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Snyder's July 4th plans are being finalized

You can almost smell the food cooking in Towle Park as July 4th draws nearer, bringing with it the Snyder's annual freedom celebration.

A prayer breakfast conducted by First Baptist Church will begin the day's activities at 8 a.m. The breakfast, held at Towle Park Pavillion, will cost $3 per person or $5 per couple. The program will begin at 8:20 a.m. and the activity is free to those who do not wish to partake of the meal.

The fishing rodeo has been cancelled this year, due to no sponsor being found for the event.

A flag raising ceremony will be held at 9 a.m. in front of the National Guard Armory.

Booths will open at that time also and chamber of commerce officials said there are still spaces available. Interested vendors should call the chamber office at 573-3558.

The chamber reminds food vendors that they are required to obtain a temporary vendor permit from the Scurry County Health Unit.

Albert and Daisy Lewis are scheduled to be the Grand Marshals of the annual parade which gets underway at 10. Prizes will be awarded for the most patriotic, most original and best all-around floats.

Pre-registration for the parade is not required. Line-up will be at 9 o'clock in the west end of the park.

The annual bicycle-decorating contest will be held with first through third place prizes given in four age categories: 5 and under, 6-8, 9-11 and 12 and older.



Those who plan to ride horses are advised the animals must have had a recent Coggins test. No roller blades will be allowed and go-carts must be driven or accompanied by an adult.

Activities throughout the day include volleyball, horseshoe and washer pitching tournaments, a three-on-three basketball tournament and a variety of music and other entertainment in the Cottonwood Flats area.

Commercial booths will be open in the Armory and park barn, offering such items as jewelry, photo albums, crafts, clothing, miniatures, knickknacks and the wildly-popular Beanie Babies.

For those wanting to take a break from the heat, Towle Park Pool will be open from 1:30 to 5 and booths throughout the park will offer iced drinks, ice cream and snowcones. Food booths registered thus far will be selling fajitas, barbecue, turkey legs, hamburgers, corn-on-the-cob, sausage-on-a-stick and a variety of other food items.

Highlighting the event will be the annual fireworks display, set to begin at dark.

Booths will open at 4 o'clock on Friday and remain open until 9 for those wishing to get a jumpstart on the festivities. Pride of Texas Shows, which is being sponsored by The Lions Club, will return once again to Snyder, opening on Wednesday and playing through the Fourth.

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NEW AT COGDELL — Norma Adams, right, new nurse executive at Cogdell Hospital, looks over a manual with fellow employees, from left, JoBeth Hardegree, Cheryl Chase and Teresa Love. (SDN Staff Photo)

New Cogdell nurse executive likes small-town atmosphere

When a medical professional decides to make a career move, there are columns upon columns of help wanted ads to choose from.

In large metropolitan newspapers, there are several pages of medical help wanted ads.

So, why would a person with 20-plus years of experience and outstanding credentials such as a nursing degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch and a master's degree in behavioral science from the University of Houston select Snyder, Texas for a career move?

"It just seemed like home," said Norma Adams, Cogdell Hospital's new nurse executive.

Adams has been on the job at Cogdell for about three weeks now, getting adjusted in her position which was formerly titled director of nurses.

Adams, who moved here from El Paso, said she had been debating about either moving to Houston or Dallas hospitals, but instead chose the Cogdell position.

"I think I was really looking for an opportunity which included both a hospital with a strong commitment to the community, as well as a family-oriented community."

"I think I have found both here in Snyder," said Adams.

Adams grew up in a small farming community in Iowa, but has spent most of her time in large cities.

She was with hospitals in El Paso for the past three years, and spent some 20 years in the Houston-Pasadena area.

It was in 1988 when she received her degree in behavorial science.

"That was a busy time," laughed Adams. "I went to work around 5 a.m. as supervisor of a heart-cath lab, then it was off to school around 2 in the afternoon."

"It was hectic. My daughter was completing her pharmacy degree at the same time. Our house was just a study hall."

Adams said her position at Cogdell allows her to have input in all aspects of hospital care.

"I am a team member with everyone at the hospital," said Adams.

Adams said another reason she took the position at Cogdell was the strength of the local physician's support for the nursing department and the entire hospital operation.

"The physicians here are real patient advocates," said Adams.

Since she has been at Cogdell, Adams said she has been focusing on staffing patterns of the nurses.

"I look at the busy times and the slow times," said Adams. "I'll be looking at patient patterns and arrange the nursing staff to be the most efficient and effective," Adams said.

Adams says Cogdell's nursing staff will not only help treat patients while they are in the hospital, but will play a major part in keeping the family healthy after they are dismissed.

"We have to ask ourselves, what can we do as nurses to help people stay well?"

Adams said she is is still getting acquainted with everything at Cogdell, and has not yet made any major changes.

"You just don't go into one's 'home' and start making changes until you first see how things are working," said Adams.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra."

It's been a while, but there's some extraordinary things going on in Scurry County.

Despite a decline in petroleum prices and a prolonged dry spell, there seems to be more optimism about the future than in several years.

The industrial park east of Snyder, with Lorber as the first major tenant, is taking shape. The 75,000-square foot building and its spinning equipment with 50 initial employees will be in production next month.

Lorber's startup represents more than three years of teamwork on the part of DCOS, city of Snyder, Scurry County, Western Texas College and many other interested parties. Watch for a grand opening in August.

And concerning Lorber, this is only the beginning.

After two years of delay, the Texas Department of Correction's Distribution Center will kickoff next month with a 60,000-square foot addition and more jobs.

YZ Industries is still looking at expanding its manufacturing facility in Snyder, adding as many as 30 new jobs.

A Dallas investment group is still looking at revitalizing the brick plant in Snyder. If that happens, there could be as many as 60 additional job opportunities.

United Supermarket has announced plans to construct a new store, starting in September. Town and Country Food Stores earlier revealed plans for a new facility at the intersection of East Highway and 37th Street.

New on College Avenue is the AutoZone Store. The Sonic recently expanded and the Noah Project-West facility for victims of family violence is fresh on the scene.

Snyder National Bank plans to refurbish a half-city block for a new drive-in facility, and Scurry County is taking over the old Diamond M building which has stood vacant.

There's a new donut shop and a new fried chicken restaurant. As far as we've been able to determine, the assisted living facility also is still on the drawing board.

Work will soon begin on phase three of Golden Terrace Village, more housing for senior citizens. At Western Texas College, the Workforce Education Center is nearing completion.

In light of the activity, it's hard not to be optimistic. A little moisture and a hike in oil prices would be icing on the cake.

Planning session sets sights on physicians

Cogdell Hospital's board of managers and administrators met last weekend in Abilene to develop a strategic plan for the coming year.

"It was a good meeting," said hospital administrator Jeff Reecer. "I think it will set the tone for hospital operations for the year."

Reecer said the group set several goals, with physician recruitment topping the list.

"We're working very hard on recruiting physicians to come to Snyder," said Reecer. "That was number one on our list of goals last year, and it will probably remain at the top of our list for the near future."

Reecer said other goals discussed include making the hospital more user-friendly for out-patient services.

"The hospital was designed for in-patient service primarily," said Reecer. "But we, like other hospitals, are developing more and more out-patient programs."

Reecer said the other goals that the group developed includes updating the hospital's information system and staff development.

"We discussed our marketing program, also. For a long time, we failed to tell the people about the good things we do here at Cogdell," Reecer added.

Reecer said other items included in the discussions included the effect the federal government's balanced budget act was having on the medical community, managed care, fraud and abuse precautions for federally funded programs and how to comply with the programs.

Besides Reecer, those attending the meeting were hospital board members Jim Bob Cave, J.B. Tate Jr., Jimmy McMillan, Dr. Mark Weaver and Stanley Martin.

Cogdell staff members at the meeting were Norma Adams, Jerry Vestal, Selina McGuire and Kathy Trout.

Steve Beck, administrator of the hospital in Seminole, chaired the meetings.

Firm still plans to build complex

A planned announcement on the construction schedule for a 42-unit assisted living complex in Snyder has once again been delayed.

"Delayed, yes. But not cancelled," Evan R. Evans, president of Merrimac Development Inc., said Friday.

"Neither we, nor the land owner are ready to close the deal at the present time," said Evans.

The firm, under the name of Tejas Living Corporation, first announced plans for the unit in May, 1997.

Electrical use remains up as temperatures rise

With no immediate relief in the forecast from the scorching summer temperatures, electricity usage is breaking record highs and officials are warning citizens across the state to take precautions.

Rand LaVonn, TU Electric spokesman, said customers set an all-time high for electricity use during a 24-hour period on June 18, then broke it the following day. The current record is 394,543,000 kilowatt hours, surpassing the previous record of 385,272,000 kilowatt hours set July 28, 1997.

LaVonn also said the company predicts its customers will set a new record for peak use as well.

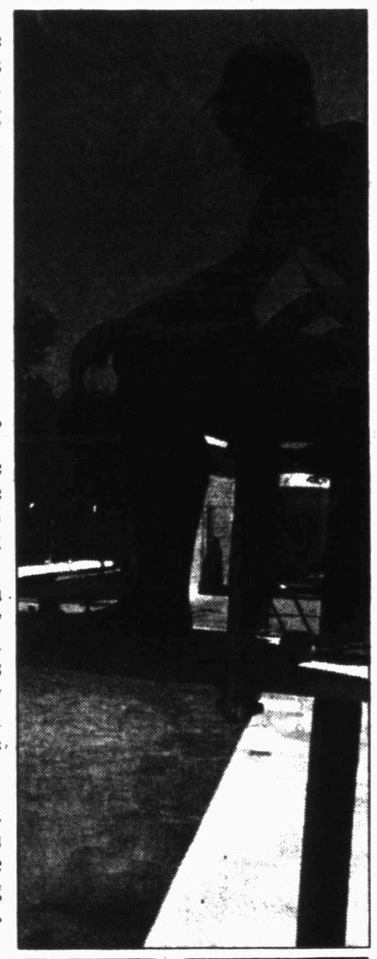
The current record is 20.3 million kilowatts set Aug. 20, 1997.

"We've come knocking on the door. On Tuesday through the entire system peak usage was 19.5 million, on Monday it was 20.2 million."

He explained that as being a "snapshot" of the most electricity used at one time during the day.

"Typically peak demand is around 5 o'clock. That is usually the time when businesses are still in full operation and also people

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COOL SPOT — Towle Park swimming pool lifeguard Brian Garmer watches over one of the few places to cool off during these hot, 100 degree-plus days. (SDN Staff Photo)

ASK US

Q—Are people going to be allowed to camp out at Towle Park during the fourth of July festivities, and if not, why?

A—No, overnight camping was banned due to the amount of vandalism in the park area during the night by some of the campers.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 104 degrees; low, 78; 7 a.m. Saturday, 79; no precipitation; total for 1998, 5.57 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, clear. Low, mid 70s. S-SE wind 10-15 mph. Sunday, sunny, continued hot. High around 104. S wind 10-20 mph.



Tonia Estrada
Sunny & hot

Sunset: 8:52 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:42 a.m.
Of 177 days in 1998, the sun has shone 175 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have.

Thomas Jefferson

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Explosives found in small community

WENATCHEE, Wash. (AP) — The first two bombs were crude plastic contraptions. One blew up in a driveway, injuring no one. The other, tossed at a car, did not explode.

But since early last week, other devices have been found in this central Washington community. More sophisticated and potentially deadly pipe bombs were left at a clinic and the federal building. A bomb threat shut down the Department of Social and Health Services office Thursday.

"What scared me was when I saw the 'Do Not Cross' police tape ... and then I heard some police sirens," said Eryn Phelps, who was on the Wenatchee Valley College campus for a math exam when a fake bomb was found Wednesday evening. "In my imagination, it was like, 'Oh, no!'"

No one has been injured.

But with the discoveries and the threat comes fear. Bombs always seemed like someone else's problem, from other nations to the World Trade Center in 1993 and Oklahoma City in 1995. Even the Unabomber, Theodore Kaczynski, is locked up now after nearly two decades of bombings.

But bomb scares can grip unlikely places. This spring, five bombs exploded in Fremont, Calif., baffling residents of the peaceful city on San Francisco Bay. No one was injured. And no one's been arrested.

Now the same questions swirl in Wenatchee, a city of 25,000 and the hub of the nation's apple industry.

"I didn't think it'd ever happen here," said Jerry Martin, the building maintenance mechanic at the federal building. He was first to hear about the discovery of a bomb in a shoe box under a drinking fountain on Wednesday.

No one ever does, said Dave Cole, a 24-year veteran of the Postal Service.

"But they didn't think anything was going to happen in Oklahoma City either," he told the Wenatchee World. "You never know what somebody is going to do. You never know what to expect anymore."

Traffic at the federal building was down to a trickle this week.

"It was traumatic" after the discovery, said Trish Manning in the Social Security office, where there were no lines of waiting people Thursday.

"But we don't think it's targeted toward us," she said.

"The general consensus is that this is a random act."

The randomness makes it hard to effectively warn and protect the public, though authorities say people should call if they come across any suspicious packages. Police scrambled Thursday to the neighborhood where the first pipe bomb was reported June 16, but the suspicious object that prompted the call turned out to be a dumbbell.

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WEDNESDAY

Pork with gravy, potatoes augratin, mustard greens, sliced pineapple-cheese salad, gingerbread

THURSDAY

Beef-a-Roni, tossed salad, Italian green beans, whole kernel corn, white cake w/strawberries, garlic bread

FRIDAY

Closed for Independence Day.

Senior Center News

Daily activities at the Senior Center include quilting, dominoes, pool and exercise at 11 a.m. Seniors are reminded that the Travis Gym is available for walking beginning at 8 a.m.

The seniors who walk regularly do so in the early morning hours because of the extreme heat. They are encouraged to practice extreme caution during these hot summer days.

Swimnastics at Western Texas College are slated Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-10 a.m. For more information, seniors may call the center at 573-4035. This class will benefit those who have arthritis or circulatory problems.

A domino tournament is slated at 10 a.m. Monday. Tuesday will have 42/88 beginning at 10 a.m. and the Golden Kiwanis Club will meet at noon.

For Wednesday, activities include the musical trio at 11 a.m., and line dancing at 1 p.m. Anyone may join the line dancing class.

Thursday's activities include Tri-Chem at 9 a.m. and the Independence Day program which begins at 11:15 a.m.

The center will be closed Friday for July Fourth festivities.

Seniors are encouraged to invite a senior friend to visit the center and stay for lunch. Just a reminder: Part of the center's funding is determined by attendance.

Things to do when it's hot

In light of unreasonably high temperatures, exceeding 100 in parts of the state, the Texas Department of Health has issued a list of precautions people can take to reduce the risk of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

—Never leave any person or animal in a closed, parked vehicle during hot weather.

—Drink plenty of fluids, such as water and juice, and avoid beverages which contain alcohol, caffeine or large amounts of sugar.

—Plan strenuous outdoor activities for early or late in the day when it is cooler; then gradually build up tolerance for warmer conditions.

—Stay indoors and in an air-conditioned environment as much as possible, unless your heat tolerance is well-established. If air-conditioning is not available, pull shades over windows and use fans to cool rooms. Open windows on opposite sides of a room for cross-ventilation.

—Take frequent breaks when working out doors.

—Eat more frequently but make sure that meals are well-balanced and light.

—Consult with a physician to determine the effects of sun and heat exposure while taking prescription medications such as diuretics, antihistamines or mood-altering antispasmodic drugs.

—Avoid bundling babies in heavy blankets or heavy clothing.

—Check frequently on ill or elderly friends, relatives and neighbors who may need help.

—At first signs of heat illness (dizziness, nausea, headaches, muscle cramps), move to a cooler location, rest for a few minutes and slowly drink a cool beverage. Seek medical attention immediately if conditions do not improve.

—Wear sun blocks to protect skin from the sun's harmful rays.

For more information contact: Kelly Harrell, TDH Bureau of Emergency Management, at 512-834-6700; or Doug McBride, TDH Public Infrmation Officer, at 512-458-7524.

Chilean warship hits Navy tanker

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — A Chilean warship collided with a Navy tanker 70 miles off the California coast after apparently losing steering control but was able to return to San Diego. No one was injured.

The Condell was alongside the tanker Pecos preparing to refuel when it lost control Friday, the San Diego Union-Tribune reported today, citing Navy sources. Its bow scraped the tanker's hull.

Damage to the 370-foot warship appeared limited to above the waterline.

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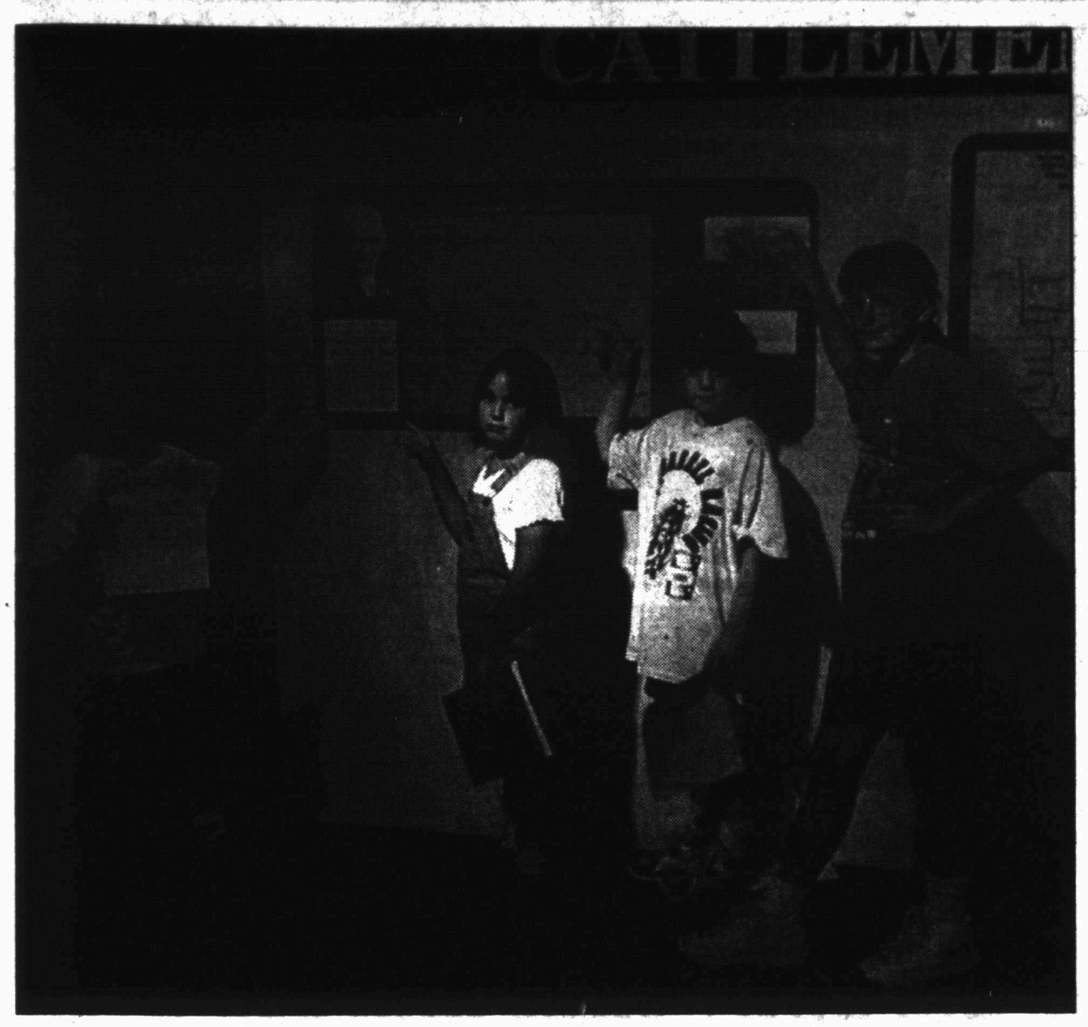
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JULY 4TH FOOD BOOTH APPLICATIONS NECESSARY

All persons and/or clubs who plan on operating a food booth during the July 4th celebration must **FIRST** fill out an application for a temporary vendor permit at the Scurry County Health Unit. The cost of the vendor permit is $5.00.

