium Antiques in Nanton. Mrs. Fitzgerald was preceded in death by her husband, C.A. Fitzgerald, on May 23, 1990 and her father, Cecil M. Butts.

Other survivors include a son, Mark Fitzgerald of Grand Prairie; three daughters, Lisa Holstein of Lethbridge, Alberta, Lori Fitzgerald and Mamie Miller, both of Nanton; her mother, Ethel Butts of San Angelo; a brother, Ted Butts of Garland; two cousins of Snyder, Renee Floyd and Retha Canon; and two grandchildren.

Marie Coffman

1919-1998

STANTON — Marie Coffman, the mother of John Timothy Coffman of Snyder, died Wednesday, March 25, in Stanton.

Funeral service for Mrs. Coffman, 78, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the Vera Baptist Church. Rick Denson will officiate and burial will follow in the Vera Cemetery.

Born June 30, 1919 in Vera, she graduated from Vera High School and attended Decatur School of Cosmetology.

She married Anthony Kelvin Coffman on July 27, 1940 in Seymour. He died in 1984.

Mrs. Coffman had lived in Midland since 1984 and was a member of the Northeast Community Church.

Survivors include another son, Leonard Melton Coffman of Midland; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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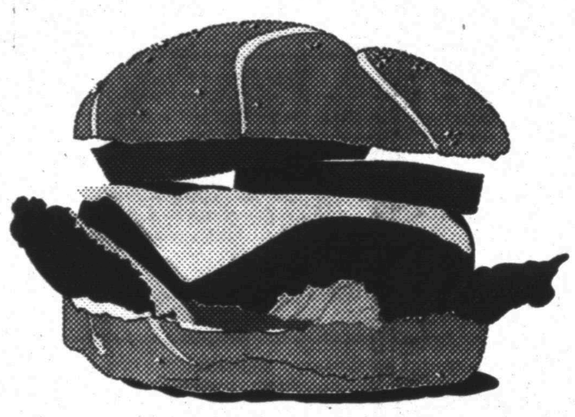

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ONGOINGS

'Always, Patsy Cline'

"Always, Patsy Cline" plays Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Ritz Theatre. Tickets are $7. Group rates are available. The Ritz Theatre box office is taking reservations from 2-5 p.m. weekdays for the musical, which also plays April 3-5.

Planetarium show

A planetarium show, "Through The Eyes of Hubble," will be held at 2 p.m. each Sunday through April on the WTC campus.

Special showings for school classes (best suited for grade 4 and above) can be arranged for any Friday in April by calling the WTC science department. Admission is free.

Jury call canceled

The civil suit scheduled for trial starting Monday in 132nd District Court has been settled. Persons called for jury duty need not report.

Bible study tapes airing

Bible study video tapes and "Hope for Life's Journey" tapes are airing weekly on cable TV Channel 2. The next set of tapes, "Judas and the Great Betrayal," followed by "Fear of Death," will begin at 7 p.m. Monday.

Parents of 8th graders

Parents of Snyder 8th grades are encouraged to attend a meeting at Worsham Auditorium at 7 p.m. Tuesday. High school counselor Debbie Phillips will answer questions about registration procedures, course selections and requirements for the diploma programs. Incoming freshmen have been given registration materials and are encouraged to bring them to the meeting.

Genealogical society

Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the county library. The program, "Pitfalls of Genealogy Research," will be given by Jo Thrower. Visitors are welcome.

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706

Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will have a Masters Degree at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. All Master Masons are invited.

SJHS shop students holding raffle

Snyder junior high 8th grade shop students are selling raffle tickets for a chest of drawers. Tickets are $1 and proceeds help pay for trips to regional and state contests. For tickets, call 573-6356.

Baseball boosters fund-raiser

Snyder High School Baseball Boosters are selling caps and T-shirts at all home games. They are also on sale at the high school and Lang Tire. Proceeds will go into the high school baseball fund.

Heart walk planned

The Scurry County chapter of the American Heart Association will sponsor a five-mile walk next Saturday, starting at 8 a.m. in Towle Park. Walkers are needed. Call Dee Chasteen at 573-5041.

Golden K Fish Fry

The Golden K Kiwanis Fish Fry will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. next Sunday at the Snyder Senior Center. Tickets are $6, and children under age 6 eat free. Carryout plates are available.
573-5993.

St. Elizabeth Sausage Festival

St. Elizabeth will hold its annual Sausage Festival on Sunday, April 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Parish Center, 30th Street and Avenue A. Tickets are $6 for adults and $3 for children 12 and under. Sausage will also be sold by the pound. There were be raffles, game booths and a country store.

SNS needs assistance

Snyder Neighbors Sharing is needing donations and volunteer help for its annual workday, set for Saturday, April 25. Twelve homes will be repaired. Donations can be mailed to Snyder Neighbors Sharing, P.O. Box 541 or dropped off at West Elementary or Sam Robertson Insurance office. Groups or individuals wishing to volunteer can contact Thomas Fogleman at 573-3538.

Adult basic education

Adult basic education classes are underway at WTC for those seeking their GEDs. Classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are held from 8-11 a.m.

ESL (English as a Second Language) and GED courses are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8:30 p.m. ESL classes are only offered at night. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 322.

Conversational Spanish

WTC Continuing Ed is offering a Conversational Spanish class from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each Thursday. Robert Adams is the instructor. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 390.

Free tax counseling

Free tax counseling for the elderly and low-income persons of any age will be held from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m. each Wednesday at the Senior Center. Call 573-4035 or 573-3822 for more information.

Pick 3

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Katie Howard enjoys all stars' London visit

Katie Howard has been a cheerleader in the making since she was old enough to walk, says her dad, Rick Howard.

Katie, 16 and a 10th grader at Ira High School, has never lost sight of her goal, and her devotion and single-minded purpose paid off in December when she was one of about 1,300 U.S. all star cheerleaders who marched in the New Year's Day parade in London.

Katie's family, Rick, her mother, Paula, and older brother, Jeremy, turned the opportunity into a holiday adventure like none they had ever experienced before.

Passports and packed bags in hand, the Howards left the U.S. on Dec. 26 and returned Jan. 2. Between the time change and a 10-hour flight home, their last day was 24 hours long.

Katie and the all stars were divided into five different groups, all wearing matching windsuits, and staggered throughout the parade entries.

A white van equipped with loud speakers drove ahead of them and every time there was a delay in the parade, Katie said they would begin performing their routines to Elvis Presley tunes. They did that about 12 times, but did not always get to finish before the parade started moving again.

The parade route was located in downtown London and entries wormed their way through Picadilly Circus and passed by Westminster Abby. No floats were entered but several U.S. bands performed, as did the all star band from Europe and professional cheerleaders from France.

TOWER BRIDGE — Katie Howard is standing in front of the Tower Bridge. (Contributed Photo)

London entries included Transit Authority workers who were made up to look like the tube, or subway to American visitors, horses, animals, wagons, stilt walkers and old-fashioned bicycles.

Others were balloons such as Mighty Mouse, Betty Boop, Smurf, Olive Oyl, clowns and dinosaurs. Paula said an announcer explained every entry as the parade wound its way through the streets.

Parade sponsors passed buckets among the crowd, collecting money for a charity, Rick said.

The parade was more than two miles long and it took about 2½ hours to see it all, Rick said. Bleachers were arranged along the way for onlookers. He said that even though they had premier seats, they were never able to spot Katie when her group passed by.

Some 2 million people were lined up along the route, Rick said.

Besides the parade, the Howards were also able to take in some of the sights and sounds of London which Rick said is considered the "crossroads to the world." He noted that the city has a bank representing a different nation on every block, more than even New York City has.

Even though they didn't have a lot of free time, Rick said they were able to see many of the major attractions.

Directions were available at a UCA desk in the lobby of their hotel.

As they made their way around the area, Rick said they noticed that there were a lot of little towns all jammed together. Street signs were posted on buildings rather than poles.

On the first day, they visited the Hard Rock Cafe.

The Howards also had tickets to see the musical, "The Buddy Holly Story," which they enjoyed. It was performed at the Strand Theatre in Covent Garden, and the audience was full of very enthusiastic girls.

Some in their group had tickets to "Oliver."

Other attractions they enjoyed were Madam Tussaud's Wax Museum, where, among other wax figures, they saw one of Princess Diana which was cordoned off to keep visitors from touching it.

After they got their tickets, Rick said they stood in a two-block long line for two hours before they were admitted.

They also had the opportunity to see many of the stores, but there was not much time for shopping.

Most major department stores hold their annual sale between Christmas and New Year's. Katie said shopping was hampered because a large crowd had gathered and people were pushing each other out of their way.

While the British people were very friendly during their visit, they observed that some of the tourists from other countries who were shopping there were not.

On their itinerary was the Windsor Castle, which had reopened in November after restoration from a fire. They also visited Oxford University, which is actually composed of 29 small colleges.

From three to five students are assigned to live and study with a professor, the Howards said. They also saw the places President Bill Clinton visited when he studied at Oxford.

Another stop was Queen Mary's Miniature Dollhouse, which featured tiny props such as a Hoover Vacuum Cleaner which they were told worked.

They also attended two dances. One was on a double decker boat located on the River Thames that featured a light show and dejay.

Rick said they enjoyed the light show but the boat was too crowded to allow any dancing.

The New Year's Eve rock and roll party was held in a rented gym. Just before the New Year was ushered in, Rick said the announcer cut away to a live radio broadcast from Big Ben. Then fireworks were shot from the Tower Bridge.

Because of the approximately two-thirds exchange rate between American dollars and British pounds and sterlings, food and everything else is more expensive.

For instance, a four-person meal at Wendy's costs 23 pounds, or about 40 American dollars, Rick explained.

The Howards also observed some language differences. For instance a "give way" sign means yield; and "way out" means exit. At a tube station, everyone is cautioned to "mind the gap."

The all stars and the 700 people who accompanied them completely occupied two hotels.

Rick said their hotel was located in a very nice area and faced the River Thames. The Tower Bridge was located on one side and the Tower of London was on the other.

A set of locks lay between the

See London, Page 4B

PARLIAMENT — The Howards shot this picture of Parliment and the River Thames while visiting in London. (Contributed Photo)

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Scurry County Folks

by Shirley A. Gorman

Get your fill!

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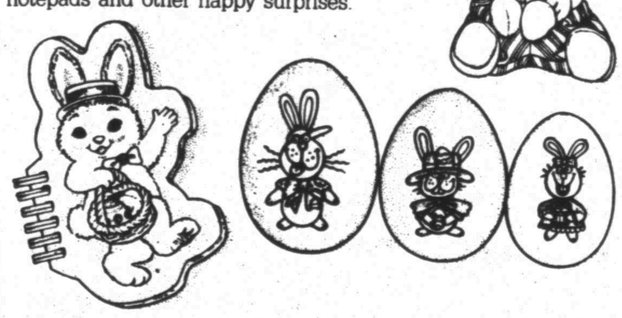

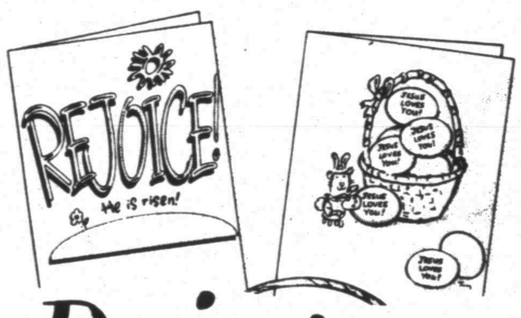

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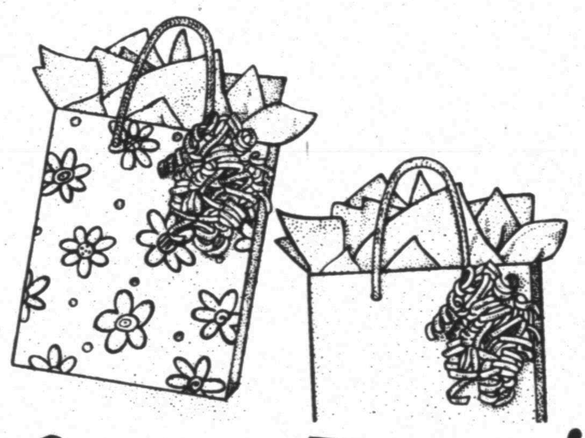

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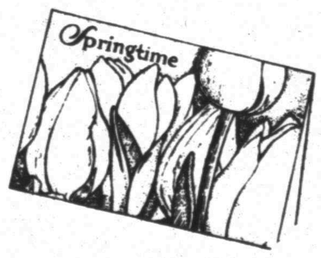

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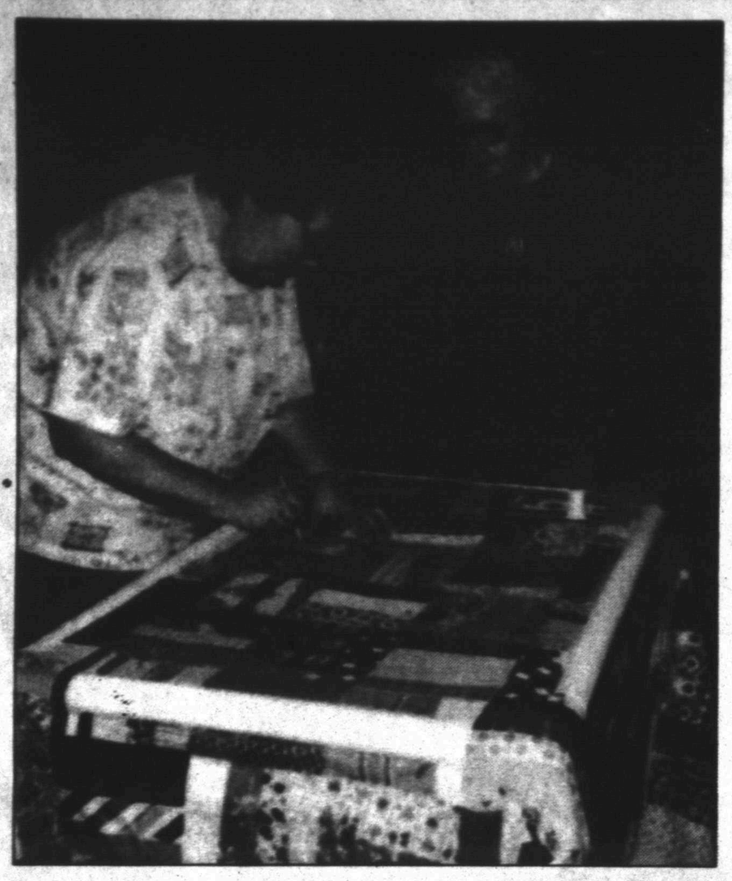

QUILTING — Joy Early is making a quilt using plastic pipe for the frame while Evelyn Shifflett looks on. (Contributed Photo)

Education club learns quilting

The Stargazers FCE Club met in the home of Sheila McCormack with Joy Early as hostess.

President McCormack presided and roll call was answered by seven members stating "How I Start My Day."

The thought for the day was: "Democracy is a method of getting ahead without leaving any of us behind." The hint for the day was: "Potatoes will take on a golden flavor and appearance if sprinkled with flour before frying."

Mrs. McCormack was nominated to attend the March 31 district meeting in Tulia.

Mrs. Early presented a program on preparing a quilt for quilting in small frames or hoops. Several members worked on quilts.

Dena Faye Stirling

Mrs. Stirling's 80th birthday celebration set

Children and friends of Dena Faye Stirling have planned an 80th birthday party for her from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, in the Ira Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Her children and their spouses are Don and Lorita Keller of Snyder, Bob and Linda Stirling of Pasco, Wash., and Joy Posey of Brownwood.

She has seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

They ask the only gift be the presence of friends and family for Mrs. Stirling's birthday celebration.

Keeping the tongue clean helps minimize bad breath.

Fourth graders face new rules

MISHAWAKA, Ind. (AP) — No drugs. No fighting. And now, no holding hands.

Fourth-graders at Elm Road School growing up a little too fast for teachers, so school Principal James DuBois decided to draw the line at budding romances.

He laid down the law to fourth-graders, explaining in a letter sent to parents this month that there's to be no more hand-holding, note-passing, chasing boys or girls at recess or even talking about their youthful love lives.

DuBois asked parents to go over the rules with their children.

"What we want to do is preserve the educational atmosphere," he said.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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It's easier on paper

By Phillip Alder

The Senior Life Master was starting his monthly class.

"It is well-known that a bridge problem presented on paper is easier to solve than one faced at the table. In the former, you are warned when the key moment has arrived. But at the table, no one is ringing the bell. Still, sometimes the problem-setter can pull the wool over your eyes.

"See what you make of the first problem on the sheets I have handed out."

The students were confronted by the North-South hands from today's diagram.

"You are South, the declarer in three no-trump. West leads the spade seven: three, queen, king. You immediately take the club finesse, which wins. What next?"

After giving them some moments to work out their line of play, the SLM continued. "I hope you noticed that you should *not* have taken the club finesse. From trick one, it is obvious that West has the spade ace. So, if East wins a trick, he can push a spade through, and you will go down unless the spades are breaking 4-4. You should put the club finesse onto the back burner.

"You have six top tricks: one spade (given trick one), three hearts, one diamond and one club. You need three more tricks. You should play a heart to dummy's jack, then take the diamond finesse. If it wins, you have nine tricks via one spade, three hearts, four diamonds and one club. And if the diamond finesse loses, West cannot continue spades without giving you a second trick there, and your ninth in all. He must play another suit, giving you a chance to try the clubs.

"Fight to keep the danger hand off the lead."

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Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY
March 20

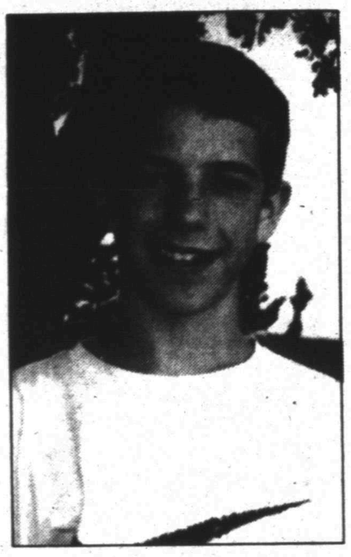
Six tables of duplicate bridge were directed by Dot Casey at the Snyder Country Club.

1. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.
2. Billisue Stuard, Monte West.
3. Dorothy Rosson, Frances Stevenson.

SUNDAY
March 22

1. Nona Morrison, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.
3. Tizzy Hall, Frances Stevenson.

PIANO CONTEST — Students from Lynn Bethel's Studio of Music participated in the Lubbock Music Teachers' Sonatina-Concerto Contest at Texas Tech University. Participants include (from left), first row, Glyn Wright, Kelsey Shaw, Sydney Wright; top row, Stormy Clark, Faith Feaster of Roscoe; Jami Thackerson of Colorado City; and pictured at right (from left) are Bailey Stoker and Zach Greenlee of Rotan. First place winners Clark, Wright and Stoker played in the Winner's Recital in Hemmle Hall. Second place winners were Greenlee, Feaster, Thackerson; and third place winners were Shaw and Wright. (Contributed Photo)



School Menus

Snyder

All meals are served with a variety of milk; all breakfasts with assorted cereal and fruit juice.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Cinnamon Toast

TUESDAY
Breakfast Sausage on a Stick

WEDNESDAY
Waffles

THURSDAY
Biscuits & Gravy

FRIDAY
Cinnamon Rolls

LUNCH

MONDAY
Pizza w/ Meatsauce
Tossed Salad
Green Beans
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Garlic Toast

TUESDAY
Pizza or Barbecued Chicken
Potato Salad
Kernal Corn
Applesauce
Dinner Rolls

WEDNESDAY
Pizza or Chicken Tetrazini
Tossed Salad
Au Gratin Potatoes
Vanilla Ice Cream Cup
Dinner Rolls

FRIDAY
Pizza or. Chili & Cheese Baked Potato
Broccoli Cuts
Lettuce & Tomato
Apple Crisp

Ira

MONDAY
Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy
Creamed Potatoes
Italian Green Beans
Bread
Fruit

TUESDAY
Turkey w/Brown Gravy
Pasley Potatoes
Vegetable Salad
Rolls
Birthday Cake

WEDNESDAY
Frito Pie
Vegetable Salad
Corn
Crackers
Brownies

THURSDAY
Hamburgers
French Fries

FRIDAY
Barbecue Weiners
Au Gratin Potatoes
Ranch Style Beans
Biscuits

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

MONDAY
Fruit
French Toast Sticks

TUESDAY
Juice
Scrambled Eggs
Toast

WEDNESDAY
Fruit
Cinnamon Toast

THURSDAY
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast

FRIDAY
Fruit
Biscuits/Gravy

LUNCH

MONDAY
Swiss Steak
Whole New Potatoes
Carrot Sticks
Hot Rolls
Blonde Brownies

TUESDAY
Frank Wraps
Potato Wedges
Pork & Beans
Fruit Jello

WEDNESDAY
Sloppy Joes
Potatoes/Cheese Sauce
Fried Okra
Hot Rolls
Orange Slices

THURSDAY
Chicken & Dumplings
Mixed Vegetables
Hot Biscuits
Apricot Crisp

FRIDAY
Taco Salad/Salsa Sauce
Spanish Rice
Tortilla Chips
Pineapple Pudding

Over 40 quinea pigs let loose

NEW YORK (AP) — A man about to be evicted from his apartment was arrested for setting 43 guinea pigs loose in Central Park.

Youji Zheng, 25, was arrested Thursday, a week after he took a cab to the park March 19 and freed his pets, authorities said. Thirty-three of the small, furry animals were recovered — most during their first day of freedom.

Parks Commissioner Henry Stern said it was unlikely the other 10 will be found alive because Central Park was blanketed with 5 inches of snow Sunday.

"It appears the action of this individual was more pathetic than monstrous," Stern said.

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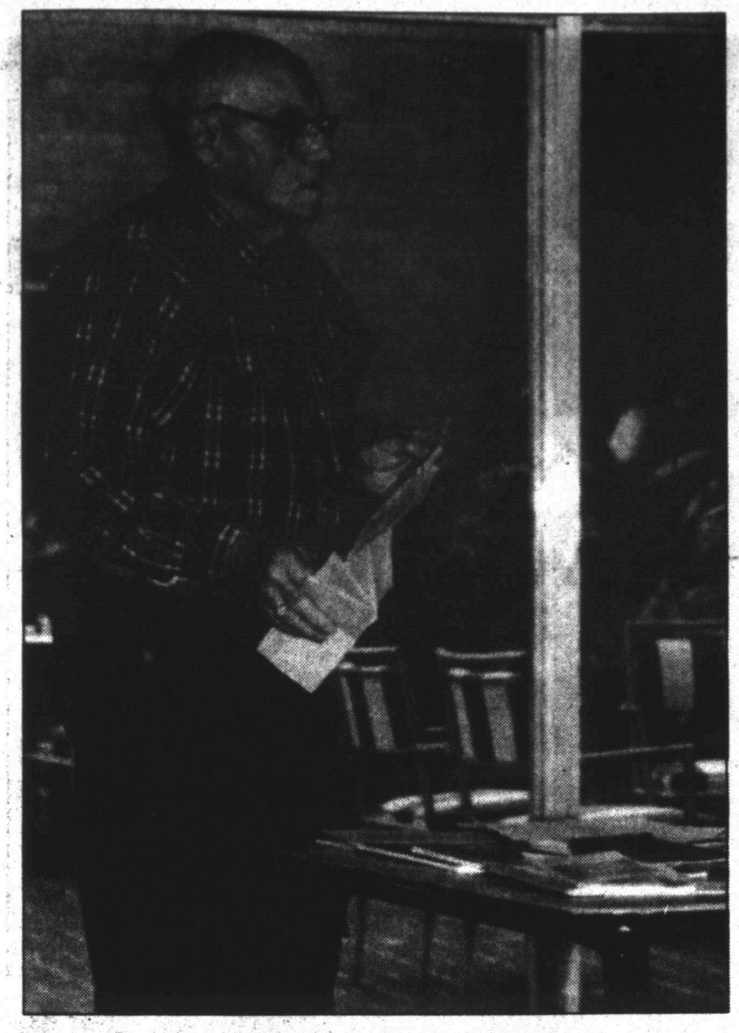
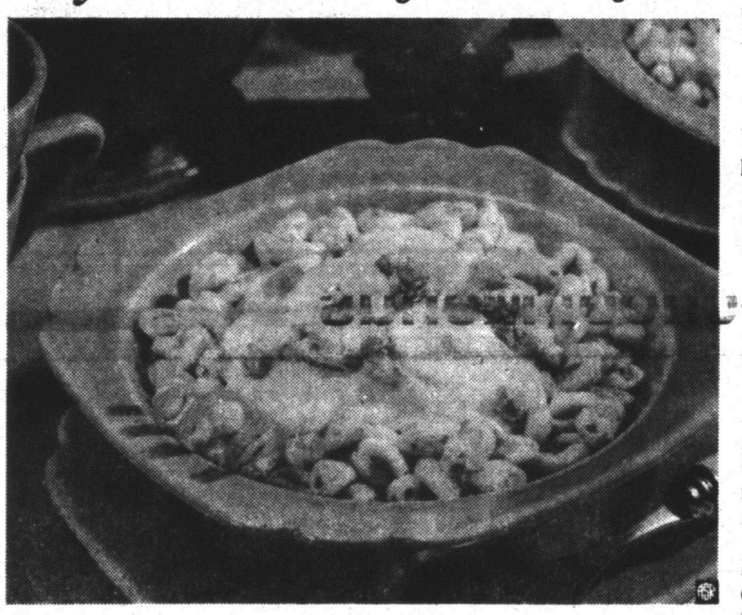


ROSE INFORMATION — Wilson Howell, a renown rosarian, gave the program to Snyder Garden Club members this month. He explained different types of roses and how they are judged in shows. He covered proper pruning, fertilizing, spraying, grooming and general care and displayed books available to purchase roses. Howell belongs to a number of rose societies and shows roses all over the U.S., winning numerous awards. He has approximately 600 roses in his collection among other flowers he grows. (Contributed Photo)

Try a banana-rific breakfast



Breakfast is a personal thing. "Morning people" bound out of bed demanding "the works." Less enthusiastic risers need time before deciding what to eat. Still others find a portable breakfast satisfies hunger pangs that strike midmorning.