THE APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE SCURRY COUNTY HEALTH UNIT BEFORE 5:00 P.M. JULY 2, 1997. Those who do not turn in an application will not be allowed to operate a food booth. Once your menu has been decided and it has been written on your application, you **CANNOT** add to it, though you can delete any of the items. **MENU IS TO BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS FOODS. EXAMPLES: BEEF, CHICKEN, RICE, BEANS, PORK. ALL POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS FOODS MUST BE PREPARED ON SITE, NOT AT HOME.**

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KID'S COLLEGE PROJECT — These four girls wrote and illustrated a story about the Nunn brothers, early Snyder settlers, during a Kid's College class at the Scurry County Museum. From left are Lesa Jones, Jessie Deavers, Whitney Parks and Shaela Thompson. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Canada, Washington OK deal to protect salmon, for a while

SEATTLE (AP) — Saying they put fish first, officials from Canada and Washington state reached a short-term agreement to protect Pacific salmon runs — a step toward settling a long-simmering dispute.

Gov. Gary Locke and Canadian Fisheries Minister David Anderson announced the deal Friday: a conservation tradeoff involving chinook and coho salmon.

"This agreement establishes for the very first time shared, common conservation goals between Canada and Washington," Locke said.

"There is no deal possible that would please all the stakeholders and conserve salmon stocks," Anderson said. "The governor and I have chosen to put fish first."

Under the plan, Washington state's non-Indian catch of Canadian-bound coho salmon would be cut by 22 percent, more than one-fifth, while the Canadian catch of chinook headed for Puget Sound will be slashed by one-half.

Canadian fishing closures this year should spare 14,000 Puget Sound chinook, proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act. Additional chinook protection measures tailored for Nooksack River runs are set to take effect next year in Canada.

The plan drew early praise from various trade and environmental groups, but was attacked by British Columbia Premier Glen Clark, who accused Anderson of selling out Canadian interests.

"(Anderson) has literally given away our heritage," Clark said. "I'm shocked by it. This is a stunning giveaway of our interests."

For the most part, salmon fishing from northern California to southeast Alaska has been governed by Canada off British Columbia and by the states of Washington, Oregon and Alaska in U.S. coastal waters since 1993.

The deal also includes plans to develop selective sport fisheries targeting hatchery-produced salmon on both sides of the border to make up some of the loss from closures to protect wild runs.

Two locals at national contest

Joe Bishop and Jeffery Proctor, who will be freshmen in the fall, participated in the Technology Student Association's national contest in Pittsburg, Pa. last Saturday.

They constructed a bridge of balsa wood. It weighed about six ounces and held up 14.2 pounds before breaking.

To qualify, they won both the regional and state problem solving competition.

Both boys just completed the eighth grade at Snyder Junior High School. Their industrial technology instructor was Bill Bell.

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Warmer Pacific says El Nino on the ropes, satellites show

LOS ANGELES (AP) — El Nino is dying.

According to satellite images, the Pacific Ocean waters warmed by El Nino are receding. Colder temperatures are creeping in.

But scientists say it's still too early to say whether it's time to crown a successor: La Nina, the cooling masses of water that often follow the El Nino warming trend.

"It's way too early to call this a La Nina," said Bill Patzert, a research oceanographer at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.

"It may be too soon to say 'goodbye' to El Nino and 'hello La Nina,' because the effects of El Nino will be in the climate system for a long time," he said Friday.

If La Nina is on its way, "we'll expect to see clear, strong indication of it by late summer or early fall — in approximately August or September — just like we did last year with El Nino," Patzert said.

El Nino is created when trade winds weaken, allowing a large mass of warm water in the western Pacific to pulse to the east along the equator toward South America. The phenomenon, which takes its name from the Spanish words for the Christ child, is so named because the warm waters typically reach South America around Christmas.

During El Nino, the warm water interacts with the atmosphere above it, creating a worldwide disruption in weather patterns. The 1997-98 El Nino, the strongest ever recorded, meant record rain in California, heavy flooding in Peru, drought and wildfires in Indonesia and tornadoes and flooding in the Southeast.

La Nina, Spanish for "little girl," is just the opposite. The warm conditions of El Nino return to the west and trade winds roar back more strongly than normal.

Texas Man executed for fatally stabbing 4 persons

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A man whose frenzied knife attack left his former girlfriend and three of her siblings dead was executed by injection Friday.

Leopoldo Narvaiz Jr., was put to death just hours after Gov. George W. Bush spared the life of death row inmate Henry Lee Lucas, commuting his sentence to life in prison after doubts about his guilt were raised. It was the first time the Republican governor had commuted a death sentence.

Narvaiz was convicted of using butcher knives to hack to death the four victims — ranging in age from 11 to 19 — in San Antonio.

The victims were stabbed more than 100 times, causing some of the knife blades to snap inside their bodies.

High on cocaine and after downing three six-packs of beer in the early hours of April 15, 1988, Narvaiz barged into the trailer home of his ex-girlfriend, Shannon Mann, 17, and killed her along with her sisters, Jennifer, 19; Martha, 15; and brother, Ernest Jr., 11.

Narvaiz was the 11th person executed in Texas this year and the third in as many weeks.

Moores to join Colonial staff

Colonial Hill Baptist Church has called Bob Moore and his wife, Patsy, as education/administration minister and several summer activities are in motion.

The Moores, from Houston, are expected in Snyder around July 20.

Colonial Hill will join with First Baptist Church for the annual God and Country Celebration Sunday at 6 p.m. at First Baptist where State Representative David Counts and State Senator Tom Haywood will be guest speakers.

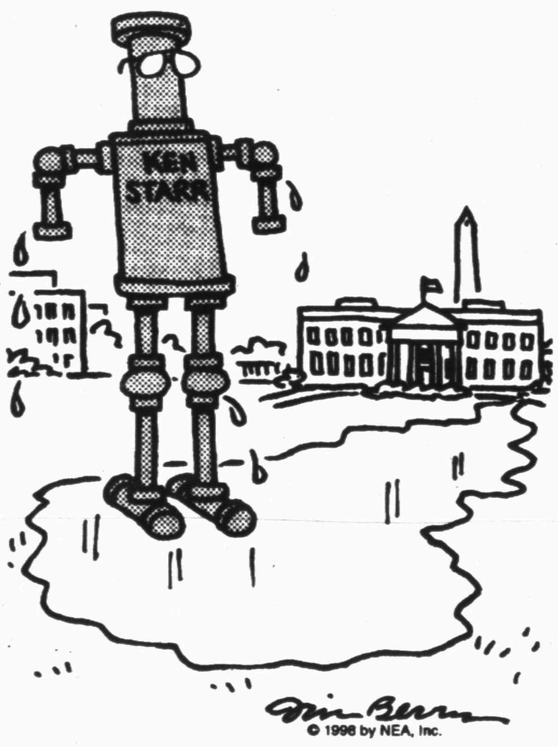
Larry Westfop, minister of music at Colonial Hill, and David Brown, minister of music at First Baptist, are planning a music program of familiar hymns and patriotic songs.

The Mitchell-Scurry Association sponsors the patriotic event and invites the public to attend.

Youth of Colonial Hill Baptist will leave soon for an 11-day trip to Cochrane, Alberta, Canada where they will help church builders already in progress. In addition, they will lead worship services, teach Vacation Bible School and move some 25,000 books to a different building at the Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary.

Youth choir members who will also present music and drama programs include Brandon Bolding, Britney Canada, Laura Canada, Kris Casas, C.J. Chaney, Amanda Culwell, Todd Dobson, Josh Hall, Renae Hall, Todd Hall, Jon Hensley, Mandy Hicks, Missy Hicks, Katie Howard, Samantha Keller, Amber Haarmeyer, Mary Wesson and guests, Amanda Liner and Alison Cornett. Eight sponsors will accompany them.

Berry's World



Another Success Story...



Mr. Wayne Thompson is pictured with Teresa Knauss, Occupational Therapist, and Irene Inarde, Physical Therapist, as he prepares to return to his home. Mr. Thompson has made great strides in his recovery with the assistance of his Rehabilitation Therapists and the staff at Snyder Healthcare Center. The staff and residents of Snyder Healthcare Center wish him continued health and happiness upon his return home.



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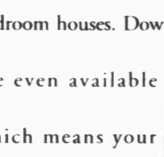
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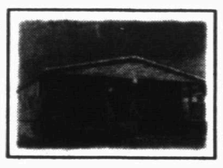
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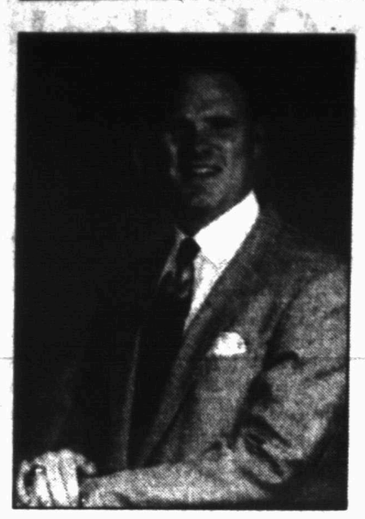
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Kris Seale

Seale named bank director

Snyder High School graduate Kris Seale has been placed on the board of directors of First National Bank of Abilene.

Seale is president and CEO of Directors Investment Group and its affiliated companies — Funeral Directors Life Insurance Co., Texas Directors Life Insurance Co., Directors Holding Corp., Directors Capital Ventures Inc., Supertravel and Directors Air Corp.

When a junior at SHS, Seale was a member of the Tigers' state finalist basketball team, and was salutatorian of his 1981 graduating class. He graduated from Baylor University in 1985.

Seale is active in several Abilene civic organizations and he and his wife, Melinda, and their three children, Amanda, 11, Drew, 7, and Shannon, six months, attend the Wylie Baptist Church.

Son, sister happy

NEW YORK (AP) — "Chain Saw Al" Dunlap's son and sister were delighted to see the corporate hatchet man get the ax at Sunbeam Corp.

Ex-soldier disputes parts of CNN story

NEW YORK (AP) — A former military officer quoted in a CNN report alleging that U.S. forces used nerve gas to hunt down defectors during the Vietnam War says his account was misrepresented, The New York Times reported today.

Robert Van Buskirk said the report aired by the Cable News Network on June 7 was basically accurate. But he denied telling CNN that the gas dropped to protect his Special Forces team in Laos in 1970 was the internationally banned chemical sarin, the newspaper said.

Van Buskirk, a former lieutenant, said he didn't know at the time what the gas was. He said only later did he learn it was deadly.

"I don't think CNN was wrong," Van Buskirk told The Times. "Maybe they edited our words to go along with the line they wanted to take. But they didn't put words in my mouth."

The report on 1970's Operation Tailwind, in which two U.S. defectors supposedly were killed, has come under fire from former military officers who accused CNN of ignoring evidence that refutes its account of the assault.

Van Buskirk also disputed CNN's report that he confronted and killed an American defector during the raid. He said he told CNN's producers that he thought his victim was a blond Caucasian, possibly Russian, but had no proof.

MATH PROJECT — For Kid's College classes at Scurry County Museum, Raymond Flores of Roscoe creates math problems for students to solve. They are currently working on determining how many times a wagon wheel would turn if it traveled cross country. The students are, from left, Ralston Loveall, Chris Lopez, Toni Jackson, Brandon Robbins. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)



Susan Elaine Bigham

Bigham named to honor list

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Susan Elaine Bigham, a junior mathematics major, was named to the President's List for Academic Achievement during the spring semester at Pensacola Christian College.

To be named to the President's List, a student must earn a 4.0 grade point average.

Local appearing in summer show

Former resident Heath Hodges is a busy person these days. He is currently starring in the Texas A&M University-Commerce's production of "Oklahoma."

The production opens Friday, July 10, on the main stage of the Performing Arts Center. Performances are at 8 p.m. July 10-11 and July 15-18 and at 2 p.m. on July 12 and 19.

Tickets are $6 for students, $7 for seniors; and $8 for all others, and can be reserved by calling the University Playhouse Box Office at 903-886-5900.

Prosecution abruptly ends murder trial

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) — Prosecutors in the Ennis Cosby murder trial wrapped up their case with a strange twist, showing jurors a man the defense says is the real killer but without asking him any questions.

The abrupt finish came Friday after just five days of testimony.

Prosecutor Anne Ingalls had Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies march Eli Zakaria into the courtroom in handcuffs and a jail jumpsuit. It was a dramatic appearance by the man defense attorneys claim killed Bill Cosby's only son.

Zakaria said nothing but was told to stand only inches from the jury so the panelists could get a good look. He was then taken out of the courtroom.

"The people have no further witnesses," Ingalls announced without warning. Said Public Defender Henry Hall: "I'm obviously floored by the events of the last five minutes."

The defense told jurors in opening statements that Zakaria is the person depicted in a composite drawing of the killer. The prosecution claims the drawing is a match for Mikail Markhasev, the 19-year-old Ukrainian immigrant who is on trial.

The prosecution had listed Zakaria and his girlfriend, Sara Peters, on the witness list but never called them to testify. Police have said Zakaria and Peters were in a car with Markhasev the night Cosby was shot to death.

Laurie Levenson, dean of the Loyola University law school, said the prosecutor's move was a surprise.

"If they said they had a mountain of evidence in the O.J. Simpson trial, this is a molehill," she said. "It's a lot thinner than what people expect in a high-profile case."

Hall said he was not ready to present defense witnesses on Monday. The judge gave him until Wednesday, after hearings on who may testify.

Moments before she brought Zakaria into court, Ingalls called a detective who played an obscenity-laced tape of Markhasev and friend Michael Chang in which Chang, cooperating with police, tried to get Markhasev to make incriminating statements.

"They're talking about the Cosby thing," Chang said at one point, complaining that he is being harassed by police.

"I don't know anything about no Cosby thing," Markhasev says. "I don't know what the (obscenity) you're talking about. What's Cosby got to do with this?"

On the tape, Markhasev hints he is fearful the conversation is being recorded, telling Chang, "What's wrong with you, you're talking from a work phone."

Chang had suggested he was calling from his job although he was actually sitting in the Los Angeles Police Department's robbery-homicide division.

The conversation ends with Markhasev suggesting Chang should come and see him in person at his home because they needed to talk.

"You didn't do anything wrong," Markhasev said. "What are you worried about? I didn't do anything wrong either. Everything's cool."

LAPD Detective Michael Bercham testified about how the tape was made. He said Markhasev was under surveillance and surrounded March 12, 1997, at his home.

Chang, who was held in contempt for refusing to testify, was present when Markhasev admitted shooting a black man and helped him in an unsuccessful search for a gun, according to another witness, Christopher So.

A police search later located a gun wrapped in a knit cap, which police witnesses said contained a single hair that had DNA matching Markhasev's.

Cosby, 27, was shot as he changed a flat tire along a dark road Jan. 16, 1997. The prosecutor has said Markhasev is a member of the Mexican mafia prison gang.

Pilgrim named new crew chief

Air Force Senior Airman Mark S. Pilgrim has arrived for duty at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nev. He is the new crew chief assigned to the 57th Aircraft Generation Squadron.

He is the son of John M. and Jeanie Pilgrim of Snyder. The airman is a 1994 graduate of Snyder High School.

Datebook

June 27, 1998



Today is the 178th day of 1998 and the 7th day of summer.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (June 23) and first quarter (July 1).

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TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1859, Mildred J. Hill composed the tune to "Happy Birthday."

On this day in 1950, President Harry S. Truman ordered the U.S. Air Force and Navy into the Korean conflict.

On this day in 1975, Lee Trevino, Bobby Nichols and Jerry Heard were struck by lightning during the second round of the Western Open in Chicago, Ill.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charles Stewart Parnell (1846-1891), Irish nationalist leader; Emma Goldman (1869-1940), political activist; Helen Keller (1880-1968), educator-writer; Willie Mosconi (1913-1993), billiards great; Bob "Captain Kangaroo" Keeshan (1927-), TV personality, is 71; Ross Perot (1930-), businessman-politician, is 68; Anna Moffo (1934-), opera singer, is 64; Julia Duffy (1951-), actress, is 47.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1884, Larry Corcoran of the Chicago Cubs pitched a no-hitter against Providence.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Never bend your head. Always hold it high. Look the world straight in the eye." — Helen Keller

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1954, excessive rains (27.1 inches near Pandale, Texas) due to remains of Hurricane Alice led to the Rio Grande's worst flood on record, resulting in the deaths of 55 people.

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

June 28, 1998



Today is the 179th day of 1998 and the 8th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1838, Britain's Queen Victoria was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

On this day in 1914, Archduke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated in Sarajevo (now in Yugoslavia), an event which led to World War I.

On this day in 1969, the debut album of Crosby, Stills and Nash made the charts in the United States.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640), artist; Jean Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778), philosopher; Richard Rodgers (1902-1979), composer; Mel Brooks (1926-), comedian-film director, is 72; John Elway (1960-), football player, is 38; Mark Grace (1964-), baseball player, is 34; John Cusack (1966-), actor, is 32.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1910, Chicago shortstop Joe Tinker stole home twice as the Cubs won against Cincinnati, 11-1.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The strongest is never strong enough to be always the master, unless he transforms his strength into right, and obedience into duty." — Jean Jacques Rousseau

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1957, Hurricane Audrey, the deadliest June hurricane on record, hit northern Louisiana.

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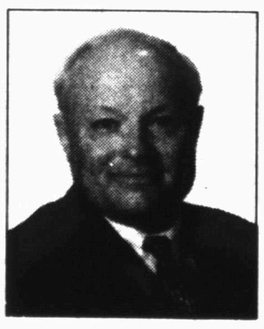
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Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, June 28, 1998

Your chart indicates more material rewards in the year ahead than you may have received in the past. Keep moving in the present direction and work towards closure in your business involvements.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) This could be a good day to increase your resources and expand your financial prospects. Seek out people you think might assist you in fulfilling your hopes and expectations. Cancer, 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.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone who likes you is as interested in your gratification as you are today. This individual knows how to get things done in ways you may not.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Constructive benefits can be garnered today through friends and contacts you've cultivated recently. Two friends in particular are in a favorable position to help you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There are indications that you might receive a raise or benefit from a job that doesn't usually provide dividends or perks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Get your party clothes ready today, because someone who likes you is going to make certain you're going out on the town for a good time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Beneficial influences may be experienced today by you and those you're fond of. It's up to you to give momentum to this opportunity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A few kind words today will mean a great deal more to the recipient than you imagine. Make an effort to be gracious and attentive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Benefits may come to you from different directions today, so you'll have to be alert to catch new opportunities.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't be a couch potato! The exciting things that could develop for you today won't happen at home or on your TV. Try to circulate and spend time with people you've recently met.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A generous gesture might come your way today. It'll be in return for the help you gave someone in the past, so accept it graciously.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You could find yourself in demand today, but what's even more pleasant is the fact that the people who'll seek you out are the ones with whom you want to establish links.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Lady Luck will operate behind the scenes today, backing up your ambitious urges. If things start going better than expected, it could be due to her influence.