No matter what your breakfast syle, *Banana Betty Breakfast* is sure to please. It's fast and easy to make because you use ingredients you're likely to have on hand. Simply combine puffed wheat or puffed rice cereal with nonfat yogurt, mashed banana and cinnamon. Banana slices and a sprinkling of granola are the final touch. Puffed cereals weigh in at 50 calories per serving, with no fat, sodium or sugar. They're a smart breakfast choice, any way you enjoy them.

For more ideas, send your name and address to **Breakfast Wise,** P.O. Box 487, Dept. N, Chicago, IL 60690-0487. Offer good while supplies last.

Banana Betty Breakfast

2 servings

- 2 small ripe bananas, peeled, divided
- 1 container (8 oz.) vanilla nonfat yogurt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2 cups *Quaker* puffed wheat or puffed rice cereal
- 2 tablespoons low-fat granola cereal

Mash 1 banana. Add yogurt and cinnamon; mix well. Slice remaining banana. Pour cereal into two bowls, dividing evenly. Top with yogurt mixture and sliced banana; sprinkle with granola.

Nutrition Information (1/2 of recipe): Calories 220, Fat 1g, Cholesterol less than 5mg, Sodium 70mg, Dietary Fiber 3g, Protein 8g.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), brown bag lunch; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information, call 573-1579 or 573-5525; noon to 1 p.m.

AA and NA; Park Club; noon.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

Hermleigh Order of the Eastern Star; Masonic Lodge; 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

AA and NA; Park Club; noon.

First Presbyterian Church Women's Group; MAWC; 12:30 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; "Butterflies" program by Gertrude League; Betty Wood and Marie Armstrong, hostesses; 9:30 a.m.

Al-Anon meeting (smoke free), noon to 1 p.m., brown bag. Park Club in Winston Park. For information call 573-4203 or 573-5525.

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

"A Company of Women International" Prophetic Voice to the Nations, for mature Christian women; Union Community Center, Hwy. 180, potluck supper; 6 p.m.

Deep Creek Chapter of ABWA; The Shack; 6:30 p.m.

Bilingual AA meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 8 p.m.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

NA Anonymous; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-3667, 573-1579 or 573-0949; 6 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

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

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

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

Library program at DKG

"Discovering the Scurry County Library" was head librarian Noreen Taylor's program topic at the recent meeting of Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma at the Martha Ann Woman's Club.

She introduced some of the newest books and talked about the electronic technology available at the library. A computer on internet as well as helpful printed material is accessible for use. Entertaining and educational videos and books on tape can be checked out. She said future plans include a computer lab and a computerized check-out system.

The library, located at 1916 23rd Street, is a part of the Big Country Library System which enhances its service to Scurry County citizens. It is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

DKG president Mary Williams presided and Sandy Baker gave the meditation. Carla Allen was a program co-chairman.

LIBRARY PROGRAM — Noreen Taylor, Scurry County librarian, spoke to the members of Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. She was introduced by Carmen Carpenter, (Contributed Photo)

EARNS STAR — Opal Wigington received a plaque and will have her name added to the Senior Center's list earning 10,000 accumlative hours of service. She works with home delivered meals and the daily lunches in the center, among other activities. Gloria Browning received her 10,000-hour level plaque at the annual banquet. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

The first known complete description of the body's structure was published in 1543 by Belgian physician Andreas Vesalius, who became known as the father of anatomy.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Veteran Mobilizes Forces To Make Reunion Turnout Big

DEAR ABBY: I'm an avid reader, and each year I'm pleased to see you print addresses and information on how to write to members of the military who are stationed overseas. Believe me, it helps to receive mail when one is away from home. I spent nearly 12 years of my 20-year service career away from home and family.

I am the reunion coordinator for the first overseas unit in which I served during the Korean crisis, and I find it increasingly difficult to locate some members who have common last names. It would be a great service to other reunion coordinators, as well as former service members, if you would pass along the following information to veterans to learn when their former units will hold their next reunion.

Write to VETS at P.O. Box 901, Columbia, Mo. 65205 or call (573) 474-4444; or write to REUNIONS, VFW Magazine, 406 W. 34th St., Suite 523, Kansas City, Mo. 64111.

Thanks, Abby, for being a loyal supporter of servicemen and women, past and present.

PAUL E. REPSHER, WINTER HAVEN, FLA.

DEAR PAUL: I am pleased to publicize the information, and hope the reunion you are planning is successful. Readers should also know that The American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars magazines provide information about military reunions, help veterans find old buddies, and arrange reunions, travel and accommodations.

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DEAR ABBY: Some time ago, you had a letter in your column about returning the engagement ring when the engagement is broken. You said the ring should be returned.

Abby, my question is who should be responsible for all the other expenses? Our daughter dated a young man I'll call "Harold" for a year before they became engaged. They planned their wedding for a year later. Harold called off the wedding because he wanted to date other women.

Abby, the wedding dress, decorations, flowers, hall, groom's ring, etc., had all been paid for. The bridesmaids had paid for their gowns, but our daughter reimbursed them.

Harold feels no obligation to share any of these expenses, although he was the one who wanted a big wedding.

Harold has asked for the engagement ring back, but he's not willing to pay half of the expenses, and I don't think she should return it until he has reimbursed us.

What do you think about this, Abby?

MOTHER OF THE BRIDE

DEAR MOTHER: Since Harold refuses to reimburse you for any of the expenses, and a fair amount of money was lost, I suggest that you consult an attorney about the ring as well as his share of the expenses.

There have been lawsuits about this dilemma, and in some cases, the court ruled that the ring belonged to the former bride.

It is possible that a court of law will order Harold to ante up a portion of the expenses.

On the positive side, your daughter should realize how fortunate she is that he jumped ship sooner rather than later.

DEAR ABBY: A column you published in 1977 saved my life. I was 4 years old and having dinner with my family. My father, sitting across from me, noticed that I was turning blue. My mother realized I was choking on a piece of potato. Just the week before, having read about it in your column, she had learned how to do the Heimlich maneuver. She performed the maneuver on me and successfully dislodged the potato.

Abby, please urge everyone to learn this technique. You never know whose life you may save.

INGRID, WILTON, CONN.

DEAR INGRID: I'm delighted you reminded me how vitally important it is to know the Heimlich maneuver. Your family's experience says it all.

For those who are not familiar with the Heimlich maneuver, call your American Red Cross and ask for a schedule of classes or demonstrations. Remember to learn the variation for infants and children as well as the standard adult procedure. (Fees/donations for classes vary by location.)

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DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Examining Life in Ohio," who seemed to have a solid marriage, but didn't think she had married her "soul mate."

I am 60 years old and have had two husbands and six gentleman friends throughout the years. I have never felt the giddy, swept-away feeling of being "in love," and I've decided that's OK by me.

Too many young women marry someone who "turns them on" only to find out some years later after the passion wanes (and it does) that they've married someone who lacks the qualities to sustain a long-standing, loving relationship. Far too many women pass up perfectly good potential mates while waiting for "Mr. Right" to come along and light their fire.

I've talked to other women who also have never been "in love," so I know there are many of us out there. One of the things we seem to have in common is a logical, rather analytical way of thinking.

DONE EXAMINING, WHITTIER, CALIF.

DEAR DONE EXAMINING: I have received a flurry of letters from readers who agree that a flaming passion is not the most important ingredient for a solid marriage. Read on for some input from the clergy:

Former Miss USA sues sultan again

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former Miss USA Shannon Marketic, who claims she was held against her will at the Sultan of Brunei's palace, filed another lawsuit in her continuing legal battle against the royal family.

London

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river and the boat basin located behind the hotel. From their window they could see 30- to 50-foot boats passing through when the tides were up.

This was especially enjoyable for Rick, who said he loves boats.

Cheerleaders in the Howards' group came from Texas and other states such as New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas and Arizona. Most of the cheerleaders were accompanied by a mother or a grandmother, and in one case four girls had no adult with them.

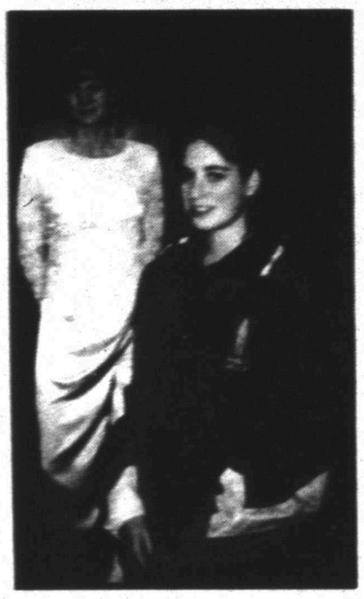
The Howards were the only family to participate in their group.

The all stars were either sophomores, juniors or seniors, and since most of the 1,300 or so cheerleaders were girls, Rick said Jeremy became "a prize commodity" for all social events and picture-taking sessions.

The UCA had strict rules for the all stars to follow and there were nightly bed checks.

The UCA provided tour buses and guides which covered a lot of territory in a short time.

The all stars were known by one of the 25 gateway cities they had arrived from. Each group was accompanied by English tour guides and escorts and American escorts.



WAX FIGURE — Katie Howard is standing next to Princess Diana's wax figure at Madam Toussaud's Wax Museum. (Contributed Photo)

Rick said he was impressed with the overall efficiency and organization of the Universal Cheerleaders Association, adding "They really took care of us."

The tour sponsors provided two meals a day, breakfast and supper. Rick said they picked up their covered continental breakfasts near the elevator where they were stacked each morning and brought them back to their room. Suppers were served at one of the hotel's two restaurants or other various restaurants.

Rick noted that the food was excellent.

Lunch was usually eaten at a major American fast food chain and they also sampled cajun food at a restaurant called Old Orleans.

Drinks were usually served without ice, unless requested.

Katie earned the invitation to march in the parade last summer during a cheerleading camp conducted by the Universal Cheerleaders Association which was then seeking cheerleaders for its 10th parade.

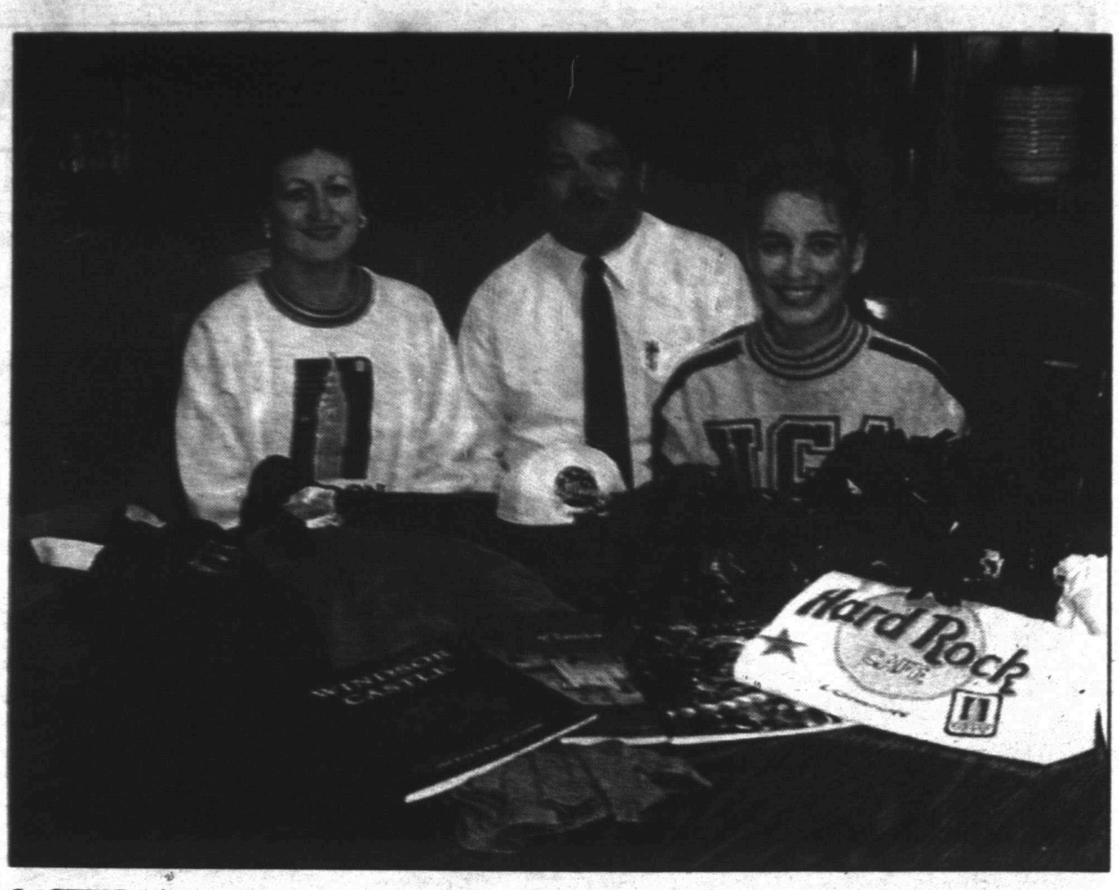
Each summer, someone from UCA comes to Ira and teaches the cheerleaders. Last summer Molly Jones taught the classes.

To audition, each of the girls who participated had to perform the dance she taught plus two cheers and a jump. Katie graded the highest so she was issued an invitation to march in the parade. The cheerleaders and accompanying family members had to pay their own way.

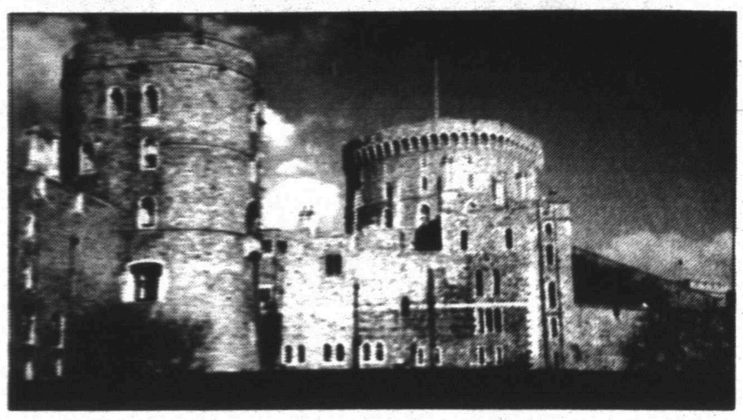
Katie later received a UCA tape of the dance she had to learn before arriving in London. Once there, all of the all stars practiced one time together, for about two hours.

Fund-raisers helped Katie earn her expenses. She sold cookbooks donated by the class of 1996 and she raffled a shot gun. She sold hugs and kisses, the Hershey's kind, at the fall festival. Individuals, including grandparents, also contributed.

Katie has been a cheerleader for the past four years and intends to try out next school year as well.



LASTING MEMORIES — Rick and Paula Howard and their daughter, Katie, recently enjoyed a week in London. Not pictured is their son, Jeremy, who also went. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



WINDSOR CASTLE — The Howards visited Windsor Castle while in London. (Contributed Photo)

DiCaprio tries to stop photos

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The July issue of Playgirl magazine may or may not have something special for Leonardo DiCaprio fans. He's working to make sure it doesn't.

DiCaprio, 23, sued Playgirl on Thursday to prevent it from publishing nude photographs of him. The lawsuit, filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court, claims Playgirl officials have refused to allow DiCaprio to view the pictures or reveal their source.

The suit seeks unspecified damages for invasion of privacy and emotional distress.

Datebook

March 28, 1998

Today is the 87th day of 1998 and the eighth day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1834, the U.S. Senate voted to remove President Jackson for withdrawing federal deposits from the Bank of the United States.

On this day in 1969, former President Eisenhower died in Washington at the age of 78.

On this day in 1976, Genesis opened its first North American tour with Phil Collins as lead vocalist.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Saint Teresa of Avila (1515-1582), religious reformer; Maxim Gorki (1868-1936), writer; Nelson Algren (1909-1981), writer; Edmund S. Muskie (1914-1996), U.S. politician; Freddie Bartholomew (1924-1992), actor; Dianne Wiest (1948-), actress, is 50; Reba McEntire (1955-), singer, is 43.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1973, Wilt Chamberlain played his last pro game — in 14 years, he never once fouled out of a game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I respect only those who resist me, but I cannot tolerate them." — Charles de Gaulle

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1964, waves more than 14 feet above the tide stage were observed along parts of the West Coast.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon.

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March 29, 1998

Today is the 88th day of 1998 and the ninth day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1886, the first batch of Coca Cola was brewed in Atlanta by John Pemberton.

On this day in 1936, Adolf Hitler got 98.8 percent of the vote in Germany's national election.

On this day in 1992, presidential candidate Bill Clinton admitted that he had used marijauna, but "didn't inhale."

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: John Tyler (1790-1862), U.S. president; Cy Young (1867-1955), baseball great; Howard Lindsay (1889-1968), playwright; Eugene McCarthy (1916-), U.S. politician, is 82; Walt Frazier (1945-), basketball great, is 53; Earl Campbell (1955-), football great, is 43; Jennifer Capriati (1976-), tennis player, is 22.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1917, the legendary racehorse Man o' War was foaled in Lexington, Ky.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "One day, everything will be well, that is our hope. / Everything's fine today, that is our illusion." — Voltaire

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1848, an ice jam caused Niagara Falls to stop flowing for 30 hours.

SOURCE: 1998 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (March 27) and first quarter (April 3).

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ATTENTION
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Procedures relating to delinquent utility bills were to have changed March 1998. However, after reviewing accounts, the notice given may not provided sufficient time to adjust to the new procedures. Please use the month of March to get your account current. The new delinquent procedure will begin as of your April 1998 billing.

1. ALL utility bills will be delinquent 10 days from the billing date and a delinquent notice will be mailed at that time.

2. The customer will have at least 7 days to respond to the delinquent notice.

3. If the bill has not been paid by the date stated on the delinquent notice, service will be discontinued.

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Universities' law pact to be reviewed by AG

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Attorney General Dan Morales is being asked to determine if Texas A&M University has the right to set up a law school without permission from the state.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on Wednesday asked Morales for his opinion on the Aggies' Jan. 23 announcement of affiliation with Houston's South Texas College of Law.

Texas A&M irked some by making the move without seeking formal permission from the coordinating board.

"Texas A&M University has not been approved or authorized ... by the Coodinating Board to include law in its mission and table of programs to establish a law school, or to offer a degree program in law," board chairman Leonard Rauch wrote in a three-page letter to Morales.

"The Coordinating Board must approve the addition of a new department, school, degree program, or certificate program at any public institution," Rauch insisted.

Texas A&M's Board of Regents was not surprised by the board's request for Morales to review the matter.

"The Board of Regents ... welcomes this review," said Don Powell, the regents' chairman. "We stand ready to provide whatever information and assistance is desired by the attorney general to expedite his review."

The Aggies have wanted to merge with the law school since 1969. Such a move would lend the little-known law school better name recognition and give Texas A&M an instant law school.

But twice — in 1969 and in 1973 — the higher education board rejected a merger between the two schools.

In its January announcement, which came after years of negotiations, Texas A&M said it would affilliate with the South Texas, sharing its name with the school while allowing it to remain independent.

The law school is now known as South Texas College of Law of Texas A&M University.

Texas A&M officials are quick to point out that no state money is involved in the affiliation. South Texas graduates cannot have the university's name on their degrees until that degree-granting authority is approved by the coordinating board.

"We acted openly and in the best of faith," said James Ashlock, a Texas A&M spokesman.

A&M says it not only consulted its attorneys but even consulted Rauch.

Rauch, a former University of Houston regent, was contacted no fewer than five times about the pact before it was signed, said law school spokeswoman Sheila Hansel.

On Nov. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 5, Rauch was consulted about the pending deal. On Jan. 12 — two weeks before the deal was signed — Rauch came to Houston to tour the law school, Ms. Hansel said.

On Jan. 14, Rauch talked about the matter with Texas A&M University President Ray Bowen.

In fact, when the deal was announced, criticism came first not from the coordinating board but from the University of Houston, which also operates a large law school just a few miles away from South Texas.

Then, on Feb. 4, Higher Education Coordinating Board Commissioner Don Brown wrote a letter to Bowen listing several concerns the board had about the agreement.

Among his concerns was the fact that Texas A&M's mission statement says nothing about training lawyers.

Texas A&M plans to work on that Friday, when officials ask the Board of Regents for permission to include law and legal studies among university programs.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Jerry D. Early, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Billy D. and Elizabeth A. Park, 1998 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Ruben Salinas, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Mike Price, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Keith Clements, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Nikko and Angeline Biggers, 1997 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Jan Habitzretter, 1997 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Samuel C. Perkins, 1999 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Associates Leasing Inc., 1997 Ford pickup from Zumwalt Ford.

Roy Rosson, 1997 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Larry Reed, 1998 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Daniel Rogotzke, 1998 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Shirley M. Bennett, 1997 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Keith Matthies Construction Co., 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Reed Rentals, 1997 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Barbara Babb, 1998 Oldsmobile from Wilson Motors.

Shane Parker, 1998 Chevrolet truck from Big Country Autoland.

Larry D. and Willita Farmer, 1998 Honda from Don Carlton Honda.

Robert G. and Sherry J. Early, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Chevron Pipeline Co., 1998 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

Ruben Molina and Stephanie Ann Martinez, both of Snyder.

Clinton Mark Wilson and Haley Sher Patterson, both of Lubbock.

Gary Lynn Digby and Jodie Maurine Shepard, both of Abilene.

Dewey Lee Hasty and Wilma Ruth Bishop, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Carla Jean Guynes vs. Christopher Michael Goebels, suit for damages, motor vehicle.

Hack Drilling Co. Inc. vs. Better Energy Sources and Technology, dba Best Resources, suit on account.

Sandra K. Nowell vs. Jim Mullen, suit for damages, motor vehicle.

Action in District Court

Anna Bell Drum, et al, vs. BT Energy, a partnership, and Oiltex International Investments Inc., default judgment for plaintiffs.

Scurry County vs. Darrell Robertson, et al, notice of non-suit.

Scurry County vs. A.E. Vernon, et al, notice of non-suit.

Scurry County vs. Lupe Zamora, et al, notice of non-suit.

Scurry County vs. Gel-Tec Drilling Fluids, et al, notice of non-suit.

Scurry County vs. Kenneth Steve Babock, et al, notice of non-suit.

Scurry County vs. Richard D. Campos, et al, notice of non-suit.

Scurry County vs. Robert Lee Vega, et al, notice of non-suit.

Deed Records

O.D. Brewer to Nina Lara, all of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 5 of the Cody Addition.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. to Warren D. and Dale E Harkins, all of Lots 1 and 4 in Block 11 of the Lundy's Park Addition.

James D. Simpson to Carolyn Sue Simpson, the north part of Lot 4 in Block 9 of the Bassridge West Addition.

Nial Gerald Maytubby to Rhonda Gail Maytubby, Lots 1 and 2 of the H&A Addition, a subdivision of 31.974 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 207, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Johnnie and Trinidad Lopez to Rosa Garza, all of Lots 7 and 8 in Block 2 of the Cody Heights Addition.

Johnny Blocker to Carol A. Durrett and Carla Ann Durrett, all of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 23 of the Bootheland West Addition.

H.E. and Vivian Lewis to Evaristo and Lorenza Zuniga, the east 50 feet of Lot 2 in Block 21 of the Original Town of Snyder.

Harold E. Huckabaa to Olia Lee Clifton, all of Lot 2 in Block 1 of the Parkway Addition.

Johnny Blocker to Richard and Terri Blocker, all of Lots 8, 13 and 14 in Block 16 of the Bootheland West Addition.

Andrew M. Cuoma, Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to Alvin R. and Glenda C. Botts, all of Lot 15 and the north 15 feet of Lot 16 in Block 3 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

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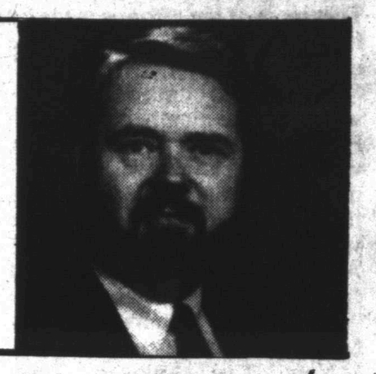
Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Keep your guard up: Protecting your business from competition

When new companies enter mature market areas, the most common strategy is to grow their business from the existing consumer base. When they want more business in your trade area they will come after your customers to generate sales.

Keeping your guard up is the best way to hold on to your present market share. It also is the foundation for keeping your business strong and growing.

Here are some tips for shoring up your defense. Sometimes in business a good defense can also provide some offense.

Business armor

•**Never ease up.** You should expect aggressive competition. Even if you're enjoying a great year, don't relax. Just read your local paper and you'll find a company or chain that's closing or laying off employees. Don't become one of them.

•**Don't get too comfortable with your customers.** You don't own any customer or even a share of the market. Every day, with every transaction, you must prove your value to your customers. It doesn't matter what you're selling — ideas, products, service, time or knowledge — you can't afford to take your customers for granted.

•**Don't get cozy with your operation.** There is a certain comfort that comes with routine. If you find yourself resisting change because you're comfortable, look out. When the speed of change outside your business is greater than the speed of change inside, you're already under attack.

•**Never stop selling.** Sell your quality. Sell your knowledge. Sell your ideas. Sell your skills and expertise. Identify the advantages and benefits you offer your customer and sell those.

•**Never assume that all your customers are the same.** They aren't. They are individuals. They have different needs, wants and problems. Gather data about your customers. Talk to them regularly. Learn from them daily. Focusing on your customers will pay solid dividends when competitors try to snag some of your market.

Don't assume that things will be better tomorrow. No, I'm not suggesting that you develop a pessimistic outlook. However, you should realize that your future is not predictable. However, because you can't predict your future, doesn't mean you can't affect it. The decisions you make today are the realities you'll live with tomorrow. Start laying the groundwork for a better future. It won't happen unless you make it happen.

•**Don't advertise the lowest price unless you're the low-cost provider.** Having the cheapest price is not a strong market position. You're vulnerable to anyone else who decides to cut price to grab sales. You can only survive the low-price game if your operation is the most efficient. There are many defunct businesses who undersold everybody.