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Your Birthday

Monday, June 29, 1998

Pleasant surges of prosperity will infuse your horoscope from time to time in the year ahead. These could turn out to be important opportunities, so provide them with tender loving care.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) What initially appears to be a moderate gesture of good will from a loved one today may turn out to be something grander than you first imagined. Major changes are ahead for Cancer 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.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're in the thoughts of someone you have strong emotional links to today. This friend is eager to chat with you about something of mutual interest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Paint your canvas with bold strokes and bright colors today. Your biggest ideas will be your best ones, and you want to make sure what you have to offer is attention-grabbing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Most days we have to work very hard for what we get, but here is one of those rare times when you might do well without having to put out much effort.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Don't be hesitant to take control of situations today if you see people who are supposed to be in charge faltering. If you think you can do better, step in!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A project that interests you and several others should be successful today if everyone involved looks out for the other guy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today you might have to influence a group. If this is true, single out key people and work things out with them instead of trying to appease the majority.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) This is a good day for figuring out ways to expand upon beneficial developments you already have in the mill. Give money-makers priority.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Before getting deeply involved in your new endeavor today, be sure you have a good game plan. Don't put undue emphasis on insignificant details.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Information given to you today will eventually yield benefits. At present, secrecy is essential.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your assessment of run-of-the-mill situations are on the mark today, so rely on your judgment. You won't miss any relevant clues as you sift through the evidence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) In career developments today, your greatest asset is your ability to take a nominal opportunity and enlarge it into something worthwhile. Utilize this skill to the fullest!

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Kidnap insurance: a little security in troubled times

BOSTON (AP) — You're traveling on business in a foreign country when masked men with guns grab you, gag you and hustle you into a windowless room.

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Kidnap-and-ransom insurance has become an increasingly popular way to protect wealthy travelers' assets against blackmail, extortion and hijacking.

One of the fastest-growing markets is Mexico, where hundreds of foreign businessmen have become the victims of kidnapping over the past decade.

"Wealthy people down there buy these policies like you would buy homeowner's insurance," said Bill Harrison, assistant vice president with American International Underwriters, the international arm of insurance company American International Group.

Sales have risen steadily through the decade, AIG said this week. Companies say the upsurge may be due to increased kidnap risk, or it could be that more small insurance brokers are advertising the product.

Premiums vary, but some brokers offer $1 million worth of coverage for as little as $500 or $1,000 per year.

Here's what you get if you're unlucky enough to get snatched: professional advice from a security firm and access to highly trained negotiators — a big plus if the local authorities are corrupt.

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The upswing in kidnapping insurance has also spawned interest in other versions of offbeat policies catering to unpredictable times.

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Former firefighter is found guilty of murder and arson

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In one chapter from a 350-page manuscript, a firefighter-turned-firebug sets businesses across California ablaze.

A fictional Pasadena hardware store goes up in flames. Five people are killed. Among them are a woman and her 3-year-old grandson, Matthew.

The unsold novel is titled "Points of Origin."

On Friday, its 49-year-old author, John Leonard Orr, a once-respected arson investigator, was found guilty of four counts of murder and multiple murder by arson. At his sentencing, Orr could receive the death penalty. That phase of the trial begins Tuesday.

Prosecutors said Orr torched a South Pasadena hardware store in 1984. Four people died, including a woman and her 3-year-old grandson — Matthew.

Jurors who deliberated two weeks also convicted Orr of 20 counts of arson for a series of brush and house fires in 1990 and 1991. One burned down "The Waltons" set on the back lot of Warner Studios in Burbank. Another destroyed more than 67 hillside homes in Glendale; Orr conducted the initial investigation.

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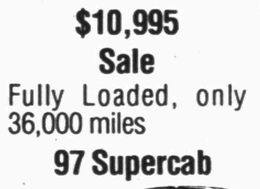
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SPORTS

Clark homers, enjoys 7-3 win in return to Bay area

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — As Orel Hershiser cursed the Giants' windy ballpark on the San Francisco Bay, Will Clark was loving it.

Clark homered against his former team as the Texas Rangers beat the Giants 7-3 Friday night.

"I enjoy coming back here and going out there," he said. "I spent eight years here. It was good to get back in the batter's box."

Clark's 11th home run came in a four-run seventh inning that broke up a 3-3 tie and gave the Rangers their fourth straight victory. Clark finished 3-for-5.

Hershiser, meanwhile, allowed six runs on nine hits for the loss.

"I'm satisfied with how I threw the ball, but I've got Candlestick," Hershiser said. "That's what happens."

Juan Gonzalez hit a two-run shot, bringing his major league-leading RBI total to 96, more than halfway to Hack Wilson's record of 190 in 1930. Fernando Tatis added a three-run home run.

Clark had not played in San Francisco's ballpark since the 1993 season, after which he signed with the Rangers. For his first at-bat in the second inning, he was greeted with a standing ovation, and he tipped his helmet to the crowd.

During the game, highlights from his eight-year career as a Giant played on the video scoreboard. In his locker was a blue balloon reading "Welcome Back" and a pile of yellow roses.

Rangers manager Johnny Oates said Clark was anxious about his return to his former home.

"Will was dressed and on the field at 2:30 p.m., saying hello to everyone on the grounds-keeping crew, and for all I know, he was up in the stands saying hi to all his fans," Oates said.

Darren Oliver (4-5), activated from the 15-day disabled list earlier in the day, allowed three runs on seven hits in six innings. John Wetteland got the final out for his 22nd save.

The Giants took a 2-0 lead in the first on Chris Jones' bases-loaded single. But Tatis hit his second home run of the season, a two-out shot to left-center off Hershiser (6-6), to put the Rangers ahead 3-2 in the fourth.

The Giants, who have lost three straight, tied the game at 3 in the sixth on Rich Aurilia's home run off Oliver.

The Rangers came back in the seventh when Rusty Greer's RBI single sparked a four-run rally. Greer scored on Gonzalez's homer off Hershiser, and Clark added his 11th of the season, off reliever John Johnstone.

"That three-run homer by Tatis hurt," manager Dusty Baker said. "I think six of their seven runs were scored by home runs. We just couldn't keep them in the park."

After winning six straight, Hershiser has lost three of his last four starts. He allowed six runs on nine hits over 6 1-3 innings, with five strikeouts and three walks.



CLOSEST TO THE PIN- Alissa Wells and Dolores Jones were two winners of the closest to the pin in the Ladies Pumpjack. Other winners, not pictured, were Daysha Weaver and Kay Bingham.



MAKING THE TURN — Snyder's Darcee Purcell rides in the barrel racing competition recently during a High Plains Junior Rodeo Association event. Local competitors were to have been in action Saturday at Lovington, N.M. (Contributed Photo)

Two Snyder competitors nab top spots

MULESHOE — Two Snyder competitors nabbed top finishes recently at the High Plains Junior Rodeo Association event in Muleshoe.

Stoni Riggan, competing in the 16-19 age group, notched first place in ribbon roping. Darla Blackwell was the top finisher in breakaway roping, while Riggan placed second in the event.

The local riders were to have been in action again Saturday at Lovington, N.M.

High Plains Junior Rodeo Association
at Brownfield

8-under: Clayton Hirt, 5th, goat tying.
9-12: Hadley Hirt, 2nd, calf touching; 3rd, ribbon roping.
16-19: Stoni Riggan, 6th, barrel racing; 7th, breakaway roping; Russell Riggan, 1st, ribbon roping; 3rd, team roping; Darla Blackwell, 3rd, goat tying.

at Muleshoe

8-under: C. Hirt, 3rd, goat tying.
9-12: H. Hirt, 5th, calf touching.
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Streaking Indians outlast Astros, 4-2; Cleveland survives baserunning errors

CLEVELAND (AP) — Mark Whiten hit a tiebreaking, two-run single in the seventh, and Bartolo Colon bolstered his All-Star crusade with another strong outing as the Cleveland Indians beat Houston 4-2 on Friday night.

Facing Mike Magnante with the bases loaded and two outs, Whiten grounded the decisive hit past diving third baseman Bill Spiers. It scored Jim Thome, who walked, and Sandy Alomar, who tied it with an RBI double, as the Indians won their sixth straight.

Colon (8-4) allowed two runs and five hits in eight innings with one walk and seven strikeouts, lowering his ERA to 2.51 — second in the AL. He was cruising to his AL-leading sixth complete game, but Ricky Gutierrez fouled off 13 of 20 pitches leading off the eighth. Colon struck Gutierrez out swinging on the 20th pitch.

The 23-year-old Dominican waved to the standing crowd — Cleveland's 250th straight sellout — after the eighth.

After Sean Berry reached on Whiten's two-base error leading off the ninth, Mike Jackson got the final three outs for his 17th save. Cleveland got the first out on shortstop Omar Vizquel's bare-handed grab on Derek Bell's grounder deep into the hole.

The NL Central-leading Astros had won 12 of 19 coming into their first trip to Cleveland, but dropped to 10-14 against AL clubs.

The Indians, whose one glaring weakness is baserunning, ran themselves out of several scoring chances until Alomar finally tied it at 2 with an RBI double in the seventh against Magnante (3-3).

Colon won his fourth straight start, making a strong case for Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove to name him to the AL All-Star team. He showed no ill-effects from a 139-pitch, eight-inning performance against the New York Yankees on Sunday in which Hargrove lost track of his pitch-count.

Shawon Dunston made an aggressive play after hitting a one-out single in the seventh against Reggie Harris. He made a wide turn and forced a throw to first from shortstop Gutierrez, who threw wildly for an error allowing Dunston to go to second.

But the veteran inexplicably took off for third on Manny Ramirez's grounder to short and was tagged out by Gutierrez. Magnante walked Thome, but Alomar doubled to right-center to score Ramirez and tie it at 2.

The other glaring baserunning blunder came in the fourth, when David Justice got doubled off second on David Bell's liner for an rally-killing double play.

Craig Biggio gave Houston a 1-0 lead with an RBI single in the third. Brad Ausmus, who singled, scored on Spiers' double-play grounder to make it 2-0.

The Indians scored once in the third. Vizquel singled, stole second and went to third on Dunston's bunt single. Vizquel scored on Ramirez's RBI groundout.

With the "Thome shift" in effect, the left-handed slugger grounded to shortstop Gutierrez, who was playing to the right side of second base. The ball caromed off Gutierrez right to Biggio, who threw Thome out at first. Alomar struck out to end the inning.

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Toronto	41	39	.513	16½
Baltimore	37	43	.463	20½
TampaBay	32	46	.410	24½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	46	31	.597	-
Minnesota	37	41	.474	9½
KansasCity	34	44	.436	12½
Chicago	32	46	.410	14½
Detroit	30	46	.395	15½

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Anaheim	47	31	.603	-
Texas	46	33	.582	1½
Oakland	35	43	.449	12
Seattle	33	47	.413	15

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East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	51	29	.638	-
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Montreal	31	47	.397	19
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Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
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Milwaukee	41	36	.532	5
Chicago	42	37	.532	5
St.Louis	38	40	.487	8½
Pitusburgh	38	42	.475	9½
Cincinnati	32	49	.395	16

West Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	52	28	.650	-
SanFrancisco	46	35	.568	6½
LosAngeles	38	41	.481	13½
Colorado	35	46	.432	17½
Arizona	27	53	.338	25

Friday's Games

Cincinnati 4, Detroit 3
Cleveland 4, Houston 2
Montreal 9, Baltimore 4
Boston 6, Florida 1
Philadelphia 7, Tampa Bay 0
Toronto 6, Atlanta 4
Milwaukee 2, Chicago White Sox 1
Minnesota 5, St. Louis 1
N.Y. Yankees 8, N.Y. Mets 4
Kansas City 6, Chicago Cubs 3
Colorado 12, Oakland 6
Los Angeles 5, Pittsburgh 2
Arizona 13, Seattle 8
San Diego 6, Anaheim 3
Texas 7, San Francisco 3

Saturday's Games

N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 8-5) at N.Y. Mets (B.Jones 6-4), 1:10 p.m.
Houston (Lima 7-4) at Cleveland (Gooden 2-3), 1:15 p.m.
Anaheim (Olivares 5-2) at San Diego (Hitchcock 3-1), 4:05 p.m.
Texas (Burkett 4-8) at San Francisco (Rueter 9-3), 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Mussina 6-4) at Montreal (Pavano 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 8-3) at Florida (Sanchez 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Woodall 3-2) at Chicago White Sox (Fordham 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Remlinger 4-9) at Detroit (Powell 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Guzman 4-9) at Atlanta (Maddux 10-2), 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Arrojo 9-4) at Philadelphia (Schilling 7-7), 7:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Tapani 8-6) at Kansas City (Rapp 7-6), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Stottlemyre 8-5) at Minnesota (Milton 4-6), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Rogers 7-3) at Colorado (Kile 5-10), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Fassero 5-5) at Arizona (Benes 6-7), 10:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cordova 6-5) at Los Angeles (Valdes 5-7), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Cincinnati (Parris 0-0) at Detroit (Thompson 6-7), 1:05 p.m.
Houston (Reynolds 8-5) at Cleveland (Nagy 7-3), 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (Carpenter 4-2) at Atlanta (Glavine 10-3), 1:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Drabek 5-7) at Montreal (Vazquez 1-6), 1:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Springer 2-10) at Philadelphia (Portugal 3-2), 1:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Gonzalez 6-5) at Kansas City (Rapp 7-6), 2:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Bottenfield 2-4) at Minnesota (Tewksbury 4-9), 2:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 6-3) at Chicago White Sox (Sirotka 8-7), 2:05 p.m.
Oakland (Candiotti 4-10) at Colorado (Wright 5-8), 3:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 5-6) at Arizona (Anderson 5-7), 4:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Washburn 3-0) at San Diego (Hamilton 5-8), 4:05 p.m.
Texas (Sele 11-4) at San Francisco (Gardner 6-3), 4:05 p.m.
Boston (Lowe 0-6) at Florida (Dempster 0-4), 4:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (Yoshii 4-3), 8:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Schmidt 8-4) at Los Angeles (Mlicki 3-4), 8:05 p.m.

Vasquez Jr. has shot at boxing title

MARQUETTE, Mich. — Snyder's Johnny Vasquez Jr. has a fighting chance at a national title — literally.

Vasquez was to have battled Hawaii's Samson Guillermo on Saturday for the title of the Junior Olympic Boxing Championships.

Vasquez recorded a unanimous decision in knocking off defending champion Samuel Vega in the semifinals.

Also competing from Snyder was Gonzalo Chavez. Chavez was eliminated in the 147-pound preliminaries, but was selected to participate in the Junior Olympic Elite Training Camp, beginning Monday.

Vasquez' title bout is in the 112-pound weight class and will be taped for future viewing on ESPN.

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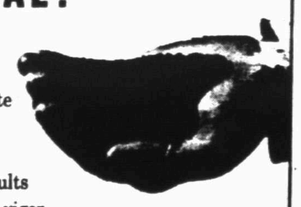
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SPORTS

Graf exits Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Defending champion Martina Hingis moved into the final 16 at Wimbledon with a 6-2, 6-1 victory today over unseeded Elena Likhovtseva of Russia.

After struggling in her first two victories, this one on Centre Court was as comfortable as the scarce sunshine that greeted the days' opening of play.

But it wasn't as bright for former champion and No. 8 seed Conchita Martinez, who was knocked out in the third round by Britain's Sam Smith 2-6, 6-3, 7-5 in a match continued from Friday.

The 26-year-old Smith became the first British woman to reach the fourth round since two managed the feat 13 years ago.

The Spaniard was the second of the top eight seeds to lose this week. The other was No. 4 seed Steffi Graf — upset in two sets Friday by Natasha Zvereva.

Graf, playing only her fifth tournament in a year filled by knee surgery and other nagging injuries, fell to a player she'd beaten in all 17 previous matches.

Zvereva of Belarus, known mostly as a doubles player — won with the "best match of my life," she said.

The 29-year-old Graf fended off questions about her future and waved politely as she left Centre Court. It's match to match now, she said, and she hedged whether she'd return to Wimbledon.

"That's another year right now," said Graf, whose 21 Grand Slams stand her No. 2 behind Australian Margaret Court.

It was only Graf's sixth singles defeat at Wimbledon since she made her first appearance in 1984 at the age of 15. She had lost only twice at Wimbledon since 1988.



GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP — The Rangerettes were awarded the Sportsmanship Trophy in the 5-6 Pixie Softball League. Members of the team are, front row from left, Meagan Robbins, Baylee Lewis and Bailey Jones. On the second row are Taylor Tyrrell, Autumn Castillo, Jessica Steelman and J'Dee Early. On the third row are Shelbi Velasquez, Micayla Redman, Darian Clayton, Kelsi Fulford and Sami Barrera. On the back row are coaches April Velasquez, Nicole Redman, Shelley LaRoux and Sandra Fulford. (Contributed Photo)

Look out Wichita Falls, here come the Cowboys

By MIKE COCHRAN
Associated Press Writer

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — Hot.

That's the operative word for the Dallas Cowboys' first summer training camp in this frisky, fun-loving, much-maligned outpost of 103,000, a Rodney Dangerfield of Texas cities.

But it's not just the weather that's sizzling. So are a whole bunch of folks in Wichita Falls and at the local newspaper, the Times Record News.

The target of the residents' wrath isn't the Cowboys. It's Texas Monthly.

A story entitled "Hut, Hut, Yikes!" appears in the July issue of the magazine and suggests that the Cowboys' dismal 1997 campaign (6-10) cannot rival the suffering they will endure during a monthlong stay in Wichita Falls.

Freakish weather. Fat dancers. Beer-guzzling rednecks. Rampaging emus.

Native son Skip Hollandsworth wrote that heat "as heavy as wool" will greet Jerry Jones and the Cowboys when they arrive July 15, adding: "After sweating under the sun for an afternoon, you start smelling like roadkill. If you spend too much time outside, the temperature of your blood starts to rise, your vision blurs and your legs start quivering like dying fish on hooks."

Then, he said, you faint.

"It's bad enough," writes Hollandsworth, the son of a former Wichita Falls Presbyterian minister, "that the Cowboys will have to spend a few weeks in a city where the dancers in the topless bars are heavier than they are."

The response was swift.

"Well, they've done it again," the Times Record News grumbled in an editorial on Thursday. "Back in 1978, Texas Monthly showed its smart-alecky Austinite mean streak by saying that being a full-time resident of Wichita Falls was one of the 10 worst jobs in the state."

Now, it continued, "Hollandsworth adds his voice to the chorus of cheap-shot DJs and two-bit columnists from the Dallas area in whacking Wichita Falls for its weather."

Editor Carroll Wilson, who wrote the editorial, told his readers not to rush out and buy the magazine, that he could summarize the article for them pretty simply:

"... Wichita Falls is really, really, really hot. The Cowboys are gonna hate it so much they're gonna win the Super Bowl with brains fried by nothing but the afternoon heat."

Wilson accused Hollandsworth of beating a dead horse.

"Of course it's hot here. ... And that's the way we like it, us and 103,000 other souls who believe there's more to a city than interminable traffic tie-ups, indefatigable drug dealers and insufferably smug magazine editors."

And by the way, Wilson added, "If you can't take the heat ..."

In a column appearing in Sunday's editions, Ted Buss, with tongue at least partially in cheek, refers to the Texas Monthly article as "garbage" and Hollandsworth as "a man with no hometown."

Buss said his old buddy Skip has sent Wichita Falls "back to the valley of lepers ... the damp catacombs of the hopeless ... the dreary boxcars for the condemned ..."

Hey, says Hollandsworth, he was only kidding.

"I write one tiny story making fun of the summer heat, and how the Cowboys are going to fare if July hits the way it can, and I am literally the anti-Christ," he moaned.

He really, really likes Wichita Falls, Hollandsworth told Times Record News reporter Leah Quin.

"It was just the most glorious place to grow up. It was fun. Everyone was a character. Surviving the weather — I especially like the city because of the weather. It was kind of a bond we all had."

But it may be too late.

"We just loved his dad," said Roby Christie, Wichita Falls' postmaster. "It's a shame that man's son has to be so ornery when his dad was so nice."

It's Happy Hour at the Deuce P2, a landmark drive-in and former stag bar famous for steak-on-garlic-toast sandwiches and red draws — beer mixed with tomato juice.

The boys at the bar are two deep and discussing the Cowboys, the media, a dynamite blonde named Pam, red draws, heat, tornadoes and topless dancers.

"They called our dancing girls big, fat cows," complained one regular.

"Are they?" a visitor wondered.

"Nah," quipped a buddy. "They're just cows."

Food salesman Arvol Hodge, a Deuce mainstay for 18 years, suggests the debate over the Cowboys camp is borderline silly.

"Anybody who don't want the Cowboys up here, they ought to move," he declared. "We're in this for the money and the friendship ... and as long as you tell the truth, you can write anything."

Added his crony Ken Wigginton, a lawyer: "I think if people have a chance to see us, they'll report the truth. This is a great town."

Jean Woodley, a onetime Deuce carhop and now its owner and "den mother," says it's "wonderful" that the Cowboys are coming to town.

"I think we'll get a lot of tourists," she said.

Over at the Bar-L, barbecue ribs compete with red draws and Tammy Wynette as the specialty of the house.

On the jukebox, Tammy's standing by her man, Patsy Cline's going "Crazy" and Roy Orbison's proclaiming the charms of "Pretty Woman" in advance of a platter of ribs that "must have been carved from a dinosaur," says a visitor, eyeing four smoking, greasy, delicious monsters.

"We sell 25 cases of ribs a week and there's 60 pounds to the case," brags Eddie Cluley, Jean Woodley's son-in-law who rides herd on both the Deuce and the Bar-L.

"Jerry (Jones) wanted a place where there's not a whole lot to do at night, where the guys can't run around and get in trouble," Cluley said.

"And by God, he found it..."

The Cowboys' No. 1 local fan is Nelda Bond, 53, who keeps herself, her kids, her nine grandkids and her four dogs decked out in team jerseys and other blue and white regalia.

Her fence, home and car are decorated with Cowboys paraphernalia, a blue star glitters atop her roof nightly and, in season, a Cowboys flag flutters atop a flagpole planted in her front yard.

Neighbors know by the sound of her airhorn each time Dallas scores.

"Nobody likes to be around me when the Cowboys are playing," she says, smiling and slipping uniforms — all No. 12 in honor of Roger Staubach — on her Eskimo Spitz for a photo op.

"I love it, I love it," she says of Camp Cowboys.

Warning: Troy Aikman should be on the lookout for a short, blond woman wearing a warm smile and a Cowboys T-shirt and driving a Bronco with photographs of No. 8 on the dash and the console. She most likely will be accompanied by four snow white dogs wearing blue and white scarves or jerseys bearing the names Eagle Eye, Sasquaw, Chinook and Nugget.

"Oh, I'd love to meet him," says this woman.

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — For months, people have been debating the Dallas Cowboys' decision to move their summer training camp from Austin to Wichita Falls.

For better or worse, the Cowboys invade the quiet, low-slung campus of Midwestern State University in mid-July. Here's what folks are saying in the Sound Off column of the Wichita Falls Times Record News:

"...I think this will be the best thing that has happened to Wichita Falls and MSU" — Tisha.

"... Do our hopeless city manager and hapless mayor really believe that the Cowboys are going to help our community? No, they will not. We don't have the law enforcement to handle a bunch of bums coming to watch a bunch of bums." — Jim.

"... We do not blame all the players for what a few have done wrong. Just like I don't blame all those who voted for Bill Clinton for what he is doing wrong." — J.J.M.

"... It will put this town on the map." — Ken.

"... I don't like Wichita Falls being thought of as the armpit of Texas. Having the Cowboys will change that." — K.B.

"... I think it's good for the employment for the Cowboys to come to Wichita Falls. We are going to have to add on more judges, lawyers, prosecutors and bonding companies. And we can even recruit more prostitutes and drug dealers." — Steve.

"... Isolate the Dallas Cowboys and their fans and Texas will be a friendlier state." — M.R.

"It's pretty obvious that M.R. has been in a coma for the past 35 or so years because that's just about how long our Cowboys have been Texas' adopted treasure." — M.G.

Sports Briefs

A&M names women's cage coach

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Houston Comets assistant coach Peggie Gillom has been named head coach of the Texas A&M women's basketball program.

Texas A&M athletic officials announced the hiring Friday.

"I think Peggie is a bright young coach. From the recruiting aspect, she is one of the best and she brings an excellent playing and coaching background with her," Texas A&M athletic director Wally Groff said.

"I am just excited and eager to be working and learning about this great program," Gillom said.

Volleyball tourney

Entries are being accepted for the annual July 4th Volleyball Tournament. Deadline for registration is Thursday.

Format is coed with 8 players per roster. T-shirts and team trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place teams.

For more information, call Luis at 573-4767 after 5 p.m. or Angel at 573-0348.

Firecracker scramble

The annual July 4th scramble will start at 10 a.m. at Snyder Country Club. Entry feet is $20. Call the pro shot to sign up.

SCC scramble and MGA

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

Volleyball camp

Snyder Volleyball Camp for incoming 5th-9th grade girls will be held July 13-16 at the SHS gym.

Cost is $40 per student, which includes a camp T-shirt. Registration deadline is July 9.

For more information, contact SHS head coach Patty Grimmett at 573-9416.

Fast pitch clinic

A softball pitching clinic is held each Wednesday at Cates Field at 5:30.

Ages 8 & up are eligible to register. For more information, call Herman Martinez at 573-0390.

Jr. golf clinic

The WTC Junior Golf Clinic for ages 8-16 will be held July 13-17. Registration is limited to first the 45 entries.

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Cost is $75. To register, call the WTC pro shop at 573-9291.

WGA playday Tuesday

Women's Golf Association will host a playday starting at 9 a.m. Tuesday at Snyder Country Club. Forman is Bingle, Bangle, Bungle. Couples play is held at 5:30 p.m. each Friday.

SCC Memorial Partnership

The annual Golfers' Memorial Partnership will be held July 18-19 at Snyder Country Club. Entry for each two-man team is $150. Saturday's format is a scramble and Sunday is low ball. Shotgun stars each day are 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

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Phoenix	5	1	.833	-
LosAngeles	2	4	.333	3
Utah	2	6	.250	4
Sacramento	1	5	.167	4

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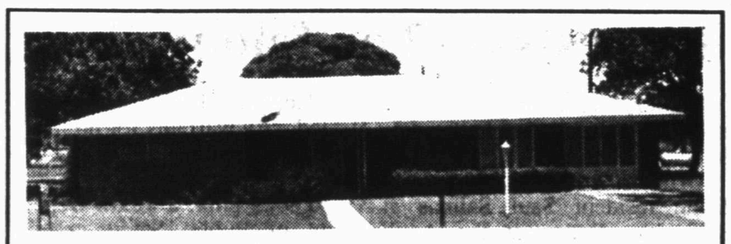
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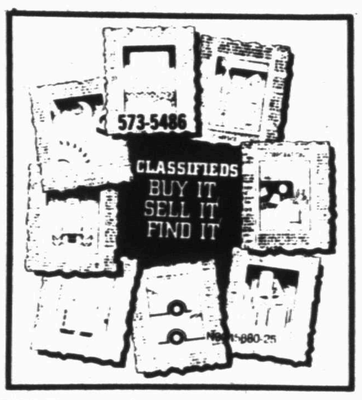
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Bush grants death chamber reprieve to Lucas

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Henry Lee Lucas' lying ways have won the one-eyed former drifter a commutation of the death sentence that was to have taken place in a matter of days.

Lucas once confessed to killing 600 people, but later recanted. In 1984, a jury in San Angelo, Texas, believed him and convicted him of capital murder in the death of an unidentified woman whose body was found in 1979 in a ditch off Interstate 35 near Georgetown, 25 miles north of Austin.

Gov. George W. Bush on Friday accepted a recommendation from the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles to commute the sentence to life in prison. The board reviewed the conviction at Bush's request.

Lucas is the first Texas inmate to have a death sentence commuted since Phillip Daniel Tompkins was spared in July 1990 by Gov. Bill Clements. At 62, Lucas would have become the oldest person executed by the state.

"I take every death penalty case seriously and review each case carefully," said Bush, in Brownsville for a conference of governors from U.S.-Mexico border states.

"The first question I ask in every case is whether there is any doubt about the individual's guilt or innocence. This is the first case since I have been the governor when the answer to that question was yes."

Bush said he's hesitant to second-guess a jury's verdict, but added that in this case "the jury did not know and could not have known that Henry lee Lucas had a pattern of lying and confessing to crimes that evidence later proved he did not commit."

Lucas' confession, now recanted, was the only evidence that linked him to the crime, Bush noted.

The defense had sought an appeal based on work records that purportedly showed he was in Florida the day of the "Orange Socks" killing. The victim, believed to be a hitchhiker, was wearing only orange socks when her body was found.

Lucas, upon hearing of his commutation on death row, said:

"I can only thank them for believing the truth and having guts enough for standing up for what's right."

While sparing Lucas from lethal injection, which had been scheduled for next Tuesday, Bush made sure Lucas would never be released from prison.

Lucas faces six other life sentences and 210 years in prison for three other murders. The governor said the new life sentence will begin after all of Lucas' other life sentences are served.

"As a supporter of the death penalty for those who commit horrible crimes, I feel a special obligation to make sure the state of Texas never executes a person for a crime they may not have committed," the governor said.

Former Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox, who's running again for the job, praised Bush's decision. Mattox launched an investigation in 1986 that raised questions about Lucas' guilt.

"I think the governor made the right decision. I think it took some political courage to do so. He is a Republican and I'm a Democrat, but I'd be quite willing to stand to defend him against anybody that challenged his decision," Mattox said.

"I think he strengthened the death penalty today. Had Lucas been executed ... I think every single time a prosecutor stood before a jury, they would not know whether the state really believed an individual was guilty."

In 1960, Lucas was convicted of second-degree murder for killing his mother in Michigan and was sentenced to 20 to 40 years in prison. He was transferred in August 1961 from a Michigan prison to a state hospital in Ionia, Mich., and was discharged in 1975.

Lucas says now that's the only murder he committed.

Lucas began issuing his elaborate confessions in June 1983 after being arrested on a weapons possession violation.

Mary Desrosiers of San Angelo, who was on the jury that convicted Lucas and condemned him to die, said shoddy police work is at the root of the controversy.

"The only reason there is doubt in the case is because of Lucas' confessions to other crimes that he didn't do," she said.

"Police should have figured out that he was lying right away, but they just wanted to believe whatever he said. If it wasn't for those confessions, we probably would have stopped hearing about this case a long time ago."

Another juror, David Lindemann, said:

"We didn't just sit there for two weeks in that courtroom for our health. We talked it over every which way. And with the evidence put in front of us, there is no way he was not guilty of the crime."

Lucas decision not easy for governor

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — It was a tough call.

The first condemned man whose life was spared by Gov. George W. Bush is the same man who once confessed to 600 murders nationwide.

But Henry Lee Lucas has recanted those confessions now, including the one in the case for which he had been scheduled to die Tuesday evening.

On Friday, Bush said there are enough doubts about Lucas' guilt that the "ultimate penalty" shouldn't be used.

"The first question I ask in every case is whether there is any doubt about the individual's guilt. This is the first case since I have been the governor when the answer to that question is yes," Bush said.

News reports and an investigation by former Attorney General Jim Mattox pointed to work records and a cashed paycheck indicating that Lucas might have been in Florida when the woman known only as "Orange Socks" was killed.

A lie detector test cited by Mattox's investigation concluded: "Henry Lee Lucas did not cause the death of the unidentified girl wearing orange socks," whose body was found in a roadside ditch Oct. 31, 1979.

Lucas confessed to that crime.

A jury in 1984 decided he did kill the woman. Their sentence: death by lethal injection.

It was one of 10 murder convictions Lucas received — but the only one for which he got the death sentence.

A prosecutor in that case, Williamson County District Attorney Ken Anderson, says the jury did the right thing. He noted that 23 judges had reviewed the case and let the verdict stand.

When the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles recommended clemency, it also said it didn't believe Lucas was innocent, Anderson noted, adding that there's only one other reason for clemency — mercy.

And, he said, "There is no one less deserving of such than Lucas."

Which points to Bush's dilemma.

A little over four months ago, Texas executed pickax killer Karla Faye Tucker — despite her prison-found religion, despite her expressions of remorse, despite her pleas for mercy. Ms. Tucker never denied her crime.

Although Lucas will remain in prison, Bush's decision to spare his almost certainly will be controversial.

Political foes — possibly presidential primary opponents in 2000 should he decide to run — likely will point to the two cases and ask why.

Bush will have to explain very complex reasoning in a very complex case. That's seldom easy in the political hothouse.

Some initial responses indicated how awkward things could get.

On Friday, the Republican governor got support from the Democratic candidate for attorney general. But the Republican candidate disagreed.

Mattox, whose report helped spark the decision, defended Bush.

"Gov. Bush's decision will make our death penalty punishment stronger than ever. But it was still politically risky, and I'd be glad to stand up and defend him against any attack," said Mattox, who's seeking the office he left in 1991.

Yet John Cornyn, a former Texas Supreme Court justice and the Republican nominee running against Mattox on Bush's ticket, said Bush was wrong.

"We are friends and we agree on many issues. But on this question, we part ways," Cornyn said. "I have confidence in both the jury who heard this case and in the more than 23 judges who reviewed the evidence."

Bush himself may have put it best, saying: "The clemency process is intended as a fail safe for unusual or exceptional circumstances."

The dictionary offers many definitions of "exceptional" — including rare, extreme, different, exaggerated, unconventional, peculiar.

All of which also apply to the long, strange saga of Henry Lee Lucas.

Editor's Note: Michael Holmes has covered Texas government and politics as the AP's Capitol correspondent since 1984.

AP news analysis

8 arrests — 2 on felony charges — reported

Eight arrests were made Friday and early Saturday, including two on felony charges.

Officers arrested 20-year-old Dunn resident Saul Salinas at 8:28 a.m. Friday at the Adult Probation office for felony revocation of probation.

At 12:39 Saturday morning, officers arrested 34-year-old Michael H. McKerns of Rt. 1 Box 9 in Colorado City, at the corner of Avenue M and 30th street for felony driving while intoxicated.

A 33-year-old male was arrested at 12:39 a.m. by officers in the 2900 block of Ave. X for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated, city warrants for no insurance, no drivers license and two failure to appears.

At 9:29 p.m., a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper took a 36-year-old male into custody five miles south of Round Top Acres for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Officers arrested a male juvenile at 11:49 p.m. at the corner of 27th and Avenue K for possession of marijuana. He was transported to the police department and later released to his mother.

Officers arrested two subjects in the 1800 block of 26th at 1:51 a.m. Saturday. A 21-year-old male and a 17-year-old male were booked into jail for public intoxication.

At 3:29 a.m. Saturday, a 25-year-old male was arrested in the 1200 block of Ave. M on two city warrants for public intoxication.

In other activity, an offense report for theft was filed at 12:34 a.m. Saturday following a report from W.H. Cagle that someone had broken into his home at 3706 Muriel Drive and taken several pieces of electronic equipment and some jewelery.

Officers also worked three accidents Friday.

The first was at 3:01 p.m. at Lawrence IGA #400 located on the corner of College Ave. and 30th street. A private property accident report was submitted.

An accident report for two-vehicle major was submitted at 3:11 p.m. at 3600 College Ave. One vehicle was towed and two unidentified subjects were transported to Cogdell Hospital, treated and released.

The third accident was reported at 10:03 p.m. in the 2200 block of College. No other information was available.

Faith saves veteran sheriff

LAUREL, Miss. (AP) — A veteran Mississippi sheriff expected to die after he and a traveling companion were overpowered by two inmates as they were driving back for a court hearing.

"He told him (one of the inmates) 'If you're going to kill me, give me a minute to make peace with my maker,'" said Gail Martin, the daughter of Jones County Sheriff Maurice Hooks. "The man told him 'Your faith just saved your life.'"

The inmates were still missing Saturday. A search was under way in both Mississippi and Alabama, where the sheriff's car was found after a shootout that wounded a policeman.

Hooks and retired officer Ray Butler were found alive Friday, handcuffed to the posts of a dilapidated barn off a dirt road southeast of Jackson, about 60 miles northwest of Laurel.

Had the 15-year sheriff's cries for help not been heard by a couple visiting a nearby grave, Hooks and Butler may have died.

Both were hospitalized for dehydration and minor injuries and were expected to be released over the weekend. The sheriff had an abrasion on his forehead and Butler, who is diabetic, had not had his insulin since the ordeal began Thursday.

"It's a blessing they didn't get killed," said Levertis Braddy, a retired teacher who was visiting his parents' graves when he heard Hooks' screams.

Hooks and Butler had driven to a state prison in Parchman to pick up Marion Centobie, 32, and Jeremy Granberry, 19, for a hearing in Laurel.

Police did not say how the men were overpowered by the inmates Thursday afternoon. Laurel Mayor Susan Vincent said the sheriff's car did not have a cage to separate the prisoners from the officers.

Electrical useage up

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are going home and turning on air conditioners, cooking dinner or whatever."

LaVonn advised of several ways for consumers to conserve energy and reduce their monthly bills.

"The best way is to turn up the thermostat. We recommend the thermostat be 78 degrees. Studies have indicated that for every degree below 78 degrees, the average cooling bill rises five percent.

Running ceiling fans will also help.

"If you turn it up then turn on the fans, it circulates the air and is less expensive than turning down the thermostat.

"A typical home can save almost $200 over the summer putting the thermostat at 78 as compared to 72," he added.

Another way to conserve, LaVonn said, is to close window blinds so the sun does not shine in and get the house hot.

Also, he said, always try to keep doors shut and make sure weather stripping is in good condition and properly installed.

"Something else people can do," LaVonn noted, "is on the Internet there is a HEET (Home Energy Efficiency Tour) site where people can take a tour guide that allows them to check out the energy usage and efficiency in their home by using their bill. It will show you if your home is efficient or if there is something you need to change."