•**Watch your costs.** It is seldom the big expenses that bankrupt a firm. It's the litle costs that cause problems. These little expenses seldom capture your attention. They are quiet and easily ignored. However they accumulate, your business will have too much fat to run the race with the swift.

•**Become obssessed with quality.** "Good enough" is "best's" worst enemy. Your competitors are improving. You must also improve to keep pace. Don't try to improve anything by 50 percent. Instead, look for 50 areas where you can improve one percent. The result is the same. Focus on getting better and getting bigger will take care of itself.

•**Start early.** In the great game of business — it's also true in life — you're never penalized for starting early. You don't have to be the smartest or run the fastest if you get an early start.

•**Never compromise your character.** The toughest competition is honest competition. Customers value integrity. You'll never go wrong by doing the right things. Especially, if you do them well.

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Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

Are liquid vitamins better than pills?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Is there a difference in nutritional value between vitamin supplements taken as pills and vitamin supplements taken in liquid form? A friend tells me that the vitamin pills I take are largely useless, as most of the nutritional value of these pills is lost in the digestive process. She believes that liquid vitamins, however, are almost totally utilized by the body. Please comment. — A.H., Del Mar, Calif.

DEAR A.H.: There should be no difference in nutrition content in a pill, a capsule or a liquid supplement. They all should contain the amount stated on the label. In terms of value, it makes no difference whether the supplement was taken as a pill or as a liquid as long as the supplement is in solution by the time it reaches the area of the small intestine where nutrients are absorbed.

The United States Pharmacopeia (USP) sets standards for strength, quality and purity of ingredients. That organization suggests that supplements should disintegrate within 45 minutes, which would provide enough time for the contents to be completely absorbed. Check to see if your brand claims to meet the USP standards. If you have any questions, you should contact the manufacturer. Pills are certainly more convenient; the idea that they are largely useless sounds like a sales pitch from a company that sells liquid supplements.

A quick, albeit crude, test to see if you're getting the nutrients out of your supplement is to put the pill in a glass half-full of warm vinegar. The pill should break apart within 45 minutes. I call this test "crude" because it doesn't duplicate the conditions that are present when supplements are taken with food.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: Is there any difference between a fat and an oil? — F.S., East Orange, N.J.

DEAR F.S.: The terms "fat" and "oil" tend to be used interchangeably, but technically, fats are solids at room temperature, while oils are liquids. The exact definition of "room temperature" varies according to the season and your geographical location.

It is not unusual for "fat" to be used as a generic term that refers to either or both.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: As a child, I grew up eating white bread and was taught that too much white bread was constipating. As an adult, I learned that wheat bread is good for us because it presents the health benefits of fiber (helps prevent cancer, cleanses the system, helps to promote weight loss and so forth). Is white bread actually constipating? Does wheat bread actually contain enough fiber for it to be considered not constipating but cleansing? Please help clarify this; I'm confused. — K.J., New Orleans

DEAR K.J.: White bread is not constipating in that it does not slow down the passage of foods through the intestines. However, because it is often made from little besides flour, leavening and water, white bread contributes little to the unabsorbed bulk traveling through the intestines. Keep in mind, though, that about 90 percent of the bread (and cereal) sold in the United States is made with enriched flour. White flours are usually enriched with niacin, riboflavin, thiamine and iron up to the levels found in the whole wheat flour. The "whole grain" nutrients, including magnesium, zinc, vitamin B-6, folate and fiber, are usually not present. When the data about the need for dietary fiber began to emerge, a number of bread manufacturers began to "add" fiber to white bread. Check the nutrition label and the ingredient statement to see if fiber is present in your brand. If fiber is in the product, the bread will be "cleansing," to use your term. The story is the same for wheat bread, which is often the identical product. White breads are made from wheat flour and many "wheat breads" are nothing more than white bread with added caramel (brown) coloring. The whole grain exceptions are those breads made from "whole wheat," where whole wheat is listed first on the ingredient list. These whole grain products contain all of the wheat's nutrients, fiber included.

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Are books a black and white issue?

Ian Shoales

I won't go so far as to call it a conspiracy, but there does seem to be an ongoing effort to make San Francisco look as silly as possible. That most of the effort is made by its citizens is even more mysterious.

The latest to climb on that bandwagon are the members of the San Francisco Board of Education, who last week recommended that public schools require reading lists be updated to include more works by "people of color." According to board member Keith Jackson, black students will more "identify with authors like Terry McMillan and Alice Walker."

Now I've enjoyed Terry McMillan and Alice Walker, just as I've enjoyed reading Vladimir Nabokov and Raymond Chandler. But I can't say that I "identify" with any of them. Why the hell do you want to "identify" with an author anyway?

Do people read science fiction or mysteries or horror novels or romances or Danielle Steele to identify with them? Of course not! They read these books because they "don't." How can you "identify" with Achilles at the walls of Troy? He might as well be from another planet. "The Iliad" is about the doomed antics of mysterious extinct warriors. What more do you want? What more do you need?

Take Hamlet, Mrs. Dalloway, Emma Bovary, Easy Rawlins of Celie ... they're not my buddies. They're not my mom. They're characters in books. They're made-up creatures in a make-believe world. You can go there with them or not, but please spare me this bureaucratic twaddle about "identification." If I wanted to read about people like me, I'd curl up with my journal every night, if I kept one.

To this white male of European desent, this "identification" business sounds like a late surge of that lamebrain movement in the '60s to make education more "relevant." Remember that? Folk rock? Black power? Calling Paul Simon or Bob Dylan lyrics "poetry?" Hermann Hesse? "Soul On Ice?" Photo collages? Snoopy posters?

Well, I suppose no great harm was done. And it can be argued that any required reading list that omits "Silas Marner" once and for all is on its face a better reading list. Anything that gets kids excited about reading is fine with me. I have no problem with that.

But what's wrong with adventure, escape, passion and romance as means to increase literacy? Why do our educational nabobs always turn to feasibility studies, statistics and sociology for solace? Their idea of light reading is a refrigerator manual. Hey, we can all identify with refrigerators. Refrigerators are relevant, aren't they?

For all their talk of diversity, and multiculturalism, these race-baiting clowns betray themselves by their very proposal. They don't want kids of color to enjoy reading. They want these kids to grow up to be dull, stodgy whinners, just like them, clutching reports like a miser with gold. Their highest joy is a committee meeting.

What does their resolution propose? First, that the number of required novels in high school be raised from three to 10. That's fine. Three of these would be chosen by the students themselves. OK. "Of the remaining seven," according to the San Francisco Chronicle, "four would be by non-white authors."

See, it's not the books that matter, it's the numbers. It's the 40 percent solution to a problem only they believe exists. Why 40 percent? Why not 30? Why not 60? Why not 100?

(It reminds me of Black History Month. Why just one month? Why not two? Why not 12? Why is it February, the shortest month of the year? Is this an honor, or a veiled insult?)

And if you're an "author of color," how would you feel about this 40 percent figure? I'd tell you how it would make me feel, if I can "identify" with a fictitious author of color for a moment. It would make me feel like bored high school kids in San Francisco are only reading my books because they have to.

$elling paper clip$ to Congre$$

Bill McClellan

I'm saving paper clips, so if you send me a letter, an article or other item for the newspaper — even something that doesn't need to be attached to anything — toss in a paper clip, OK?

Thanks.

I'm looking to make a deal with the government.

I'm hoping to sell my clips to Congress. My idea is that Congress will then sell them to the Pentagon. We'll all make a profit.

I had hoped to cut out the middle man and peddle them straight to the Pentagon. There's a lot more profit to be made that way. But it seems Congress is upset right now over some audits into purchasing practices at the Pentagon. So I'll have to go through our esteemed Senators and Representatives to work a deal.

I began collecting paper clips some years back and now have enough to fill a couple of big drawers. There's at least a million of them in there, by my guess. Heck, there may be two million. I'm not going to count them. I'll let Congress do that.

I figure I'll charge five dollars apiece if *they* count the clips, seven bucks each if I do it.

Either way, it's cheap goods. Low cost, I mean. Heck, these are quality paper clips.

Five dollars is nothing compared to the $76 dollars the Pentagon spends for a screw, or the $714 it spends for an electrical bell.

That's what recent audits showed, anyway. Those prices have Congress pretty upset, especially since the audits also revealed that the screws used to cost 57 cents each. The little electric dinging bells sold for just $47.

Wow. I guess that's why they call it inflation, huh?

I figure, you know, the Pentagon probably needs paper clips in addition to sheet metal screws and dinging bells. I hope to win the contract.

If five dollars sounds a tad high, I can lower the price. Heck, I'm a loyal American. I'll sell them at cost and just let the government pay storage.

That's an agreement companies and governments work out so that everything looks nice on paper for the taxpayer.

They buy bells for $47 apiece but pay $667 storage on each one. Yeah, we can work this out, I'm sure of it.

Jacques Gansler — the Pentagon acquisition chief — claims the figures turned up in the audits are "isolated" cases.

Oh well. OK.

But wait a minute. Aren't screws like *the most basic* part of anything? I mean, you may only need four sheets of metal at $10 a sheet, but if it takes 550 screws at $76 a screw to put them together, you have a $41,840 box. And that doesn't even take into consideration the bells.

No wonder, Congress is upset. If they aren't agonizing over some dumb, dinging bell bill, they're having to deal with Bill, dinging some dumb belle.

You know, somebody really should demand an investigation.

www.wbuffalo.com/users/rowdie

Editorial Comment

Year 2000 problem

The Advocate, Baton Rouge, La.

Never fear: The federal government is on top of the massive computer glitch expected in the year 2000.

The military, for instance, will have worked out the millennial bugs in its most critical computer functions by 2009, the 10th year of the new millennium, at the current rate of repair.

Not too reassuring? Well, that date doesn't even include many other less-critical computer systems. And the Defense Department is not even the furthest behind in fixing the glitch.

The State Department will have its most important systems ready to take on the new century by the 14th year of that century, under current projections. The Labor Department is a relative marvel of efficiency: Bugs for its more crucial computer functions will be worked out by 2003. ...

The federal government expects to spend at least $4.7 billion, and possibly twice that much, to fix the problem. But, at current rates of reprogramming, even critical computer functions won't all be fixed anytime near the official March 1999 deadline. ...

We expect that, somehow, things will be all right come Jan. 1, 2000. But, boy, is the government ever cutting it close.

Sexual harassment

The Gazette, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

President Clinton faces seemingly endless allegations from women claiming he subjected them to sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual intimidation. Ad nauseam.

The Army's senior noncommissioned officer is hauled before a court martial to face charges of sexually inappropriate actions, then is acquitted except for obstruction of justice.

The career of the first female to command an Air Force bomber is toast after accusations that she engaged in behavior — sexual, of course — unbecoming an officer. ...

The list goes on.

Many are inclined to look the other way. They fuss about others poking noses into matters that are none of their business. They fret about the contrast — having a preoccupation with salaciousness when the nation's economy is humming like a well-oiled sewing machine. ...

Setting aside the element of measurable damage, however, Americans should meet these causes celebre with more profound questions: What's wrong in this country? If sexually oriented misbehavior occurs at such an egregious pace and in such exceptional circumstances, why is it? Does a fat paycheck heal all wounds? ...

McKinney acquittal

Springfield (Ohio) News-Sun

Whether or not the acquittal of Sgt. Maj. Gene McKinney on all counts of sexual misconduct was fair, the case may discourage other women from reporting sexual harassment. That would be a setback for the Army and the women who serve in it.

The Army has declared it will change a culture in which sexual harassment has not been taken seriously. Key to that effort is persuading women to come forward if they are subjected to unwanted and improper sexual advances, particularly by superior officers.

But no one expects female soldiers to report harassment if they believe doing so will hurt them and not the harasser. The tactics used in McKinney's defense and the retribution heaped on his accusers would certainly foster such a belief.

Letters

The Ducks

To the Editor:

RE: "Texas is lagging behind the times," March 22, 1998.

Did you see the Associated Press story out of Texas?

This is just another example of how heathen we are here in Oregon. We may have a contingency disaster plan for getting our lottery back on line, but it pales with the news out of Garland. We can play the lotto or the video poker machines but in fact should be watching Channel 18. Gosh, it seems that you folks have the real scoop, and perhaps Texas doesn't need a plan. Heck, all you folks have to do is watch the local television and hit the big jackpot.

The spotted owl and the lumberjack may be adversaries, but the sect from Garland has shown, without question, that with its remarkable insights and intuitive recognition that not only did God not appear on Channel 18, but that what they preach is nonsense, just as the column you ran is pure nonsense.

Now I am pretty sure what our lottery commission has proposed may sound asinine to you sophisticated Texans, it nonetheless suits the needs of the antisocial, antigovernment, redneck, Smith & Wesson toting militia. Heck we can't all be good old boys with our Bubba Laws, sitting in our pickups with faux Stetsons and Tony Lama boots, and steer horns mounted on the hood, without a plan to gamble in the face of disaster.

Perhaps you should get your priorities straight and start right away to have your Lottery Commission get in tune with the times. After all, the progressive state of Oregon has its disaster plan in line, and should Texas be so far behind?

One more thing, we resent being called The University of Oregon "Duck." Get it straight, Mr. Editor, we are the "Ducks," and the next time you refer to them as "Duck" it may be you who is "ducking."