For May, TU Electric recorded an increase of approximately 20 percent in total electrical demand over the same period a year ago. Of that, about 15 percent is due to higher temperatures and the remaining five percent is due to growth in the service area.

"We always expect usage to grow because Texas has such a strong economy," LaVonn said.

The spokesman added TU Electric has enough power to meet the electricity needs of its customers this summer.

"We have sufficient capacity to deal with the expected load."

He also said that the company has all power plants available for use and has contracts to purchase additional power to accommodate growth in the service area.

Legal Notice

SNYDER POLICE DEPARTMENT
COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION
June 24, 1998

NOTICE

The following person has registered with the Snyder Police Department as a convicted sex offender.

(1) 38 year old male, 31st. Street, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicted of "Indecency With A Child, By Exposure". Victim was a female child 13 years old.

NOTIFICATION

El siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento de Policia de Snyder, y fue convicto de una offensa sexual.

(1) Un hombre, 38 anos de edad, Calle 31, Snyder, Texas 79549, convicto de "Indecencia Con Un Menor Por Descubrir". La victima era nina, trese anos de edad.

Stephen W. Warren
Lieutenant, CID

Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

Heart attack can be misdiagnosed

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 38-year-old woman who weighs 98 pounds. Last winter, I suddenly experienced crushing chest pain while shovelling snow and was rushed by ambulance to the hospital. I was kept overnight, tested and given injections for pain.

The next morning, the doctor reassured me that the tests were normal. He thought I had a pinched nerve and discharged me with instructions to see a chiropractor.

The following day, I had more pain. The next day, because the pain was so severe, I returned to the hospital, where I was diagnosed with a heart attack. Why wasn't this discovered earlier? Shouldn't I have been more closely monitored and treated?

DEAR READER: This is a scenario that gives all doctors nightmares. Heart attacks are extremely unusual in young, slim women — and I am sure that the ER doctor was unforgivably misled by your age and sex. Had you been a 60-year-old man with identical symptoms, the physician's approach would have been altogether different.

In the doctor's defense, I should emphasize that heart attacks are sometimes very difficult to diagnose in their early stages before changes occur in the cardiogram or in the blood-enzyme levels. Also, as I'm sure you are aware, more and more physicians are realizing that women — especially those beyond menopause — are almost as much at risk for coronary disease as are men. Thus, a woman with chest pain is far more likely today to be thoroughly investigated for heart disease than she would have been a year or two ago. Of course, this doesn't excuse your original ER doctor who, quite frankly, missed the diagnosis.

Many hospitals have begun using a new blood test to identify heart attacks, and this test may well revolutionize the diagnosis. Called "troponin," this substance is released into the blood stream when cardiac muscle is damaged. Troponin levels rise quickly during a heart attack, can be measured easily, and are far more reliable than any of the older, standard tests. If the troponin analysis had been available at your hospital, your heart attack would have been diagnosed far sooner.

Be that as it may, you were, in a sense, lucky, because you lived long enough to return to the hospital when your pain failed to subside. Nonetheless, your story — despite its happy ending — serves as an important reminder that all chest pains in adults must be considered to be cardiac in origin until proven otherwise.

To give you more information on your condition, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Understanding Heart Disease." 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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DEAR DR. GOTT: All the articles I've read about impotence refer only to the male. How about us women, Doctor? I am sure that I speak for many women who would like to enjoy sex but cannot because we are unable to become aroused. I'm aware that this subject may not produce the same level of interest as male impotence, but believe me, it is a problem for many of us.

DEAR READER: The inability of some women to achieve sexual arousal has yet to receive the attention it deserves. The problem used to be called "frigidity," but this term is antiquated. Nor can it properly be considered impotence, which means erectile dysfunction in males, strictly speaking. Regardless of semantics, it is a subject worth addressing.

It is also a complicated matter.

Inability to achieve arousal can be caused by physical, psychological and emotional factors. For example, intercourse may be painful for a woman with gynecological problems, such as fibroids, or for females past menopause, when the vaginal canal becomes dryer, more narrow and less sensitive. In such cases, appropriate medical attention can help alleviate the discomfort.

Second, the woman's partner may be unwilling or unable to arouse her. In my experience, this is usually due to ignorance: The average man — no matter how loving and caring — has a frightful lack of knowledge about how to turn a woman on. He may not know how and where to touch her. He often rushes through the sex act without due consideration for his partner's pleasure.

Judging from the spate of articles in the popular press, many men are becoming more interested in sexual techniques. However, it's a long step from the book to the bed, and some habits are difficult to change. To counter men's insensitivity, many experts recommend a more open dialogue between partners. Because women's needs for stimulation vary widely, it is completely appropriate for a woman to "coach" her lover and instruct him during the act. It works — even if the instruction is carried out using body language.

Third, some women are put off by having sex. There may be some psychological factors, such as depression. Or perfectly understandable considerations — such as fear of pregnancy, disease or discovery — can play a role. For instance, it's difficult to become aroused if your baby is crying in the next room or your 16-year-old is late returning from a date. These distractions are real and can be important.

I am sure that you could expound on this subject; I've given just a brief overview. My general advice to women with arousal problems is this: Talk to your gynecologist about any physical issues. Next, discuss your concerns with your partner. See if he would be willing to modify his behavior to suit you. Use printed material, such as sex-technique books, if you choose. Try to resolve interpersonal conflicts and reduce distractions. A final thought: Pleasure yourself with your partner before having intercourse. Many couples have found that this technique profoundly enriches their lovemaking.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: My son is 29. He has never shaved. He has no facial hair. He never had trouble as a child and enjoys excellent health. Should he see a doctor?

DEAR READER: Without a doubt.

A 29-year-old man who lacks facial hair could have a serious hormone deficiency. Your son needs an exam and, probably, a blood testosterone analysis. This problem is treatable and he should seek help.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Volunteer teens give seniors their gifts of talent and time

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the letter urging people to volunteer in nursing homes. I am 14 years old and an eighth-grader at St. Agnes School in Concord, Calif. Not only can adults volunteer, but teen-agers can also volunteer and bring smiles to senior citizens. I would like to share my experience at our local nursing home.

When I was elected president of the Student Council, one of my goals was to establish an Adopt-a-Senior Program at my school. This would consist of students sharing their time and talents with the elderly. I wanted to make a difference in the lives of others.

During the summer, the vice president of the student body and I visited a number of nursing homes. These nursing homes were interested because a project like this had never been done on a long-term basis. When permission slips went home with students, the response was overwhelming: 28 eighth-graders signed up to participate. As a result, we adopted 14 seniors – two students per senior.

The initial visit with the seniors was special and memorable. Each of us brought a small gift to share with them. We sang songs to break the ice, and soon some of the seniors joined in! We all became friends quickly and formed special bonds.

We now visit the seniors twice a month. During our visits, we sing songs, play bingo, present magic shows and perform skits. Some of the seniors even dance the "Hokey Pokey" with us! One of them told us that we made life worth living. The number of seniors joining our program grows with every visit. At our last visit, we had more than 30 seniors.

For major holidays, such as Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, the St. Agnes students made decorations for the seniors at the home – 172 in all. A few eighth-graders delivered the decorations room to room. The residents were happy to see us, and many of them invited us into their rooms to chat. During our Easter delivery, we saw many of the Halloween decorations still hanging on their walls! It has been a heartwarming experience to see how appreciative these seniors are.

Abby, these patients have found a special place in our hearts. The first time we visited, they all looked the same to us; however, now we know each one by his or her name – not as a "group." Many of them have a great sense of humor. We'll always remember the lessons they have taught us.

Please share this letter with "Grieving in Orange, Texas" so she will know that we understand how she feels. Someday we will all grow old and become dependent on others.

KELLY A. McQUIRK,
CONCORD, CALIF.

DEAR KELLY: Congratulations for conceiving such a worthwhile project. The other eighth-graders also deserve credit for helping you to accomplish your goal.

I know that "Grieving" will be pleased to see your letter, and I hope it will spur other teen-agers into action.

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DEAR ABBY: I must share this supermarket story with you:

While waiting in the checkout line at a busy supermarket, I noticed that an older man was standing behind me with very few items in his basket. I asked him if he would like to go ahead of me.

"Honey," he replied, "if I were in a hurry, I would have come up here yesterday!" What a pleasant attitude. It made my day.

MRS. J.F.K., ORANGE, CALIF.

DEAR MRS. J.F.K.: If more people echoed those sentiments, we would have less road rage and a healthier society.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 17 years old, and like any other teen-ager I like to laugh, play, study, party and be carefree. There is one part of my life, however, that makes me very different from other girls my age. I became a mother at age 16. I made a bad decision to have sex too young, without thinking of the consequences.

Tonight as I write this, I am missing the party of the year because I can't afford a baby sitter, not to mention a new dress. I am also a year behind in school and on home studies. I thought my boyfriend loved me, but my baby boy is almost 2, and I haven't seen his father since I told him I was pregnant.

I own two pairs of pants and three shirts, and my shoes are off the bargain table at the discount store because the baby's needs are expensive and constant. For those of you who think having a baby will turn you into a "free" adult, it won't. Here's what you get to do:

1. Wake up for a 2 a.m. feeding. (For months, I didn't have more than five hours sleep a night.)

2. Wake out of a sound sleep to care for a sick or frightened baby when you can't even think straight yourself.

3. Lug a diaper bag, baby stroller and irritable baby everywhere you go.

4. Never have a penny to spend on cute new clothes or makeup.

5. Lose your friends and disappoint your family.

I am begging all teen-agers to think twice before having sex. See the world first. Go to college. Above all, enjoy your teen years. The opposite sex will always be there, but you can be a teen-ager only once.

TEEN MOM WITH A MESSAGE

DEAR TEEN MOM: You present a powerful case from a perspective only a teen-age mother could have. I hope your letter reaches other young people who need to hear it like it really is. Bless you for writing.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Stella," and I have just returned to the United States after having lived abroad for 15 years. She and I come from very different backgrounds. I have only one living relative. Stella, on the other hand, comes from a large extended family of brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, assorted cousins and grandparents. Family gatherings, especially around the holidays, are large, festive and noisy.

Here is my dilemma: I am asthmatic and allergic to cigarette smoke in any form, even on people's clothing. Needless to say, I try to avoid it as much as possible and don't go out to eat very often, unless there is no smoking at all in the establishment. Neither Stella nor I smoke, nor do our sons. However, Stella's sister and her husband (as well as other family members) are heavy smokers. Her sister's daughter is also slightly asthmatic and has other respiratory problems. While I, as an adult, can avoid this smoke, the child can't.

My closest friends and associates know about my health concerns and are very considerate of me, and the ones who smoke refrain from doing so in my presence. The few times that we have visited my sister-in-law, everyone smokes around me. Stella has mentioned my condition to her family many times, yet no one seems to care or understand how this affects my health.

Now I am faced with two choices – avoiding these people and creating tension among my wife's family, or jeopardizing my health. Recently, Stella's family has been asking her why we have been avoiding them. How can we best handle this without hurting feelings and alienating family members?

SMOKE GETS IN MY EYES
(AND LUNGS)

DEAR SMOKE: Why not tell them the truth?

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Fed judge calls Starr's view of Fifth Amendment 'scary'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's office has a "scary" view of the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination, a federal judge said Friday.

U.S. District Judge James Robertson made the comment while hearing arguments on motions to dismiss an indictment of presidential friend Webster Hubbell.

The judge sharply questioned prosecutors about their handling of the tax evasion indictment against Hubbell and three others, but did not immediately rule on the motions.

When prosecutor Stephen Binhak conceded that the indictment was based on records Hubbell was compelled to produce under a grant of limited immunity, Robertson said: "That's really scary."

Hubbell, a former top Justice Department official, was given immunity only after first refusing to provide the records — citing his Fifth Amendment protection. Hubbell's initial refusal, his attorney John Nields argued, came after Hubbell realized the records showed payments from consultants that he never reported on his tax returns.

The judge's stinging remark followed a series of recent setbacks for Starr. They include the Supreme Court decision that a lawyer for White House aide Vincent Foster does not have to surrender notes taken in conversations shortly before Foster killed himself; the release of Clinton business partner Susan McDougal from prison; and the Supreme Court's refusal to give emergency consideration to Starr's attempt to force testimony of three Secret Service employees and presidential aide Bruce Lindsey.

On the other hand, Starr won important recent victories. A lower court upheld him on the Secret Service and Lindsey issues and a judge rejected the argument of Monica Lewinsky's former lawyer that Starr had entered into a binding deal granting immunity to the former White House intern who has denied engaging in sexual misbehavior with President Clinton.

Robertson made his "really scary" remark after telling Binhak that Starr's office was "asserting a government power" — the power to tell a defendant, "Give up all of your records and I'm going to go through and read them and if I find something, I'm going to prosecute you."

Binhak argued that Hubbell's constitutional rights were protected because, "We don't (tell the jury) he was the source of the records. They will never know Webster Hubbell gave it to the government. If you don't tell anyone it's just a record. He's in the same position" as if the records came from somewhere else.

The prosecutor added: "There is no question the content of subpoenaed business records are not privileged" and insisted the prosecutors could have obtained the same documents from banks, the Internal Revenue Service and credit card companies.

Internet offers 164,000 pictures of U.S. history

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of photos showing Americans and the history they made from the Depression through World War II are now available on the Internet.

The Library of Congress began putting 164,000 pictures online Friday. Many had never before printed or displayed and almost all are in black and white, though some 1,600 are in color.

About 92,000 were snapped by two federal agencies of Franklin D. Roosevelt's time: the Farm Security Administration and the Office of War Information.

They "include some of the most famous documentary photographs ever produced," the library's announcement said.

Some were taken by the artist Ben Shahn, others by Gordon Parks, Dorothea Lange and more great names of 20th century photography.

Among those newly available are 191 from Walker Evans, who shot them while taking the 31 that illustrate James Agee's classic book, "Let us Now Praise Famous Men." Their collaboration described the lives of Alabama sharecropper families in the depression. Evans was an employee of the Farm Security Administration.

Early items in the collection detail the effects of the depression on farms. Then the emphasis shifts to the mobilization of effort for World War II.

The five-year, $60 million National Digital Library Program — $45 million of it from private sources — is due to be completed in the year 2000. The library already has 500,000 items on line, including maps, plans, drawings and other images as well as photographs.

New software allows a closer scrutiny of the material, said Donna Lacy Collins, a library preservation specialist.

Viewers can browse through each frame and examine sheets of contact prints from related film that may provide additional information. The availability of double exposures and partial images can help reconstruct the techniques and editing of half a century ago.

The images can be seen on the library's "American Memory" website at http://www.loc.gov/.

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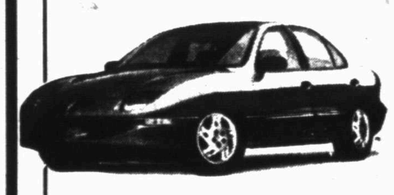
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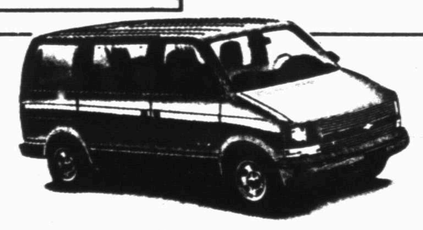
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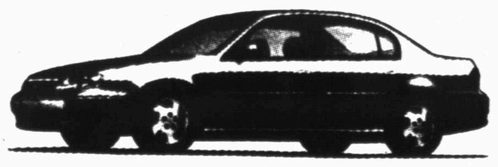
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Gore addresses Democratic convention

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Introduced to the Democratic State Convention as the next president of the United States, Vice President Al Gore bounded on stage to strains of ZZ Top and ripped into the GOP as "all sizzle and no steak."

He exhorted Texas Democrats to work hard to elect their statewide ticket, saying the party is united with an agenda that includes investing in education, saving Social Security, ensuring patients' rights and putting more police on the streets.

"This year, 1998, Texans must choose their future," an energetic Gore told thousands of delegates and alternates as their convention opened Friday.

"We have a chance to build on the Democratic ideas and ideals that are shaping every aspect of this nation's recovery and elect a Democratic Congress and a Democratic ticket here in Texas," he said.

"We must reject the Republican agenda that's all sizzle and no steak. All show and no go. All wind-up and no pitch. All hat and no cattle," he said.

State GOP Chairman Susan Weddington has said her party's growing strength in Texas shows Texans embrace Republican values.

The GOP has gained a majority in the state Senate and claims such top officials as Gov. George W. Bush and both U.S. senators.

"Republicans want Texas to blaze a path of renewed freedom, real reform and economic strength for the rest of the nation to follow," she has said.

Gore praised Texas Democrats as "the party of LBJ and Henry B. Gonzalez. The party of Ann Richards and Lloyd Bentsen. The party of Sam Rayburn and Barbara Jordan.

"And with your help, and your hard work, we'll be the party of Gov. Garry Maruo and Lt. Gov. John Sharp," Gore said, going on to cite the rest of Democratic statewide races.

He also predicted Democrats would make gains in the state House, keep Pete Laney as House speaker, take back the Senate and re-elect Texas' Democrats in the U.S. House. They make up a majority of the state's congressional delegation.

Before taking the stage to the song "Sharp-Dressed Man," Gore was introduced by Democratic gubernatorial candidate Garry Mauro as "the next president of the United States."

Bush — heavily favored over Mauro in the latest opinion polls in the governor's race — is frequently mentioned as a potential presidential contender in 2000. He has said he's focusing on the governor's race now.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson told the convention he intends to put at the forefront of the 2000 campaign the gap between the rich and poor that exists despite the strong economy.

"In this season of greatest economic strength, history will ask, were all Americans under the tent? If not, who was left behind? And what did we do about it?" he said, urging, "Leave no American behind."

Obituaries

Eula Wilkinson

1916-1998

ROBY — Eula Bernell Wilkinson, mother of Jean Baugh of Snyder, died Thursday, June 25, in an Abilene hospital.

Service for Mrs. Wilkinson, 81, is set for 3 p.m. Sunday in Roby Methodist Church. Bonnie Dunsworth will officiate. Burial will be in the Belvieu Cemetery in Rotan under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home in Rotan.

She was born in Lawton, Okla., and married Dr. Robert T. Wilkinson there in 1935. She worked with her husband in his practice in the Wilkinson Clinic and Hospital for many years. Mrs. Wilkinson lived in Rotan for 20 years before moving to Roby in 1955.

Survivors include one son, Robert Wilkinson of Roby; another daughter, Marie Wilburn of Carlsbad, N.M.; two brothers, Elton Kriss of Cashe, Okla., and Wayne Rutherford of Pompano Beach, Fla.; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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Clinton and Jiang debate human rights, announce series of pacts

BEIJING (AP) — Presidents Clinton and Jiang Zemin engaged in a spirited, televised debate Saturday over human rights and the Tiananmen Square crackdown and announced a string of agreements on arms control, energy and the environment.

There were no announced breakthroughs on American human rights complaints, including Tibet, but both leaders accentuated the positive side of an evolving U.S.-China relationship even as they made clear they won't shy away from disagreements.

Clinton praised Jiang's government for resisting pressure to devalue its currency, a move many fear would worsen Asia's financial crisis. But they could not agree on terms to allow China entry into the World Trade Organization, which sets global trade rules.

It was clear, however, that the most sensitive issues were human rights and the continuing controversy over China's decision, nine years ago this month, to use force in putting down student-led democracy demonstrations in Tiananmen Square.

"It is important that whatever our disagreements over past action, China and the United States must go forward on the right side of history for the future sake of the world," Clinton said at a joint news conference with Jiang after two hours of talks at the Great Hall of the People.

In an animated manner, Jiang said the fact that the U.S. and Chinese leaders can disagree publicly is a healthy sign for relations.

"I think President Clinton is a strong defender of the American interest, and I am a strong defender of the Chinese interest," Jiang said. "But despite that, we still can have very friendly exchanges of views and discussion. And I think that is democracy."

In warm toasts at a state dinner Saturday night, the presidents each used Chinese sayings to illustrate what they wanted from the relationship.

"An ancient Chinese proverb tells us, 'Be not afraid of growing slowly. Be only afraid of standing still,'" Clinton said.

Jiang quoted the Chinese sage, Mencius, who counseled: "A good citizen of the world will befriend the other citizens of the world."

The summit began with a short, solemn welcoming ceremony outside the Great Hall of the People at the edge of Tiananmen Square. It was a spectacle Clinton's critics said he should have avoided in memory of hundreds of pro-democracy students and other demonstrators killed in the 1989 crackdown in streets around the square.

Clinton reviewed Chinese troops and received a 21-gun salute, the cannon fire echoing across the vast square, site of pro- and anti-government demonstrations throughout Chinese history. It was here that Mao Tse-tung celebrated the victory of his communist government in 1949.

Back home, Reps. Chris Smith, R-N.J., and Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., critics of Clinton's China policies, expressed disappointment in his performance.

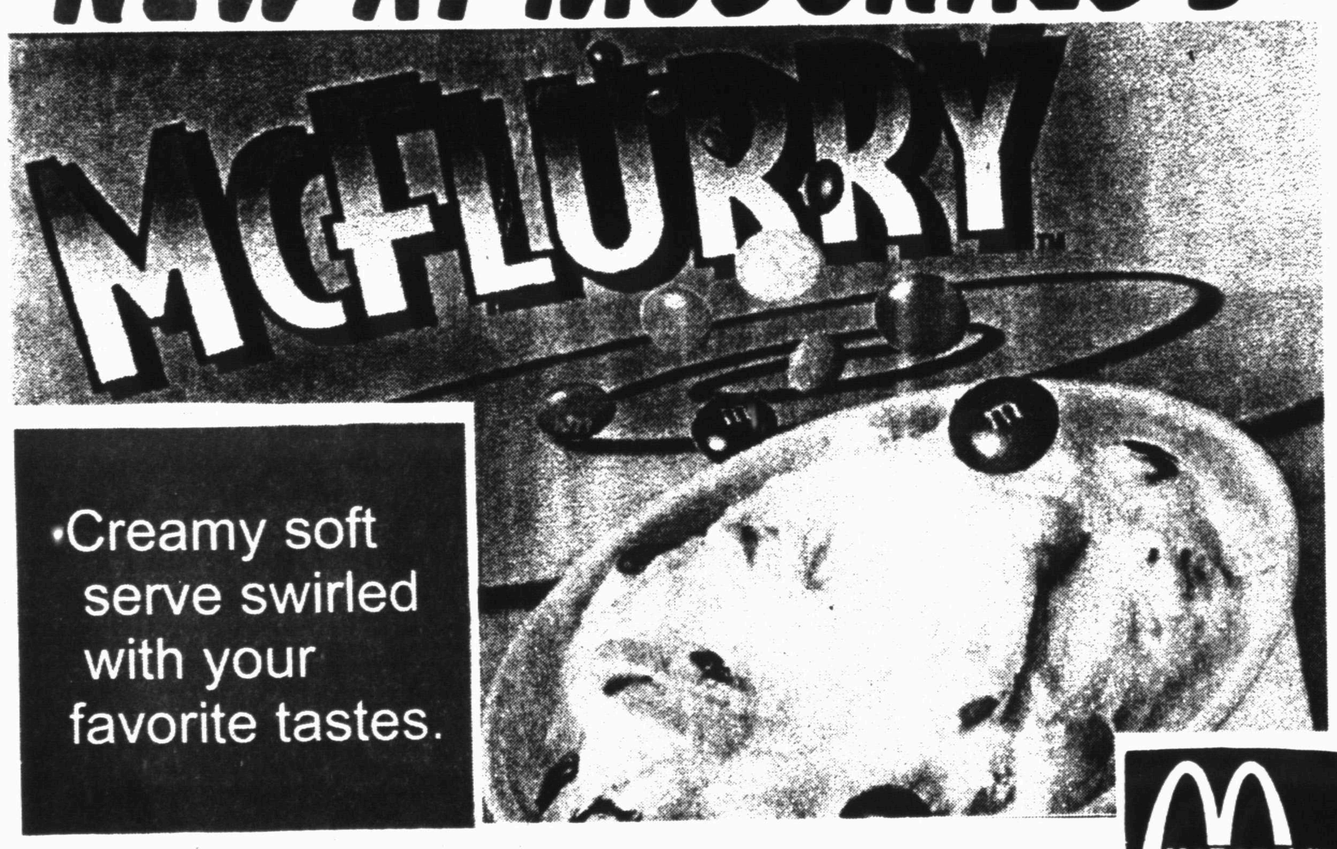
Births

Dakota Carroll announces the birth of his sister, Rylan Jolea-Ann Sanchez, born at 10:59 p.m. on June 25 in Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed six pounds, 12 ounces.

Grandparents are William and Laura Powell of Snyder and Joe and Odilia Sanchez of Sweetwater.

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ONGOINGS

God and Country celebration

All Scurry County Baptist Churches will be meeting Sunday night at the First Baptist Church in Snyder for the God and Country Celebration. State Rep. David Counts will be on the program, as well as State Senator Tom Haywood. There will also be a letter read from Gov. George Bush. Music will be led by David Brown, music minister of Snyder's First Baptist Church.

Apostolic Faith Church revival

Revival services at Apostolic Faith Church, 2512 25th St., are at 7 p.m. nightly through Wednesday. Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Austin Sutton is the evangelist.

Girl Scout fun day

Swim time for all registered Girl Scouts is Saturday at the Western Texas College pool from 5:30-7:30 p.m. For additional information, contact Shannon Mhoon, 573-4806.

Hobbs Baptist Church revival

Hobbs Baptist Church will hold revival services beginning Sunday and continuing through Wednesday. Sunday services are 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., while weekday services will be at 7 in the evening. Paul Cherry will be the evangelist and Vanessa and Erin Cherry will provide the music.

SHS Class of 1958

The Snyder High School class of 1958 will meet Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Snyder National Bank to discuss plans for the 40th reunion.

Church of Nazarene film

Snyder's First Church of Nazarene will present the film, "I Just Saw Jesus," from 6-7 p.m. Sunday and also next Sunday. The church, located on the Colorado City Highway, invites the public to attend.

Ira Cheerleaders

Ira Cheerleaders will be having a car wash at the Cross Roads service station on Monday from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., and again on July 6. Donations will be accepted.

Snyder Lions Club

Snyder Lions Club will not meet this Tuesday, but will attend the Prayer Breakfast on July 4. The next regular meeting is July 7.

VFW needs vets for float

Snyder's VFW wants to find men and women who served during World Wars I and II, Korean, Vietnam and Desert Storm wars to ride on its July Fourth float. If you would like to participate call Bob Sealy, 573-3456; Valton Buchanan, 573-6542; Beal Turney, 573-1934; or Bob Moffett, 573-5684, before June 25.

Color TV drawing

Snyder Healthcare Center is taking donations for a drawing for a 19-inch color TV to be given away July 4th in Towle Park. For more information, call 573-6332.

New programs at FBC

First Baptist Church has two programs: King's Kids Preschool on Mondays and Wednesdays and Mother's Day Out on Fridays. Extended care is available. Register now for the 1998-99 school year. For more information, call 573-7401.

'Furry Tails! Funny Tales!'

Registration for summer reading and read-to-me programs for children is underway at Scurry County Library. There are two age groups — preschoolers and non-reading children and youngsters who have completed K through 6th grade. Registration will continue through July 24 during normal library hours.

Road to Recovery program

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

Oil photographs needed

Old photographs of oil scenes or events in Scurry County are wanted by the Scurry County Museum in conjunction with an Oil Appreciation Day observance on Oct. 17. The photographs will be copied and returned.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
6-2-9
(six, two, nine)

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
7-11-13-22-29
(seven, eleven, thirteen, twenty-two, twenty-nine)

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
47-3-31-43
(Forty-seven, three, thirty-one, forty-three)

The lady is a truck driver

On the road again: Dora Davila enjoys life on the highway

By Shirley A. Gorman
News Editor

Some day, Dora Davila may have to settle down, but she isn't rushing to do it just yet. You see, the Sweetwater resident is having too much fun driving a truck, something she has done since 1978.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice has very few women truck drivers, and Dora is the only one who works out of Snyder's terminal.

In July, she will have worked here a year. She has also recently qualified to be a relief dispatcher.

Before she could drive for TDCJ, Dora had to meet all the state's requirements plus undergo special training in Beeville for three weeks. This was necessary because she comes into contact with inmates at the units as well as those who are truck drivers.

"Truck driving is not an easy job. You have to love it to do it."

Dora and the other drivers transport anything that is needed within the prison system, including groceries, produce grown by the inmates, and cold storage items. "Anything the inmates need is what we carry," Dora said.

Trucks from Snyder's terminal travel to several cities in all directions including Dalhart, Childress, Wichita Falls, Pampa, El Paso, Fort Stockton, Colorado City and Gatesville.

Every 13 weeks, drivers, both regular and inmate, take turns on shuttle runs where Snyder's trailers are driven to Gatesville. Huntsville drivers do the same. The trailers are then swapped for the return trip.

Dora's yearning for the road began early in life as the self-described "daddy's girl" followed her dad around. He had driven trucks for the Army during World War II, delivering food to the camps. In later years, he drove a dump truck off and on.

Dora never had any formal training as a truck driver, but she picked up the basics just by observing her dad, who sometimes let her accompany him.

Dora did not graduate from high school but she studied cosmetology and became a hairdresser, securing a job with Judy's Beauty Shop in Colorado City, where she lived from 1967 to 1977. She recalled telling her clients that if she ever didn't work as a hairdresser then she wanted to drive a truck, though never quite believing that it would ever happen.

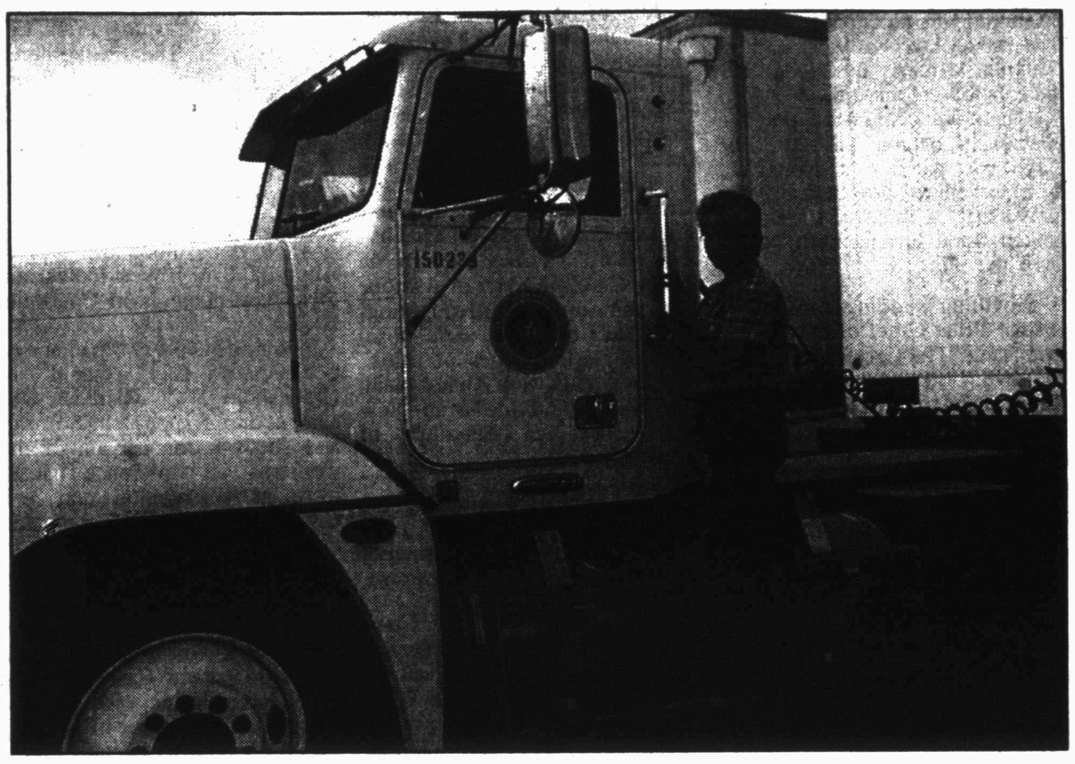
Dora was married by then and had four children, three sons and a daughter. Then in 1978, her life took an unexpected twist and she and her husband divorced. With four young children to support, she returned to Sweetwater where she had been raised by her grandmother.

"We arrived with nothing," she recalled.

As for child support, she said her lawyer gave her no hope that they would ever be able to collect any.

"You can't get blood from a turnip," is how Dora said he phrased it.

Back in Sweetwater, she had to face the grim prospects of how was she going to support her children. She said she knew she could not depend on a hairdresser's income, so she sought other jobs, but came to the same realization. She wasn't earning enough money.



LADY TRUCK DRIVER — Dora Davila of Sweetwater is the only woman who drives TCDJ trucks at Snyder's terminal. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Dora said she was on welfare for one month only, but she was so humiliated by that brief experience that the decades-old memory remains distasteful today.

She remained confident, though, that she could find some way to support her family.

Enter Wayne Casalenovo, a family friend, who helped resurrect Dora's girlhood dream of driving trucks. Wayne, now a millionaire, was then an independent truck driver, hauling under the name of Rustburg Poultry.

Dora said he patiently taught her how to drive trucks, things like gearing down in bad weather and how to come off of a mountain.

He also taught her to compensate by avoiding jerking motions, especially when going around a curve.

Dora learned to drive in some very high mountains as well as all types of bad weather. When you drive across the country, "you always catch up to bad weather," she said.

Dora also learned to pace herself, to live out of a suitcase and to shower in truck stops, sometimes walking through deep snow to get to a facility.

"Truck driving is not an easy job. You have to love it to do it, Dora said."

Dora and Wayne drove cross country as a team for three years, making the Rustburg, Va. to Los Angeles, Calif. run twice a week. One way was 2,396 miles.

It took three days to make the run, and if they were carrying produce on the return trip, then they could do it in 2½ days, Dora said. They carried Lane furniture to California and often brought produce back to Richmond, Va. markets. With produce, we always had to hurry," Dora said. "Because everything had to be delivered as fresh as possible."

When Dora drove cross country, her children either road with her or else stayed in Sweetwater with her grandmother and sister when school was in session.

"I couldn't have made it without them (grandmother and sister)," she said. She also noted that her ex-husband helped take care of Benji.

Her daughter didn't care much for riding in the truck, but her sons did, especially the youngest, Benji, who is now 23.

She noted that her children picked the "Pink Panther" as her CB radio name because they liked the cartoon show.

Dora said Wayne was very kind to her children, especially Benji who loved to eat at McDonald's. Whenever, he spotted one he would call out and Dora said Wayne always stopped and found a way to park the truck in the restaurant's lot.

On the road, Benji loved to play with small trucks, and Dora said she always read him a lot of books.

Whenever possible, she would briefly visit her children in Sweetwater and sometimes she would miss one of the runs so she could spend a few days with them. However, she noted that they, especially, her oldest son and daughter, had to accept a lot of responsibility at an early age.

Dora and Wayne were engaged for three years but eventually broke up because, "I wasn't ready to get married." However, she said he gave her excellent references when she went looking for another job. She also had her father's contacts to rely upon.

From 18-wheelers with trailers,

See Lady, Page 4B

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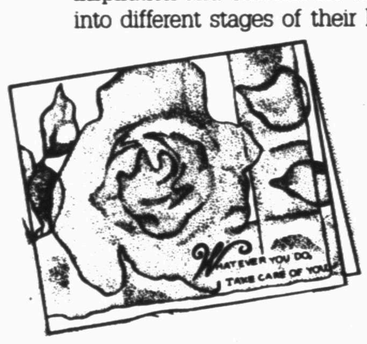




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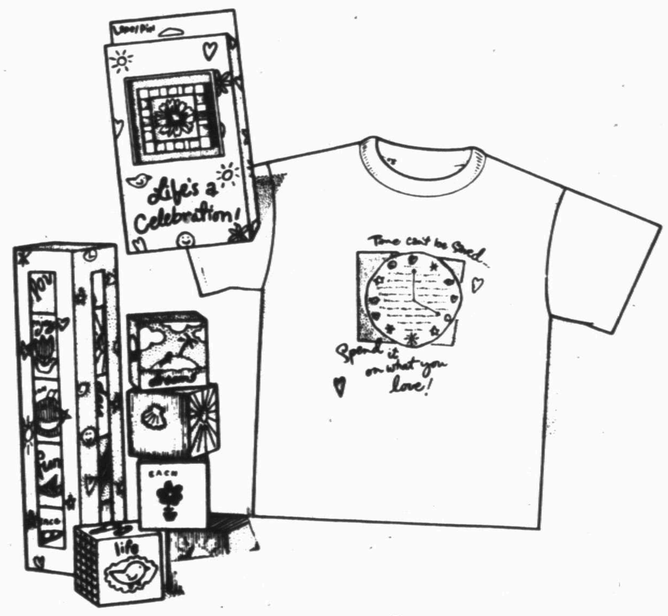
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2 cups sugar
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½ cup skim milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract.
4½ cups quick or old fashioned oats
24 gummy worms

Combine sugar and cocoa in saucepan; mix well. Add margarine, milk and vanilla. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, just until mixture boils; remove from heat immediately. Stir oats into mixture and drop by rounded tablespoons onto waxed paper. Press gummy worms into warm mounds. Cool completely. Makes 24.

Variations:

For Bars: Press oat mixture into a greased 13x9x2-in. baking pan. Press gummy worms into warm mixture. Cool completely before cutting. Makes 24.

For giant mounds: Drop three rounded tablespoons of oat mixture onto waxed papar. Press three gummy worms into warm mixture. Cool completely. Makes 8.

In formal ceremony...

Bowers, Jordan pledge nuptial vows

RICHMOND, Va. — Cathy Claire Bowers of Richmond, Va., became the bride of Michael Grant Jordan of Charlotte, N.C., formerly of Snyder, at 4 p.m. on June 20 in the Lee Chapel at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va.

Officiating the double-ring ceremony was Dr. Louis Hodges of Washington and Lee University.

Doug and Shirley Bowers of Richmond are parents of the bride and Mike and Sally Jordan of Temple, formerly of Snyder, are parents of the groom.

Magnolias marked the pews in the chapel that was built after the Civil War when Gen. Robert E. Lee served as president of the university. A massive cascading mixed floral arrangement decorated the altar.