Patti Woods
Sweet Home, OR

Kids hate to have mystery writers for moms

Deanie Francis Mills

In conjunction with my work as an author of suspense thrillers, I belong to a number of professional organizations, including the International Association of Crime Writers, Mystery Writers of America and Sisters in Crime. This month's Sisters in Crime newsletter contains a piece written by Denise Camp, who also edits her Memphis chapter's newsletter, "Dead to Writes."

I got such a kick out of the article that I showed it to my daughter, who laughed out loud, so I decided to reproduce it here. It's called, "Ten Reasons Why Kids Hate to Have Mystery Writers for Mothers."

But before I share Ms. Camp's Ten Reasons, I must tell you a funny story of my own along those lines. When my son was about 11 or 12, I wrote a book called Spellbound, which dealt with satanic cults and ritualistic crimes. I spent some nine months doing in-depth research for that book, visiting with law enforcement officers, studying crime scene photographs, and of course, reading everything I could get my hands on about the subject. At the time, there was a great deal of public hysteria and panic about cult activity, and I wanted to make sure that my book, although a work of fiction, did not contain any information which was not soundly based on fact.

Usually I keep piles of books beside my bed which are related to whatever subject I'm researching at a given time, and during that period, I read a book called "Satan Wants You" by Arthur Lyons. The book featued red lettering on a black book jacket and depicted the High Priest of the so-called Church of Satan, Anton LaVey — who's pretty creepy-looking even in broad daylight — glowering out from the cover.

I may be a busy author, but I'm a pretty hands-on mom, and one day I took my son aside and said, "Hey, Dustin, how come none of your friends come over here anymore? We haven't had a sleepover in weeks."

He stared at the ceiling, then at his feet, then across the room, and finally stammered out an explanation. It seems the last time he had any company, they'd come into my bedroom and spotted "Satan Wants You."

"And Mom," he said, "well ... the truth is that all my friends are scared of you."

We still get a laugh out of that, but they did grow older and eventually, I became that most prized of all appellations: A Cool Mom. After all, not many teens have moms who do stuff like hang out with FBI agents, dig up corpses with homicide detectives, ride patrol with big city cops, and discuss explosives with counter-terrorism experts. (The bad news is that there was very little mischief my son could get into that I didn't figure out eventually, but that's another column.)

So without further ado, here are the Ten Reasons Why Kids Hate to Have Mystery Writers for Moms, by Denise Camp:

1. When you mention "The Body Farm," they're afraid you'll go there for vacation instead of the beach.

2. They resent all the information of forensic pathology you gather when they tell you they want to go into medicine for a career. (Not to mention all the perfectly good movies you ruin by dissecting the technical accuracy — or lack thereof, adds DFM.)

3. They get caught reading in bed late at night because you know to look for clues like a still warm bedside lamp. (DFM once learned how to eavesdrop on portable phone conversations while researching a book on electronic surveillance, much to the chagrin of her son.)

4. They are embarrassed when you announce at a restaurant's salad bar, "I think I'll poison this guy's food to kill him instead of stabbing him like I did the last one."

5. You ask them to crawl inside a trunk at the local discount mart to see which one a body could fit in best.

6. You get so caught up in a murder scene you dial 9-1-1 when they come home from school because you think it's a burglar.

7. You read True Crime and Gun Digest instead of Good Housekeeping like the other moms.

8. You ask for your daughter's new boyfriends' fingerprints, DNA samples, and plasters of their tennis shoes and tire tread weeks before you actually allow her to go out with him. (Nah. Just have a cop friend run a license check, says DFM.)

9. You use the school's PTA roster for new names of characters in your books.

10. They are afraid to invite friends to the kitchen lest their guests read the shopping list posted on the refrigerator that mentions "daggers, bullets, handcuffs," or discover stranger things than twist-ties in your junk drawer.

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Study questions value of growth hormones

LONDON (AP) — Injections of growth hormone can add about 3 inches to the height of a short girl who does not have a hormone deficiency, according to study published Friday.

Growth hormones have been widely used to help abnormally short youngsters grow taller, but their usefulness has been questioned in cases where the patient has a normal hormone level.

But the new study, by Dr. Elizabeth McCaughey and colleagues and published in The Lancet medical journal, suggests the treatment does help these youngsters catch up, although the cost is high — roughly $30,000 per inch of growth.

"Height gain and possible psychosocial benefits have to be balanced against financial cost," the study said. "No significant psychosocial benefits have yet been shown."

McCaughey, who works at Southampton University Hospitals, set up a study with 10 short but healthy girls who had normal growth hormone levels and gave them growth hormone injections.

She compared them with eight short girls with normal hormone levels who were not given the injections and 20 short untreated girls who were examined at the beginning of the study but declined to be monitored throughout, but agreed to be measured at the end.

At the start of the study, the girls were an average of 8 years old and shorter than the average for their age. By age 16, the girls who received treatment grew on average 3 inches more than the average untreated girl, and 2.4 inches more than the girls who declined to participate throughout.

Some previous studies have suggested that a growth spurt induced by hormone injections is wiped out by lower-than-expected growth during puberty, but McCaughey said her study showed no evidence of that.

Further studies would be needed to determine whether boys respond in the same way, she said.

Last year, the American Academy of Pediatrics recommended that children not be treated with growth hormones unless they met certain criteria, such as being deficient in natural growth hormones or having a kidney ailment that would retard growth.

In the United States, the National Institutes of Health estimated in 1994 that 20,000 U.S. children have taken the drug, with 8,000 of those receiving it solely for cosmetic reasons.

Dr. Darrell Wilson, a pediatric endocrinologist at Stanford University, noted that there has been a debate about whether children should be treated if they don't have hormonal deficiencies.

Scientists disagree over the ethics of treating short but otherwise normal children with hormone injections.

Back To Basics

By Ellen Baker

It may be early spring on the calendar, but now is the time to plan for fall at Western Texas College. WTC provides a quality education at one of the lowest costs around, and about 70 percent of our students will receive some type of financial assistance. If you have not completed a free application for a federal student aid form available from WTC and all area high schools, it takes 4-6 weeks to process if you mail it, but you can also bring your form to our financial aid office and send your information electronically, which should have your results back in half the time. Call to schedule an appointment. We'll be glad to help.

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We have begun awarding academic and athletic scholarships for the 1998-99 year. If you have good grades and if you did well on the ACT or SAT we encourage you to fill out a WTC scholarship application. If you have questions about an academic scholarship, please call our financial aid office. If you would like to compete on our rodeo team, golf team or basketball team, or try out for next year's cheerleading squad, now is the itme to contact the coaches.

Careful planning now will help to ensure a successful enrollment in the fall. Let us know how we can help you.

Western Texas College is located at 6200 South College Avenue in Snyder. The admissions office is the Student Center. In Snyder, the phone number is 573-8511 ext. 394. Outside of Snyder, call us toll-free at 1-888-GO TO WTC (468-6982).

Senior Center Menu

MONDAY

Creole steak, rice pilaf, golden hominy, pears and cottage cheese, chocolate chip cookies

TUESDAY

Tamale pie, refried beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, gingerbread w/ whipped topping

WEDNESDAY

Braised pork chop, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, asparagus, pickled beets and onion, fruited gelatin chiffon

THURSDAY

Chicken & dumplings, green peas, carrots, lettuce salad, apple cobbler

FRIDAY

Fried fish, whole kernel corn, brussel sprouts, jellied vegetable salad, pineapple flop cake.

Senior Center News

The following activities are planned next week at the Senior Citizens Center.

—Monday: Bridge, 9:30 a.m.; domino tournament, 10 a.m. and exercise at 11 a.m.

—Tuesday: 42/88 at 9:30 a.m.; exercise at 11 a.m.; Golden Kiwanis Club will meet at noon; swimnastics at Western Texas College 2:15-3:45.

—Wednesday: Kitchen Band will play at Snyder Healthcare Center at 10 a.m.; Wednesday Trio at 11 a.m.— line dancing at 1 p.m.; income tax aide 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m.

—Thursday: Tri-chem at 9 a.m.; Sunshine Choir practice at 10 a.m.; exercise at 11 a.m.; and swimnastics at WTC from 2:15-3:45 p.m.

—Friday: Blood pressure clinic, 9:30 a.m.; bridge, 9:30 a.m. and exercise at 11 a.m.

Daily activities include dominoes, quilting, pool, walking in the gym, exercise bikes, jigsaw puzzles, magazines and books for seniors to borrow.

The Golden Kiwanis fish fry is scheduled for Sunday, April 5, from 11-1:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased early at the center or from any Golden Kiwanian. Tickets will also be available at the fish fry.

May Day is five weeks away and seniors are encouraged to begin considering what they might contribute to the fund-raising effort such as baked goods, crafts working in booths, selling BBQ tickets, entertaining, and helping with early preparations for the silent auction.

Center staffers would like to welcome the Mobil cooking team into their arm of volunteers. They will be preparing the brisket for the barbecue. "We are excited to have them help us service the seniors of our community," staffers say.

They add, "Our Senior Center is one of the best in the state and volunteers make that possible through their daily efforts."

Anyone having spare time is asked to considering joining. The center is located at 2603 Ave. M. Call 573-4035 for more information. New volunteers will always have a job.

Scurry County Service Men & Women

Editor's Note: Citizens are invited to write their servicemen and servicewomen stationed stateside and overseas. Anyone having additions, changes or corrections to the list should submit them in writing to Snyder Daily News, P.O. Box 949, Snyder TX, 79550 or bring them by the office at 3600 College Ave. Sorry, no addresses will be accepted over the telephone.

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Matt Genuchi

Genuchi named outstanding

Matthew Genuchi, former Snyder resident, has been selected as the Outstanding Male Student of the Lubbock Youth Symphony Orchestra.

A senior at Amarillo High School, Matt has been a member of the French Horn section of the Lubbock Youth Symphony Orchestra for three years.

Nominations for the award were made by fellow Youth Symphony musicians, instructors and conductors. The recipient was selected from the nominees by the Education Committee of the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors.

The board of directors presented the award to Matt at a banquet celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Lubbock Youth Symphony Orchestra.

The anniversary concert was performed March 8 and included an original composition by Steven Paxton, "World Riffs," composed especially for the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra in honor of its 10th anniversary.

Matt is the son of David and Anne Creswell of Amarillo and Larry and Pat Genuchi of Brownsville. He is the grandson of Sam and Kathy Stephens of Snyder.

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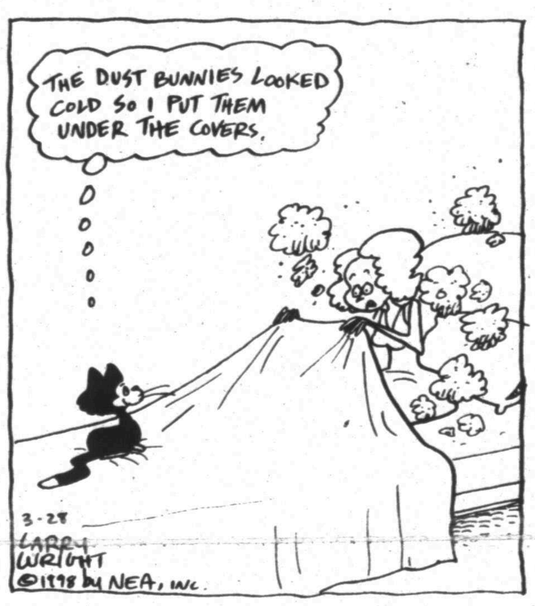

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15 Type of pig
16 — Lingus (airline)
17 Noun suffix
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21 Get up
23 Chinese pagoda
26 Large wading bird
28 Team
29 Meal scrap
30 Jog
31 Cheese dish
33 Rope
36 Medicinal amount
37 Dutch town
38 Woman's name
40 Garden tools
41 Matched pair
42 Compiler of game rules
44 Explosive inits.
45 U. S. soldiers
46 Chinese philosophy
48 Egg dish
51 Teenage — Ninja Turtles
55 Force
56 Beautiful young man
57 Valuable item
58 Sewer's need

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9 — Tin Tin (movie dog)
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LuzMaria Quiros

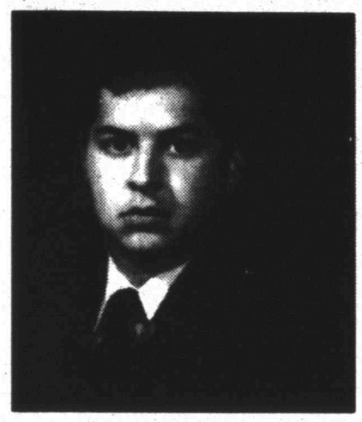
Quiros completes basic training

Air Force Airman 1st Class LuzMaria H. Quiros has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received training in human relations.

Quiros is the daughter of Juan B. and LuzElarba H. Quiros of Snyder.

She graduated from Snyder High School in 1996.



James A. Trevino

Trevino completes navigator training

Air Force 2nd Lt. James A. Trevino has graduated from joint undergraduate navigator training at Randolph Air Force Base near San Antonio.

The 24-week joint flying training course prepares Air Force, Navy and international graduates for navigator or naval flight officer duties in airlift, tanker, transport and patrol type crafts.

Trevino is the son of Arthur A. and Linda C. Trevino of Snyder.

He graduated from De Soto High School in 1992 and received a bachelor's degree in 1996 from the University of North Texas.

Brown enlists

ARLINGTON — Micah Donette Brown of Snyder enlisted in the Air Force on March 4. Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six week basic training course at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, she is scheduled to receive technical training in the computer operator apprentice career field.

Brown, a 1996 graduate of Snyder High School, is the daughter of Michael and George Anne Brown.

Tandy Scholars named at SHS

Four Snyder High School students have been named Tandy Technology Scholars, and will each receive a certificate. They are Laura Collins, Christie Garner, LaTrisha Lee and Casity Reneau.

The academic top two percent of graduating seniors are eligible to receive certificates recognizing their academic achievements. There are no cash awards in this category.

Tandy Technology Scholars were created nine years ago to encourage excellence and competition in mathematics, science and computer science.

57 killed in Algeria

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Armed groups in insurgency-wracked Algeria slaughtered 57 people in two massacres during the night, security forces said today.

In the first massacre, in the village of Bensekrane near the Moroccan border, 11 people had their throats slit in what has become the hallmark of Islamic militant attacks.

In Djelfa, 150 miles south of Algiers, 46 more people were killed.

Will robot surgeons save lives on battlefield?

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — It looks like a giant bionic fly that has found work as a tailor.

It looms over a small table, moving its black metal arms and silver pincers quickly and silently. Elbows spread wide and camera-lens eyes unblinking, it deftly sews two rubber hoses together.

About 12 feet away, Army Lt. Col. Christoph Kaufmann leans forward in his chair, peering down into a large black box. Below, he holds scissorlike handles at the end of two mechanical arms. He too makes sewing motions.

Every move of his hands is mimicked instantly by the bionic fly.

It's a little like that scene in "The Wizard of Oz" when Toto pulls back the curtain to reveal the real wizard. And the reality here sounds just as fantastic: The device Kaufmann is demonstrating may one day let surgeons behind the battle lines operate on soldiers at the front.

The bionic fly is called TeSS, for Telepresence Surgery System. The Pentagon has spent about $3 million for its development, and now it's going to find out what TeSS can do.

Within the next few months, Kaufmann and his military colleagues at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences will start putting it to the test, operating on dummies, cadavers and anesthetized animals. And in two or three years, they'll have a better idea how useful it could be on the battlefield.

The idea is to do surgery at the front without putting surgeons in the line of fire. Still, it's clear that TeSS won't replace standard surgical care behind the lines, said Kaufmann, a trauma surgeon who sewed up soldiers in Operation Desert Storm.

Soldiers with simple wounds will still wait to be evacuated. If an explosion blows away half a leg, a medic will still apply a tourniquet and get the soldier to human surgeons fast.

On some future battlefield, a soldier whose lung has collapsed might be hustled into an armored vehicle, where a surgeon-guided robot slips a tube into his chest. His buddy, whose face is so badly damaged he can't breathe, might inhale again after the robot cuts a hole in his throat.

Some future version of TeSS might help a medic put packing in a ripped-open abdomen to control bleeding, or put a large intravenous line into a soldier's groin because his arms are too badly burned for a regular IV.

Say a bunch of injured soldiers are contaminated by unknown chemical or biological weapons. Or a soldier is wounded by an unexploded shell that lies like a booby trap in his body.

"I think it would be more appropriate to save a surgeon and put a machine at risk," Kaufmann said.

None of this is will happen anytime soon. It could take five years to 10 years, Kaufmann said.

TeSS is amazing, said his colleague Dr. David Burris. Even with a less advanced version, "I've operated on a pig three stories down in a parking lot ... I could sew his gut together just as well as if I were standing beside it."

If you peer down into Kaufmann's black box, grab the scissorlike handles and give TeSS a test drive, you quickly start believing you're wielding those pincers yourself. It's like you're working with two pairs of tongs at a barbecue grill.

You see the pincers on a TV screen, but they appear in three dimensions because of glasses you wear. The pincers respond instantly to your hand motions, and open or close when you manipulate the handles. But most startlingly, you feel what they feel. When a pincer bumps something or pulls the surgical thread taut, you sense the resistance.

The illusion is powerful. Recently, when a reporter tried his hand at operating TeSS, Kaufmann put a needle in one of the pincers and pushed it toward the robot. The reporter jumped back from the box to avoid getting jabbed. Of course, the needle was nowhere near.

TeSS works through a computer that monitors the operator's movements and sends commands to 28 electric motors in the robot. TeSS is connected to the computer and the black box by a bundle of cables that's as thick as Kaufmann's wrist.

And that illustrates a big problem with taking a robot surgeon into the battlefield. Huge amounts of data have to be sloshed back and forth without delay between the robot and the human surgeon. Cables obviously can't be used in battle, and trying to send this data torrent by present-day radio links would be like running a four-lane freeway into a two-lane bridge.

Technological tricks might overcome that, but there are other concerns: What if the enemy jams the signal during surgery? Or what if the robot malfunctions?

Burris suspects that improved training for medics might be a better investment than robot surgeons. He warns that if robot surgeons are deployed, training for medics shouldn't be slighted.

When the technology breaks down, Burris said, there's a 19-year-old medic on the ground. "If he's well trained, (he) might be able to save the life of his buddy. If he's not well trained, he might watch his buddy die."

In any case, the first and most widespread uses for machines like TeSS may be far from battlefields.

Civilian surgeons might rehearse operations with such a device, programmed to mimic particular patients, Kaufmann said. If real operations were done through a TeSS-like device, it could be set to keep the surgeon out of dangerous territory. Or it could give a surgeon the equivalent of extremely tiny hands for delicate surgery, by greatly magnifying the surgeon's view while scaling down his motions.

Already, in Europe, a few patients have been operated on with a remote-control surgery device that works through tubes inserted through small holes in the body.

"Within our lifetime we'll see benefits," Kaufmann said. "This technology is not going to go away. It's too neat."

Hepatitis A outbreak gets blood quarantined

MOULTON (AP) — Blood collected during a recent blood drive at Moulton High School has been quarantined.

In recent weeks, 15 people have been confirmed to have Hepatitis A, and 47 others are suspected of having it. Officials say they want to rule out any chance that any of the blood was infected with the Hepatitis A virus.

Shelly Prestige, director of community relations for the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center in San Antonio, said Thursday that the center collected 13 units of blood at the Moulton High drive about two weeks ago.

"Right now, we have quarantined all of the blood," Ms. Prestige told The Victoria Advocate.

Those who donated blood are being asked specifically if they ate at Kloesel's Steak House in Moulton. The restaurant is the suspected source of the outbreak.

Hepatitis A attacks the liver and can result in a yellowing of the skin and eyes known as jaundice. Its symptoms are similar to any intestinal infection. People with the disease will likely suffer from vomiting, fever, loss of appetite, diarrhea and stomach pain.

Medical officials say it is spread through fecal/oral transmission. People can contract it by eating food or using utensils handled by a person with fecal matter on his hands.

Four of the 15 people known to be suffering from the disease work at the steak house, and many others were patrons there.

Harvey Kloesel, owner of the restaurant, said he understands people's fear of the disease. Members of his family are among those who have been stricken with Hepatitis A.

"We're working really hard with the health board and they're working really hard with us," Kloesel said. "It can happen so fast. You can have a clean place and one person can infect things and spread this in one day."

Although health officials have inspected the restaurant and declared it safe, they announced Wednesday that anyone who ate at the restaurant between Feb. 15 and March 15 is at risk of developing the disease.

The time frame is important because it takes about one month after being exposed to the virus for the Hepatitis A disease to develop, health officials said. That gestation period also makes it difficult to pinpoint where the disease started. The blood center is using the same one-month time frame for interviewing donors, Ms. Prestige said.

If anyone who donated blood ate at the restaurant or has other risk factors, their blood will not be used, she added.

Principal Gene Harrison said that so far, no students at the high school have contracted the disease. Harrison and many others at the school were unable to donate blood during the drive because of a flu outbreak in Moulton.

Becomes TV producer

NEW YORK (AP) — Joe Montana has gone from Super Bowl stardom to trying to manuever around a karate kick from a 7-foot kangaroo.

That was one of his duties as executive producer and spokesman for a new children's TV series "Adventures with Kanga Roddy." Kanga Roddy was not a real kangaroo Thursday, but a man in a kangaroo costume.

Montana has a special tie to the series which is being shown on public television stations around the country.

DQ manager receives award

GRAHAM — At the recent Richeson All-Star Reunion I Leadership Conference, Snyder Dairy Queen manager Patricia Brown received an award honoring her for 5 years of service.

Brown began her Richeson Dairy Queen career as a teenager when she went to work for her mother, Helen Grimes, who managed various Dairy Queen stores.

The March 10-11 reunion held at Faith Center brought together managers from all 45 Dairy Queen stores located thoughout the Wichita Falls, Abilene, Dallas/Fort Worth areas.

Among the topics at the meetings and seminars Brown attended were marketing, advertising, food quality control and customer service.

RECEIVES AWARD — Richeson President Doris Richeson (left) presented Patricia Brown, Snyder Dairy Queen manager, with a 5-year service award at the recent conference held in Graham. (Contributed Photo)

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Surgeons slice heart to make it work better

WASHINGTON (AP) — Surgeons peer through a fist-sized hole in William George's side: The top of his heart is shaking like a blob of grape Jell-O.

That quivering is the reason George lies unconscious on an operating table at Georgetown University. Hearts are supposed to contract and release in a steady beat — lub-DUB, lub-DUB. George's misses most "lubs" because of a dangerous irregularity called atrial fibrillation.

It not only causes an uncomfortable flutter in George's chest. It leaves him utterly exhausted as his heart struggles to pump blood — and puts him at dire risk of a stroke. Every drug failed.

So George, a 56-year-old obstetrician from Albany, Ga., sought the creator of a radical cure: Dr. James L. Cox, who will slice the top chambers of George's heart into pieces, then sew them back together. The resulting maze of scar tissue will act as a circuit breaker, blocking his heart's electrical current from skittering aimlessly and guiding it along the right path.

Cox will make these delicate cuts not in old-fashioned open-heart surgery but through a mere 3½-inch slice in George's side, guided by a tiny, wide-angled video camera inserted through the opening.

"Every step you do is a new step — a different angle, a different problem," Cox says two hours into the operation.

It has taken this long to cut the skin between George's fourth and fifth ribs, carve through three layers of muscle, deflate George's spongy pink lung and tether the diaphragm muscle out of the way, like tying down a tent.

Now it's time to slice the purplish right atrium.

"Here we go," Cox says.

About 2 million Americans suffer atrial fibrillation. Cox's mother died of it.

"It's like you can't put one foot in front of the other. People don't realize how debilitating it is," George said.

Drugs can help control the heartbeat. Sometimes hearts are shocked back into proper rhythm. But about half of the patients fail treatment. They're at risk for congestive heart failure and suffer 70,000 strokes every year.

"We didn't have the foggiest notion of what was going on with A-fib," Cox recalled, so doctors couldn't offer better help.

Then Cox solved the mystery, discovering the electrical miscues that cause A-fib and correcting them with an open-heart surgery called "Maze" that reroutes the heart's electrical activity through a maze-like mesh of cuts and stitches.

Of almost 300 patients Cox has treated since his first experiment 10 years ago, just 4 percent relapsed, and those cases were mild enough for drug therapy.

The surgery is so arduous that few A-fib patients could withstand it.

So Cox is developing a new "minimally invasive surgery" for sicker patients. Guided by the miniature camera, he creates the cuts with tiny instruments through a small hole in the ribcage, much like picking a lock.

He's done only 12 patients this way and can't yet predict long-term results. Many were up and pain-free in days. One, another cardiac surgeon, was strong enough a week later to stand seven hours at Cox's elbow, studying how to do the surgery.

In the chilly operating room, Cox jokes: "You know, with minimally invasive surgery, you send the patient to recovery and the doctor to intensive care."

He's picking clumps of yellow fat off George's heart, like the kind a cook pulls off a chicken breast. Then he slits the protective cardiac sac and exposes the quivering right atrium.

It's time to stop George's heart from beating.

In open-heart surgery, hooking up the heart-lung machine that oxygenates and pumps blood is relatively simple. But in these tight quarters, Cox must use blood vessels far from the chest. He cuts into an artery and vein in George's groin and hooks them to the tubes.

Even trickier is threading a tiny balloon inside George's groin artery and all the way up his torso until it lodges inside his heart. When inflated, it will seal out blood while Cox operates.

After several tries, the balloon holds. George's heart is stopped. Cox moves back to the chest. Watching George's heart on a video screen, Cox reaches in with a thin, long-handled scalpel and makes a T-shaped cut on the right atrium.

Cox turns the top chambers of George's heart into a patchwork quilt, marking the pieces' adjoining edges with dots of blue dye to help him later stitch the tissue back together.

Why all the cuts?

In experiments at Washington University in St. Louis, Cox had placed electrodes on beating hearts and discovered that in atrial fibrillation, electrical impulses go horribly awry. They spin in circles, like minitornadoes, instead of driving a heartbeat in an orderly path from the atria, the heart's top chambers, down into the main pumping chambers, the ventricles.