Providing wedding music were soloist Brian Greef of New York who sang "The Greatest of These is Love;" organist Dr. Timothy Gaylard and trumpeter Major John Brodie, are both from Lexington.

The bride's father gave her in marriage as she was wore a Helen Morley design. The A-line gown had alternating bands of Italian silk gazar and satin. Her handmade tiara-style headpiece attached an elbow-length illusion veil with a blusher.

The bride carried a nosegay bouquet of white roses, stephanotis, and calla lilies. The stems were wrapped in double-faced satin.

Maid of honor, Julie Bowers, sister of the bride from New York, wore an ice pink A-line gown by Jim Hjelm. Another sister, Karen Cotchett from Columbia, S.C., was matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Lesley Carroll, cousin of the bride from New Bern, N.C., Alice Jackson, Boyd Anthony and Sinclair Fowler, all of Greensboro, N.C., Cortney Bowen of Dallas, Caroline Keen of Ashton, Md., and Amy Hartzell of Lexington. Their bouquets were nosegays of pastel shades of roses.

Flower girls were Anna Marsh, cousin of the bride from New Bern, and Ali Stagnitta of Lexington.

Dallas and Austin Jordan, cousins of the groom from Temple, and Matt Zimmerman of Cary, N.C., were ring bearers.

Father of the groom was best man. The groom's brother, Patrick Jordan of Temple; Jim Bowers, brother of the bride from Richmond; Jimmy Cotchett, brother-in-law of the bride from Columbia; and Casey Franks of Austin, formerly of Snyder, were groomsmen.

Marc Santora of Washington, D.C.; Pete Hammond of Boulder, Colo.; Justin Bakule of Ithaca, N.Y., Andy Shapira of New York; and Ben Skaggs of Washington, D.C. were ushers.

Male attire included white ties and black formal tuxedos.

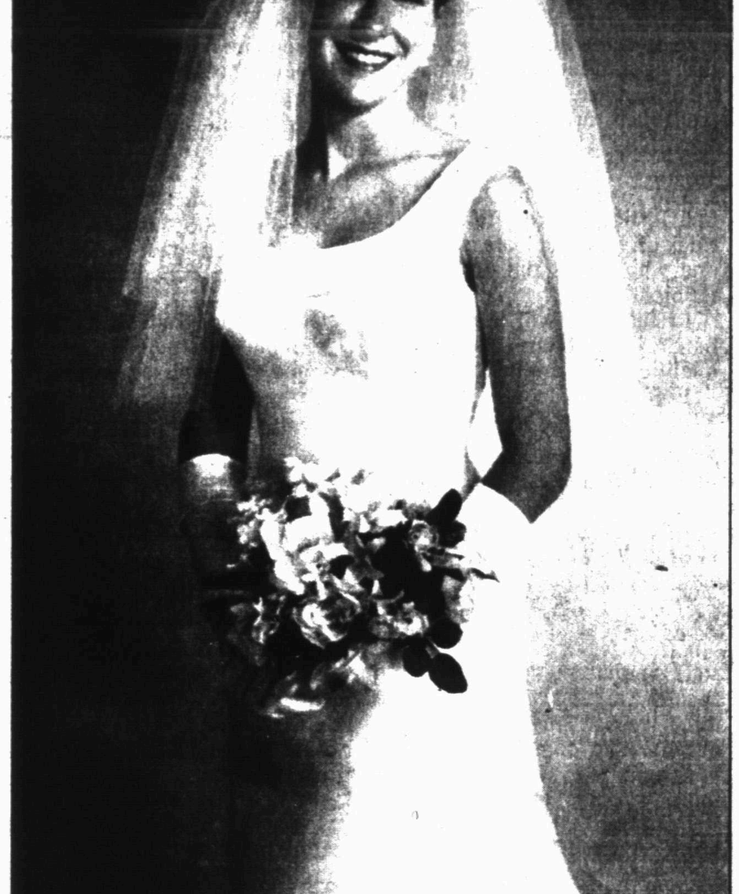
Registering guests were Stephanie Boden and Julie Ann Olejniczak, both of Washington, D.C.; and Mr. Evan Pollan, cousins of the groom from Dallas.

A reception was held in the Evans Hall at Washington and Lee University. The five-tiered wedding cake with different flavors included chocolate with fresh raspberries and cream; vanilla with lemon curd and raspberry jam; vanilla with strawberries and cream; and chocolate with Baileys Irish Creme custard.

Their honeymoon trip was to Anguilla, British West Indies, and their new home is in Charlotte, N.C.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Greensboro Day School in Greensboro, N.C., where she was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and she was the captain of the women's all-conference soccer team at Washington and Lee University where she graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in economics. She is employed at First Union as a financial analyst.

Jordan graduated from Snyder High School in 1992 and as an honor graduate of Washington and Lee University in 1996 with a bachelor of arts degree in economics. He served as captain of the rugby team and was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. He is employed with First Union as a financial analyst for mergers and acquisitions.



Mrs. Michael Grant Jordan
(Contributed Photo)

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

Jane Hinton directed bridge games at the Snyder Country CLub.

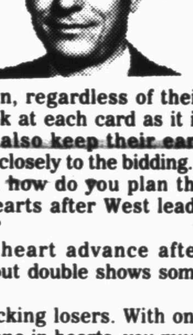
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June 19
North-South
1. Ann Davis, Nita Talbott.
2. Billisue Stuard, Monte West.
3. Dora Blakey, Nona Morrison.
East-West
1. Margaret Birdwell, Barbara Yorgesen.
2. Mary Bast, Johnye Van Dever.
3. Debbie May, Ann Spitler.

SUNDAY
June 21
1. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.
2. Dora Blakey, Nona Morrison.
3. Barbara Russell, E.J. Russell.

TUESDAY
June 23
1. Ann Davis, Louise Thompson.,
2. Dora Blakey, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Margaret Birdwell, Frances Stevenson.

Bridge

By Phillip Alder





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North 06-27-98
♠ J 8
♥ K J 6 5
♦ Q 7 6 4
♣ A K Q

West	East
♠ K Q 10 9 5 4	♠ 7 6 2
♥ A 3	♥ 7 2
♦ A 5	♦ J 10 9 8
♣ 10 6 5	♣ 8 4 3 2

South
♠ A 3
♥ Q 10 9 8 4
♦ K 3 2
♣ J 9 7

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1 ♠	Dbl.	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ K

The eyes have it

By Phillip Alder

One of the pictures in this year's cat calendar has three white cats. One has two blue-colored eyes; one has a left blue eye and right yellow eye; the third has a left yellow eye and a right blue eye. Very strange — though no doubt some geneticist could explain it easily enough.

In bridge, the good players keep their eyes open, regardless of their color. They look at each card as it is played. They also keep their ears open, listening closely to the bidding.

In this deal, how do you plan the play in four hearts after West leads the spade king?

Your three-heart advance after partner's takeout double shows some 9-11 points.

Start by checking losers. With one in spades and one in hearts, you must avoid losing two diamond tricks.

In particular when an opponent has bid, once the dummy appears, check the points. Here, there are 16 in the dummy and you have 10. That leaves only 14 for the opponents, yet West opened the bidding. So, he must have the diamond ace. Just hope that it is a singleton or doubleton. If West has ace-third of diamonds, you have no chance against best defense.

After winning with the spade ace, play a trump. Let's assume West rises with his ace, cashes the spade queen, and exits with his final trump. (If West ducks the heart ace, or if you think he started with the singleton ace, you might go for an endplay: Cash two or three of dummy's clubs, then lead a trump to West's ace, hoping he has only spades and diamonds left.) Now you play a diamond to dummy's queen, then duck a diamond on the way back. West's ace dropping onto the table is a sight for watchful eyes!

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6. "Mouse Hunt," (Universal)
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5. "Hawaiian Homecoming," Bill & Gloria Gaither (Spring Hill)
6. "Girl Power: Live In Istanbul," Spice Girls (Virgin)
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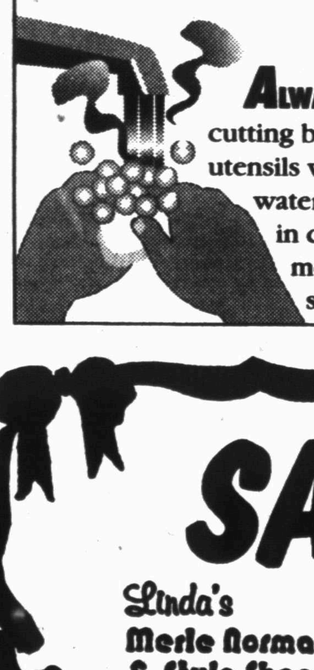




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Annie Ragland and Brandon Martin wed

Andrea Dawn (Annie) Ragland and Brandon Jon Martin, both of Edmond, Okla., exchanged nuptial vows at 7 p.m. on April 14 in the First Baptist Church in Snyder.

Dr. Marty Akins, pastor of the church, officiated the double-ring vows at an altar displaying five candelabras trimmed in white tulle and greenery. Two large fresh flower arangements, designed by Friendly Flowers, sat on pedestals flanking the altar. Greenery aligned banisters were accented by votive candles.

Shawn and Teresa Ragland of Snyder are parents of the bride. The groom's father and stepmother are Terry and Martha Martin of Snyder, and his mother and stepfather are Nancy and Allen Hamilton of Lancaster.

Candlelighters were Ty Ragland of Stafford and Page Patterson of Snyder, cousins of the bride, and Tamara Cannon, the groom's sister of Lubbock.

Vocalist was Linda Fox, groom's aunt from Midland, who sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "0 God of Love." Organist was Lynn Bethel of Snyder.

Scrolls were given to guests prior to registration by Spencer Ragland, cousin of the bride from Hobbs, N.M., and Logan Martin, cousin of the groom from Snyder.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Shawn Ragland, as she was attired in a white silk shantung designer gown from the Galina Collection. The princess silhouette gown featured an off-the-shoulder neckline. Silk lace accented her bodice and cascaded down her semi-cathedral train.

To complete her ensemble, the bride wore a tiny silk shantung band with petite shantung buttons to hold her veil of gossamer illusion finished with soutache edge. Her bouquet, designed by Friendly Flowers, included over two dozen pink tipped, white roses and white calla lilies with mint green and pink silk ribbon.

Maid of honor was Hayley Wilson of Lubbock, cousin and best friend of the bride. Her sea mist green A-line dress with a halter top was designed by New Image. She carried a bouquet of one large calla lily surrounded by greenery and tied with rose and sea mist green ribbon.

Flower girl was Terann Ragland, the bride's sister.

Best man was Michael Rodriguez and ushers were Mike Murphy, Tommy Reeves and Kevin Winter of Lubbock.

Male attire consisted of black double-breasted tuxedos, designed by Pierre Cardin.

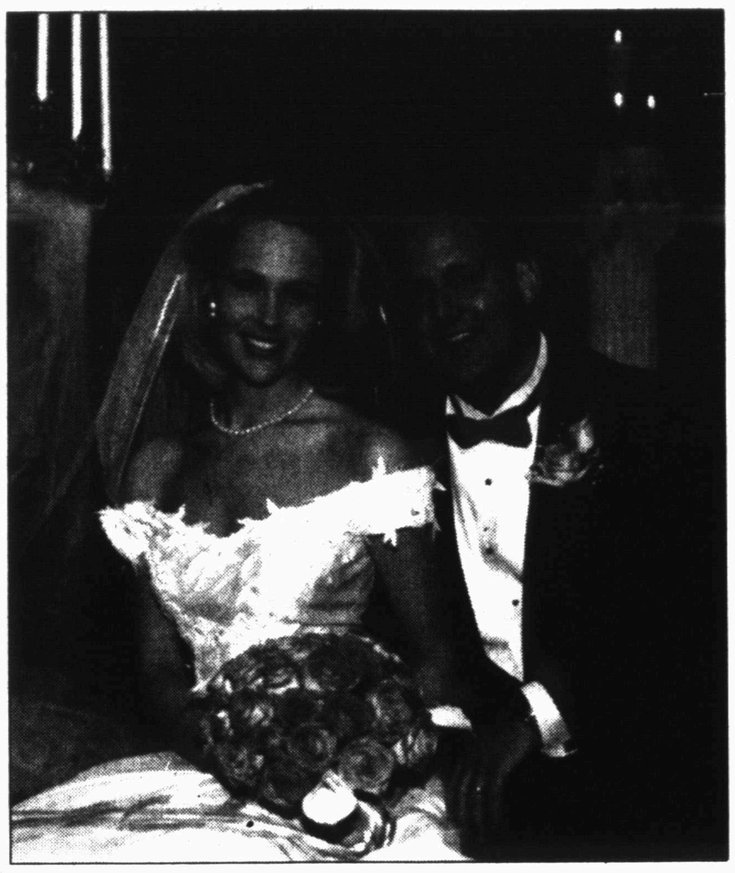
Hope Papay, the groom's stepsister of San Angelo, and Courtney Ragland, cousin of the bride from Hobbs, N.M., registered guests at a table covered with a white cloth and centered with a single calla lilly in a vase. The table also held a guest book and a crystal pen set.

A reception and dance was held at the Snyder Country Club where the ballroom guest tables were decorated by Inflation Creation of Midland and Sandra Hart of Midland. Music was provided by The Zone from Lubbock.

Decorations for the bride's table were by Jane Findley of Lubbock and Barbara Bills. The round table, encased with tulle bows and pink calla lilies was accented with mirrors, pearls and rose petals that surrounded the bride's bouquet. The backdrop for the table was tulle, fresh greenery and pink roses.

Linda Freeman of the Farmer's Daughter in Sweetwater made the wedding cakes. The bride's four-tiered Italian cream cake was covered with rolled fondant. The dotted Swiss design cake was accented with a band of taffeta ribbon. Cascading from the cake top were handmade gumpaste calla lilies, roses and stephanotis. It was topped with a crystal bride and groom.

The groom's stacked German chocolate cake compleented the bride's in style. It was boldly piped with chocolate fudge and covered with tuxedo dipped strawberries. A miniature bride and groom, made from strawberries, topped the cake. The food was provided by the country club on a table decorated with tulle lilies and an ice sculpture of the letter M as the focal point.



Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Jon Martin
(Photo by Mr. Geez Photography)

Serving were Nell Allen, Shirley Miller and Laura Jones.

Rice bells were distributed at the close of the rehearsal by Alex Walls and Abbi Walls, cousins of the bride from Carrollton.

The couple's honeymoon was in Sandals Royal Bahamian Spa and Resort in Nassau.

Their new home is in Edmond where the bride works as a registered dental hygienist and the groom is operations manager for Reef Chemical in Edmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin are Snyder High School graduates. The bride was born in Big Spring, moving to Snyder at the age of 4. She attended WTC one year on a basketball scholarship and Howard College for two years, receiving her associate science degree. Martin attended Southwest Texas State University.

Wedding, rehearsal dinner and reception pictures were by Tom Gonzales of Mr. Geez Photography. Videos were by John Zalman.



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Reunion planners seek addresses

The committee planning a 15-year Snyder High School reunion is in need of addresses for classmates.

Anyone having information about these SHS exes class of 1983 is asked to contact Kirk Herrley at 915-573-3204.

Addresses are needed for Michael Beasley, Hermilo Castillo, Yolanda Ruiz, J.W. Love, Ronnie Purser, Sandra Martinez, Ron LaPointe, Stacy Day, Janie Coppedge, Raymond Garza, Tammy Norris, Richard Johnson, Hector Cabillo, John Hembree, Vickie Barlow Powell and Bobby McArthur.

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News and Views

At 10 a.m., June 29 the Storytime program for 4- and five-year-olds will feature jungle tales. Stories and activities with a jungle theme are being planned.

At 10 a.m. on July 1, Sgt. Pitner will talk about bicycle safety, police work on bicycles, and he will be accompanied by McGruff and his police dog, Jake.

BOOK FEATURE

"How to Succeed in Business by Breaking all the Rules," by Dan Kennedy.

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Knight to tour

DETROIT (AP) — Gladys Knight plans to tour the country to talk about diabetes, the disease that has stalked the singer's family.

"Diabetes is very much hereditary. Just the fact it runs so rampantly in my family, I'm just ever so much more aware," said Ms. Knight, whose hits include "Midnight Train to Georgia."

As the new national spokeswoman for the American Diabetes Foundation, Ms. Knight said this week that she plans speeches in cities from Tampa, Fla., to Phoenix and Pittsburgh.

Foundation executives hope her celebrity status will boost awareness of diabetes, which afflicts an estimated 16 million Americans.

Ms. Knight's mother and financial adviser, Elizabeth Knight, died in December of complications from diabetes.

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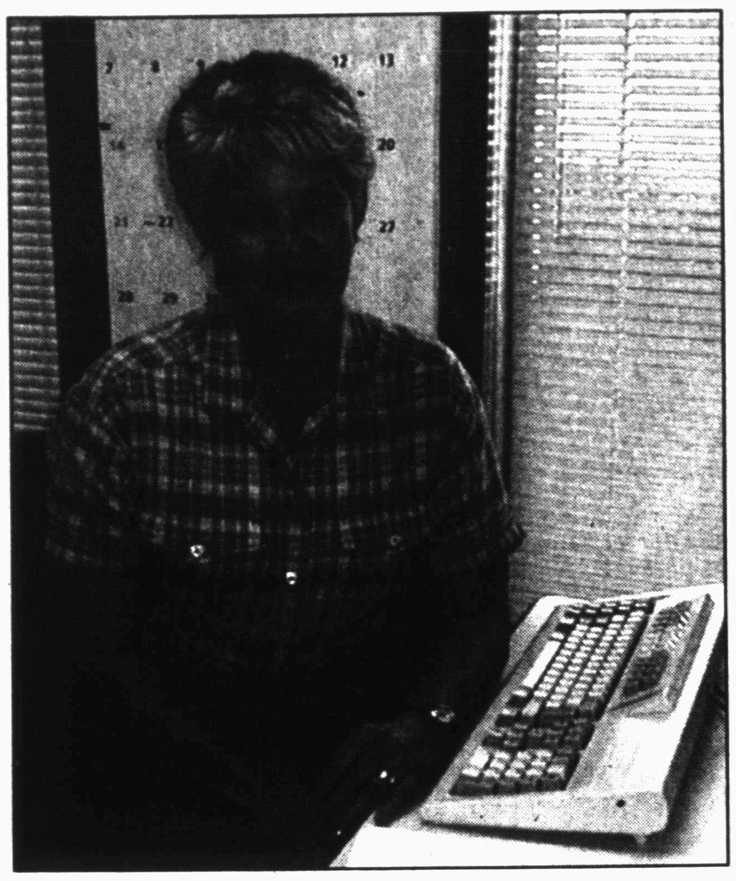


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Lady drives truck for TDCJ in Snyder

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Dora switched to 18-wheeler flatbeds when she went to work for Gypsum Transport in Sweetwater. "I really broke into truck driving, then, Dora noted



RELIEF DISPATCHER — Dora Davila also works as the relief dispatcher at Snyder's terminal. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

She hauled sheetrock and lumber supplies for Gypsum from 1981 to 1989.

When Dora first drove for Gypsum, she said she had no idea what she had gotten herself into. But she quickly learned that flatbeds are a different brand of truck driving. There's a lot of manual labor involved, she explained, because you have to tie down loads and take off and secure tarps.