If you could prevent the currents from going into tailspin, A-fib would never happen. But how?

"Scar tissue will not conduct electrical activity. It's the perfect insulator," Cox explained.

Puzzling out the route by drawing it on a dog's atrium with a Magic Marker, Cox devised cuts that would guide the electricity along one path into the atria, then give it a way out plus a few "blind alleys," small detours to activate all sides of the heart muscle.

Almost four hours in, the surgery hits a rough spot. Cox is sewing flaps of tissue back together when the balloon sealing blood out of the heart suddenly slips. Gushing blood blocks Cox's view in midstitch. Cox barks for help, fast — he can't sew George back up if he can't see what he's doing. Nurses struggle to fit the balloon back in place and suction out the blood.

"There's got to be a better way," Cox mutters, wishing aloud for instruments better engineered to such delicate surgery.

Cox isn't alone in trying a less invasive technique: Doctors who learned the procedure from him are experimenting, too.

"What Jimmy Cox has done has been truly revolutionary," said Dr. Andrew Epstein of the University of Alabama, Birmingham. "We're hoping to find better ways to do it with a catheter."

In very early experiments, doctors are threading lasers through catheters to burn the pattern onto the heart instead of cutting it. Cox is highly skeptical: He repaired the hearts of some failed patients with deep cardiac tissue burns.

For now, Epstein cautions potential patients to seek specialists. "It's just not the kind of procedure that's going to be done in everybody's backyard," he warned.

George wakes up after surgery and for the first time in years feels a normal heartbeat.

"It's like night and day," he says from his hospital room a few days later.

George has a few painful post-surgery complications to get over but plans to quickly reopen his obstetrics and gynecology practice. Still, he'll hold off delivering babies until May.

"I like to play golf hard, I like to work hard ..., and I just couldn't do everything I wanted to do," he says. "Now I'm looking forward to just generally feeling better."

Did toxic waste get into farm fertilizer?

WASHINGTON (AP) — An environmental group estimated Thursday that 271 million pounds of toxic waste may have wound up on farm fields nationwide through fertilizer from 1990 to 1995. The industry quickly took issue with the group's conclusion.

The Environmental Working Group, a Washington-based organization that frequently studies farm issues such as pesticides and air pollution, used federal data to conclude that 600 companies in 44 states shipped 69 kinds of toxic waste to farms or fertilizer companies over the six-year period.

Although there is no proven health or environmental risk to the practice, a soil scientist said it raises numerous questions about the long-term impact of substances such as methanol, lead, cadmium, arsenic and dioxin.

"It does not make sense to spread toxic materials at whatever level out on the land that is producing our food and fiber," said William Leibhardt of the University of California, Davis.

The Fertilizer Institute said that few of the substances are truly toxic and that only about 4 percent of total fertilizer used nationwide contains the nutrients provided by industrial waste. In addition, the industry group said the practice allows for many wastes to be safely recycled.

"If these waste materials were not used in beneficial recycling, they would be filling up our nation's already crowded landfills," the Fertilizer Institute said in a statement.

The institute's board has approved a resolution calling for any new government regulations to be "scientific, health-risk based" and uniform nationally.

The steel industry accounted for about 30 percent of the waste sold over the six-year period, led by Nucor Steel of Norfolk, Va., at 26.2 million pounds. Other leading sources were electronics manufacturers and the chemical industry.

Fertilizer companies in California, Nebraska, New Jersey, Washington and Georgia received more than 143 million pounds over the six years, more than half the national total.

The toxic waste is usually shipped along with some other substance that fertilizer makers covet such as zinc, which is an important corn nutrient. Yet there are no federal regulations on the other substances, nor are there any labeling requirements on fertilizer for them — only for the beneficial ingredients.

"You've got all these toxic riders coming along and nobody has a sense of how much, what form they're in, whether they move up the food chain," Leibhardt said. "We know very little about this."

Ken Cook, president of the Environmental Working Group, said there are three legal loopholes that allow the toxins to flow into fertilizer. One allows steel companies to sell their smokestack ash with no tests, while another permits use as fertilizer if the material is considered safe for landfills.

Finally, companies can transfer waste directly to farms if it can be safely rendered harmless on land.

Cook said those loopholes need tightening and government should require all raw fertilizer materials to be tested for toxic content. In addition, he said fertilizer labels should include such substances and farms that use them should be monitored.

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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Sunday, March 29, 1998

Your probabilities for advancement in the year ahead will be enhanced in your field of endeavor, provided you build from where you are instead of searching for greener pastures.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) If you step out of character today by being nice to others only because you hope to get something in return, your ploy may crumble when tested. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It is important today you understand others like and respect you for just being you. Do not think acceptance requires pretenses of any kind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Unless you're on guard today, you might talk to the wrong people about your confidential affairs and what you wish to keep secret could become common knowledge.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Examine your motives carefully today regarding your unsympathetic treatment of a friend. Ask yourself if you're behaving this way because you're jealous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do not vacillate today where important issues are concerned. If your position is fuzzy, it'll confuse your allies as well as your opposition.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you have to work with unfamiliar tools today, first read all of the instructions, for safety's sake as well as for quality production.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Certain members of the opposite gender do find you appealing on a consistent basis, but today don't let yourself be manipulated through false flattery.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Tie a little string around your finger today if there is something very important you promised to do for another. This individual will be counting on you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It might prove better in the long run to shelve a distasteful assignment for the day. If your heart isn't in your work, your mind won't be in it either.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do not let your prudence desert you today in the management of your resources. Being wasteful now could cause you a big headache down the line.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be your usual charming, gracious self today, but don't be reluctant to assert yourself in developments where you feel you're being put upon.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Do not praise anyone today unless he or she truly deserves it. Flattery for flattery's sake could make you appear extremely insincere.

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Your Birthday

Monday, March 30, 1998

A number of major achievements could be in the offing for you in the year ahead. You'll have to earn your accolades and awards, yet Lady Luck will play a key role.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Pride might cause you to be reluctant today to ask a friend to help you advance a personal interest. There is no need to fret, because your pal will be glad to assist you if possible. Major changes are ahead for Aries in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you rationalize and begin postponing things until later, you might be ignored by Lady Luck, who is impatiently waiting in the wings to help you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Consider yourself fortunate today if you get involved with far-seeing associates. Don't be shortsighted regarding the merits of their suggestions, because they'll have something you can use.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Temporarily disassociate yourself today from persons whose objectives aren't in accord with your own. In order to succeed, solidarity of purpose is a must.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Solutions to problems can be found today through discussions with intelligent friends whom you might later forget helped unravel the riddles for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The indicators in your chart show you could reap a profit today along traditional business lines. A speculative venture, however, is a different ballgame.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your social image could be tarnished today if you lack proper decorum. Don't try to upstage others or do things that might be considered in poor taste.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) What you find enjoyable and fun today might not be as attractive to your mate. Try to keep his or her preferences in mind or you'll hear about it later.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today you might find justification for neglecting your duties in order to participate in something more enjoyable. The price you'll have to pay won't be worth it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) If you're making a major purchase today of something for the home, durability and quality should take precedence over price or trendiness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Some constructive news might come your way today that will require time to be assimilated and appreciated, because the purveypr of this information may present it strangely.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Try to conduct the more serious of your commercial affairs early in the day. Later you might be in too playful a mood to be sharp, businesswise.

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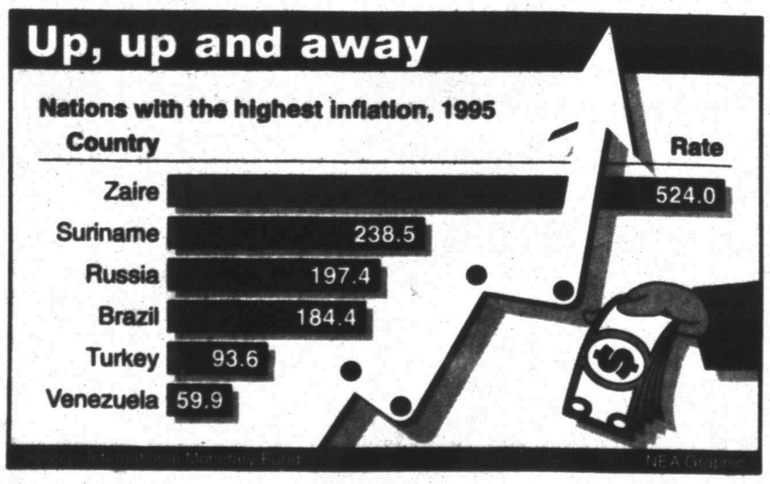
Up, up and away

Nations with the highest inflation, 1995



Zaire's inflation rate was by far the highest in the world in 1995. It was more than double that of Suriname, which had the second-highest rate in the world.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

How contagious are colds?

DEAR DR. GOTT: How long does a germ stay on an inanimate object? For example, if my husband has a cold and uses the telephone, how long is the receiver contagious? How about a doorknob? Achoo!

DEAR READER: The answer to your question depends on the microorganism and the state of the inanimate object. A warm, moist object will harbor infectious agents longer than cold, dry material will. Also, some bacteria are quickly killed by exposure to air, whereas many viruses can live outside the body for several hours.

To answer your question about your husband's cold, his viruses could remain infectious on a telephone receiver or a doorknob for hours, perhaps as much as a day. However, your chances of catching his cold by this method are remote: You would have to put your fingers to your nose or mouth almost immediately, before the micro-organisms were rubbed off during normal activities.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 84-year-old friend has had migraine headaches for which he uses oxygen. If he breathes oxygen for several minutes, the headaches stop. Why isn't this therapy more widely used?

DEAR READER: There are many causes of headaches, of which migraine is one. Treatment for migraine includes pain medication, ergotamine and sumatriptan. Oxygen is not helpful.

However, oxygen inhalation is a very effective remedy for cluster headaches. These, unlike migraine, occur sporadically, primarily in males, and are associated with symptoms of vascular irritability. Such symptoms include eye swelling, increased formation of tears and runny nose. If the headache is caught early enough, oxygen may completely abort it.

Therefore, I suspect that your friend may not have migraines at all; it's more likely that he has cluster headaches.

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

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I've heard of a drug that can be used to overcome the symptoms of prostate enlargement. My doctor hasn't heard of it, but I am interested in trying such medication because I suffer from urinary urgency and frequency.

DEAR READER: As men age and their prostate glands enlarge, several symptoms can appear. Among the most distressing are urgency and frequency; as one of my patients said, "When you gotta go, you gotta go." Such symptoms are usually the result of bladder spasms, coupled with a progressive weakness of the sphincter that controls urine flow. Therefore, any medicine that relaxes the bladder muscle will help alleviate the distressing symptoms you mentioned.

Fortunately, there are now two prescription drugs used for this purpose: Hytrin and Cardura. You might consider either. The medicines are administered in increasing doses until a satisfactory result is achieved. Because both drugs also lower the blood pressure, medical monitoring is recommended.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 59-year-old accountant who suddenly suffered tingling and numbness of my right thumb and index finger. After numerous tests, including a CT scan of my head, my doctor diagnosed a slight stroke. Specifically, he said that I had ruptured a tiny blood vessel in the lacuna, an area at the base of the brain.

I have undergone physical therapy, chiropractic adjustment and acupuncture, without improvement. My doctor said to be patient: The situation should resolve over time. Is there anything more I can do?

DEAR READER: Lacunar strokes are relatively common and cause a wide array of symptoms — usually vague sensations in one or another part of the body. Although usually caused by tiny blood clots, lacunar strokes can also result from small hemorrhages, as in your case. In these instances, anti-coagulant medication must be avoided, to prevent further bleeding. Lacunar strokes are more common in hypertensives, diabetics and smokers. Therefore, your doctor will probably monitor your blood pressure, check your blood sugar and insist that you give up cigarettes, if appropriate. Other than that, no treatment is available. With time, your symptoms should resolve.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 76-year-old husband, a smoker, has always been active. However, on the golf course a few months ago, he suddenly experienced weakness and loss of balance. Extensive testing revealed that he had lung cancer that had spread to his brain. Have you ever heard of this? He is now scheduled for radiation and chemotherapy. What are the chances that he will ever walk again?

DEAR READER: As I'm sure you have been told, this is an exceedingly serious affliction. The malignancy in your husband's lung has spread to the brain, causing severe neurological damage. This is not a rare occurrence; lung cancers often behave this way.

With the treatment you mentioned, the cancer metastases should shrink, and he may regain much of the strength that he has lost. Nonetheless, the long-term outlook is grim. While it's impossible to formulate a precise prognosis until doctors see how your husband responds to therapy, the fact that the cancer has spread does not bode well. In its present state, the malignancy is probably incurable. However, it is certainly treatable, and I believe that therapy could add several months to his life.

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

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Naomi Judd praises doctor

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Naomi Judd on Friday sang the praises of the doctor she credits with curing her liver disease.

Ms. Judd shows no signs of the hepatitis C virus that forced her to break up her singing duo with daughter Wynonna, Dr. Bruce R. Bacon said.

"This is my new duet partner," Ms. Judd, 52, said as she hugged Bacon at a news conference at Saint Louis University Hospital.

In 1990, Ms. Judd was diagnosed with the disease that she believed she contracted years earlier while working as a nurse.