She did not have any muscles so she had to build up her body. She said she prayed a lot during the early days. She also encountered a less than warm reception from the other drivers, all male, who watched her to see if she could do it, but never offered to help. Nor did Dora ever ask them to.

Within six months, Dora won their respect, and they became like "big brothers."

Dora drove Gypsum flatbeds all over the state and within a 1,500 mile radius of the state. While it involved more manual labor she said she loved it because she was able to spend more time at home with her children. She noted that her boss, Johnny Boggs, was one of the fairest she had ever worked for. He treated all of his drivers fairly and with respect, regardless of gender.

As much as Dora loves driving a truck, she said she was forced to quit driving temporarily due to back injuries that occurred on the job.

Late one foggy and rainy night, Dora's rig jackknifed between Menard and Junction, sliding about 1½ miles into a field. Hers was the fifth rig to jackknife that night. She noted that that particular stretch of highway gets real slippery when it rains.

Several vehicles passed her by, but no one stopped. One man finally did. Searching hesitantly with the aid of a large flashlight, he spotted Dora and drove her to the nearest truck stop.

Later when a highway patrol unit couldn't immediately locate the wrecked rig, one patrolman asked Dora, "Lady, are you sure you drive a truck."

Dora didn't think she had hurt herself so she never went to the doctor. And when the soreness left, she went back to work.

Another mishap, caused more serious injury. On the Henderson to Sunnyvale run, Dora was in the process of taking off the tarp when the load shifted. She fell from the top of the load to the ground and all of the lumber kept falling on top of her.

"As I could feel the weight on me getting heavier and heavier, Dora said, "I thought I was going to die."

Dora also had another minor accident in Abilene. As she was attempting to turn, a car's bumper got hooked on her truck and she dragged it until she stopped in front of a police station. Then hauling a load of cement, she said she had not felt the car being dragged.

Though no one was injured, the incident cost Dora the three- year safe driving award she had been due to receive.

Another time, she said she was driving near Albuquerque when she turned a curve and dumped a load of fertilizer. She noted how accommodating people were about helping her get everything reloaded.

But by the time she returned to Sweetwater, the word had spread through CB radio land and she said she took a lot of razzing over the incident.

Due to the back injuries, Dora reluctantly quit Gypsum Transport. She eventually underwent fusion surgery that helped alleviate some of her problems. But she can no longer do any manual work or heavy lifting.

"Lady are you sure you drive a truck?" — Highway patrolman asked Dora.

Her beloved truck driving career gone, Dora decided to go back to school.

First she earned a GED. Then she enrolled in Texas State Technical College where she earned an associate's degree in information management, maintaining a 3.85 grade point average.

Studying did not come easy to Dora who had been out of school for many years. She also had no background in either math or computers. However, she put just about everything else on hold and concentrated almost solely on school work until she graduated.

Dora is proud of her degree and she is especially glad that her dad lived to see her achieve it, because he always wanted his children to finish school.

After graduating, Dora soon realized that she could make more money driving trucks than she could working in an office. For instance, driving for Gypsum, she said she was able to provide two years training at a technical school for each of her children.

That plus the fact that she really missed the road prompted her to seek another truck driving job. She said she is able to drive a regular 18 wheeler, but flatbeds are out because of the hard work involved.

She and her husband, Larry Beasley, team drove for DSCO Inc. based in Greeley, Colo. for several years. They met while Dora drove for Gypsum and Larry drove for a competitor, Holder, Inc., which also hauled sheetrock.

They became "road pals" but it was three years before "Larry had the nerve to ask me for a date," Dora said. That was 13 years ago.

During their DSCO driving days, Dora said the company had a problem with some truck drivers who would just abandon their loads.

When that happened, Dora and Larry were often split up so one of them could drive the other truck. She recalled that that happened about three times. One truck, abandoned in San Antonio, carried a load of swinging meat, that was difficult to drive, Dora said.

Some drivers won't even haul swinging loads because they are dangerous. "It's hard to explain unless you drive the truck, Dora said, "But I had to learn to swing with the trailer," she added, "Just like a dance."

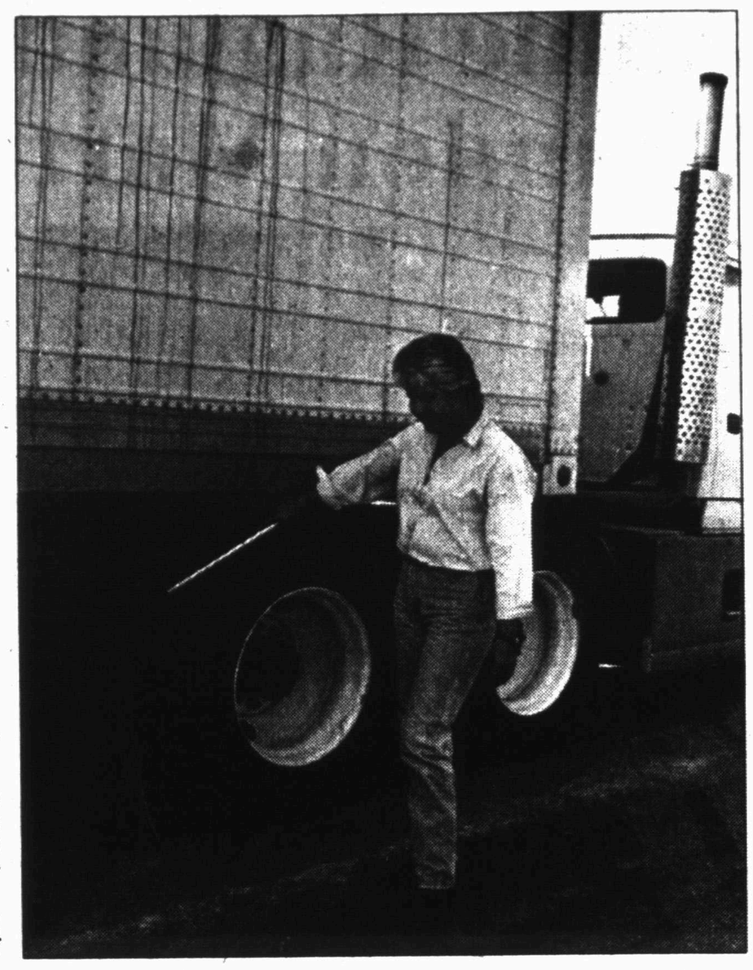
Swinging meat is more difficult to carry because the load can shift. Its particularly difficult in snowy weather and the highways are slippery, Dora explained, adding that when she would feel the trailer beginning to slide she had to gently correct her course without braking.

Dora has even driven to Calgary, Canada, something she didn't like because of the snow and sleet and the fact that all of the road signs and gasoline pumps were in liters.

"I couldn't wait to get back to the U.S.," she said.

Dora eventually quit the cross country runs with Larry because she missed her family, especially her six grandchildren. She was often away from them for six months at a time.

She later drove for Heath Transport in Lubbock for three months, but quit for the same reason. Since Dora was a single parent, she thinks that is why they are so close today.



TIRE CHECK — Dora Davila is checking the tires on her rig. (Staff Photo By Shirley A. Gorman)

Over the years, Dora earned the respect of her peers and made friends and "road buddies," the kind who want to help fellow truck drivers."

However, she has also encountered complaints from male drivers who don't think women should drive trucks. Some preferred to "hide behind the mike" rather than talk to her face to face.

A dispute over CB radios erupted after one driver told her that she and all women belonged in the kitchen, not on the road driving trucks which was a man's job.

She answered that if he would give her his paycheck every week she would be glad to stay home with her children. But since she was their only support she needed to drive just like he did.

Dora's oldest son, John Davila Jr. is a certified diesel mechanic and lives in Sweetwater. Her daughter, Donna Turner, is a nurse's aid in a Big Spring hospital. She has three children.

Zeke Davila served during Desert Storm and works for Fiber Optics Co. which is based in Salt Lake City, Utah. Benji is now a paramedic and firefighter in Big Spring.



ON THE ROAD — When her children were not in school in Sweetwater, they accompanied their mother on cross country runs. Zeke is standing on the ground. John Jr. is by the door. Benji is seated behind the wheel. Donna is not pictured. (Contributed Photo)

"When you drive across the country, you always catch up to bad weather."

Larry continues to drive for Heath Transport.

After quitting Heath Transport, Dora worked several other jobs such as Trent Gin where she was the secretary and bookkeeper for one ginning season. She also worked for the Juvenile Justice Center in Bronte for a year.

When the TDCJ truck driving opening occurred, she jumped at the chance to take it. She loves this job as much as Gypsum Transport. She said this is the type of job she would have loved to have had when her children were small.

When Dora started driving trucks 20 years ago, she said there were few women truck drivers. As much for herself as other female drivers, she said she was "ladylike" rather than "trashy."

A former hairdresser, she said she never liked to drive unless she had washed her face and put on makeup. She recalled that she has only broken that rule one time. She had been asleep in the back of the cab until it was time for her to relieve Larry.

Since they were at a DOT station, which she said is not the best place to apply makeup anyway, he wouldn't let her do it but insisted that she wait until they found a truck stop.

'CHiPS' to return

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "CHiPs" will be back on patrol this fall.

Erik Estrada and Larry Wilcox will return as California Highway Patrol officers Frank "Ponch" Poncherello and Jon Baker in the movie set for October on cable channel TNT, Daily Variety reported Thursday.

"CHiPs '99" will have the pair of motorcycle cops teaming up to bust a car-theft ring in the movie produced by series creator Rick Rosner.

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Community Calendar

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

Al-Anon and AA brown bag, open meetings, Snyder Park Club; noon.

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

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

Scurry County AA; closed meeting; Park Club; for more information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

Just for Today NA, closed meeting; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 57;3-8018; 6 p.m.

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

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

AA brown bag, open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; noon.

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

Just for Today NA; open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, 573-8018; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

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

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

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; Horseshoe Courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762; 7 p.m.

Just for Today NA; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

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

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

New Horizons AA; closed meeting; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 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.

Just for Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-8018; 8 p.m.

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

SATURDAY

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

Just for Today NA open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 863-2349; 10 a.m.

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

Just For Today closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-0949, 573-4238, or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

Family suit rejected

NEW YORK (AP) — Rudolf Nureyev was of sound mind when he decided to give $7 million to his Chicago-based dance foundation, a judge ruled in rejecting efforts by relatives of the dancer to get the money.

"Rudolf Nureyev was a strong-willed person who dared to defy a government," U.S. District Judge Denny Chin said Thursday. "He was not a person who could be manipulated or unduly influenced and this remained true even near the end."

The ruling was a victory for the Rudolf Nureyev Dance Foundation, which brought the dispute to federal court to get a declaration that it controls the $7 million U.S. portion of the dancer's $21 million estate.

The trial was to determine whether Nureyev was aware what he was doing when he left the money to the foundation. His family alleged that a Chicago lawyer persuaded a sick and confused Nureyev in 1992 to use his U.S. assets to establish the foundation.

After Supreme Court ruling...

AIDS activists see good news ahead

WASHINGTON (AP) — AIDS activists are renewing their push to get Medicaid to cover expensive drugs for people with HIV after the Supreme Court decision that HIV-infected people are disabled even if they don't show symptoms.

It's one of several ramifications activists see from the precedent-setting case.

"It has broad public health implications — all of them good," Daniel Zingale, executive director for AIDS Action, said the day after the court ruled that people infected with HIV are protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act, whether they have symptoms or not.

He and other activists predicted the decision will prevent discrimination on the job and elsewhere, encourage more people to be tested for the virus and help dissipate the prejudice and fear many Americans still harbor about the disease.

"There's still a tremendous amount of discrimination in small towns and rural areas across America," said Sandra Thurman, President Clinton's director of AIDS policy.

She agreed that the case may bolster arguments that Medicaid should pay for care for people with HIV, even if they are not poor enough to qualify under normal guidelines.

People with AIDS generally qualify for Medicaid because they are disabled and unable to work. But AIDS-fighting drugs are effective when used before people develop symptoms, and Medicaid does not cover HIV-infected people who are not yet sick.

The Supreme Court's ruling holds no legal sway over the Medicaid program. It ruled that HIV was a disability for civil rights purposes of preventing discrimination but has no effect on a different section of law dealing with disability benefits.

Still, AIDS Action argues that the high court has "altered the landscape" of the debate.

"If the Supreme Court says people with HIV should be protected from discrimination, then logic and morality dictate that protecting them from developing AIDS is just as important," Zingale wrote in a letter Thursday to Medicaid's chief administrator.

Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., wrote a similar letter Friday to Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala.

The Clinton administration has said it would like to extend Medicaid coverage to people with HIV, but it is too expensive — $3 billion to $9 billion over five years.

HHS spokesman Chris Peacock said Friday that the administration has not given up. "We're committed to trying to find a way to expand Medicaid," he said, though he did not offer any specifics.

AIDS activists are also hoping the court decision will encourage people to get tested for the HIV virus without fear of discrimination.

About a half-million people are infected with HIV, but do not yet show symptoms of AIDS. Half of them don't know that they are HIV-positive.

A variety of reasons keep people from being tested, activists explain, including fear of discrimination.

"Even in 1998, HIV is still a very stigmatized condition," said Bennett Klein, an attorney with the Boston-based Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, who represented Sidney Abbott, the HIV-positive woman who sued her dentist when he refused to fill a cavity.

"We want people to get tested and find out their HIV status as early as possible," Thurman said. "There are now treatments available."

Bill Barnes, 21, found out he was HIV positive through an anonymous testing center in New York City when he was 15.

"That way, no one could track it back to me," said Barnes, who now works on AIDS policy for San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown.

Astronomers discover large, gaseous planet

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Astronomers have discovered a planet bigger than Jupiter just 15 light years from Earth, apparently a huge ball of gas with a surface temperature well below zero.

Geoffrey Marcy, who heads a four-member team of San Francisco State researchers, announced the discovery this week at a scientific symposium in Canada. The finding was confirmed by a separate team in Switzerland.

The group found the planet using the Keck I telescope in Hawaii.

Its huge mass — at least 1.9 times bigger than Jupiter's — was detected by a wobble in the motion of a nearby star, not by direct visualization.

There is no evidence of any solid land on the planet on which earthlike life forms might have developed. Scientists say the planet is mostly hydrogen and helium with a surface temperature of about 80 degrees below zero.

The planet was the first to be found orbiting a small star called Gliese 876, one-third the size of the sun. The star is the closest to Earth — other than our own sun — around which a planet has been found.

It is one of the closest members of a class of low-mass stars that are the most common in the Milky Way galaxy.

The previously closest-known "extrasolar" planet orbits a star about 35 light-years away. A light-year is 5.9 trillion miles, the distance light travels in one year.

"It's not spitting distance, exactly, but spacecraft distance perhaps for future generations," Marcy said Wednesday.

Marcy added that the discovery of a planet around Gliese 876 dramatically raises the odds that many more planets may be found relatively close to our own solar system.

"The key issue is that this is by far the lowest-mass star around which a planet has ever been discovered," he said.

Twelve such planets have been discovered by the world's astronomers, including seven by Marcy and his associates in the past three years. A report on the most recent discovery will be published in Saturday's issue of Science News.

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

What should cancer patients eat?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I just wondered if you had any suggestions as to what I should cook for my mother, who is undergoing radiation and chemotherapy. I can cook well, so it's not really recipes I am looking for, but a list of foods I can use to make things more manageable for her. Are there foods which make one's appetite reappear or that taste more appetizing after a treatment? Do some foods even help to calm the effects of treatment? How about vitamins? Can I give her those? Can I use milk products? Also, what can I do to cheer her up? — A.S.

DEAR A.S.: As your mother goes through her treatments, she will likely experience changes in her appetite as well as her perceptions of taste and smell. Cancer therapy is aimed at eliminating the fastest growing cells in the body: the cancer. But the body has "normal" fast-growing cells, too, and these also tend to be affected — including the cells that line our digestive tract. That can lead to nausea and other digestive upsets. All these factors take their toll, often in an unpredictable way. The bottom line is that there aren't foods that can reliably "turn on" one's appetite.

To support your mother, you need to give her nutrient-dense foods that are high in calories. I recommend a plant-based diet that includes foods such as nut butters, soy foods and avocados, but be willing to follow your mother's whims. Your abilities in the kitchen will pay off, as you will be able to take your cues from your mother's changing needs and whip up great-tasting foods whenever she's in the mood. Frequent, small meals are usually best. Milk products, if tolerated, are fine. A multi-vitamin supplement would be OK, but I would avoid megadoses, as you wouldn't want to interfere with the cancer therapy. Make sure you discuss all of this with your mother's oncologist and dietitian.

I recommend that you get a good reference book, too. Take a look at "Cancer Survivor's Nutrition & Health Guide" by G. Spiller and B. Bruce (Prima, 1997). It focuses on eating well and getting better during and after cancer treatment. Another book on this topic is "Nutrition for the Chemotherapy Patient," by J. Ramstack and E. Rosenbaum (Bull, 1990).

As for ways to cheer her up, I would encourage her to find others that have gone down the same road. Many can offer priceless advice and provide islands of joy in all that anguish. Ask your mother's doctor for leads. If you have access to the Internet, you can find an informal support group tailored to her specific type of cancer. I would caution you not to rely on these groups for medical advice, but I have participated in a number of online groups and have found them to be a good source of all-hours encouragement and support.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: What is your opinion on vegetable juicing? I've been juicing carrots and cucumbers for the last two years. I drink this juice with my lunch and dinner — an average of 12 ounces per glass. Do you think this is too much natural sugar? Suzanne Somers says to stay away from carrots. My overall diet is lowfat — mainly fruits in the morning and vegetables at lunch and dinner, with carbs and protein. I am 5-foot-7 and weigh 135 pounds. I exercise six days a week — 15 minutes on the health rider in the morning, and then 45 minutes with weights and 10 minutes of aerobics. I have cellulite in my upper thighs and lower gut area. Do you think it is from the carrot sugar turning into fat? I want your help because I love my carrot juice and I no longer drink dairy products. I do get calcium from soy yogurt, soy cheese and supplements. — B.F., Escondido, Calif.

DEAR B.F.: That's quite an impressive regimen. I wouldn't be concerned about carrots — regardless of what a television personality might say. They are a great food. No food "turns to fat"; fat is created only when we take in more calories than the body requires. It comes down to a matter of caloric balance, so don't let yourself be convinced otherwise.

Vegetable juices — especially those made fresh — are a great way to add nutrients to the diet, and they provide a wonderful flavor and aroma unmatched by bottled juices. A cup of carrot juice contains 94 calories with 22 grams of carbohydrates. It is also a rich source of carotenoids (CARE-oh-tin-oids) — anti-oxidant phytochemicals that are a proven health asset. Cucumbers represent a great source of potassium, magnesium and silicon.

Cellulite is a type of lumpy skin that develops when connective tissue attached to the skin and underlying muscles tightens over areas where there are fatty deposits. There is nothing special about cellulite. It has nothing to do with your carrots. If you lose the excess fat, the lumpiness disappears. The dilemma is that it often shows up in the areas where the body likes to store fat.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

Ed Blonz, Ph.D., is the author of the "Your Personal Nutritionist" book series (Signet, 1996).

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NUTRITION

ED BLONZ, PH.D.





Jeff Mason, Physical Therapist Cogdell Hospital

What's So Great About Cogdell Hospital?

"This is a strong church community. I see our staff ministering to patients in a caring atmosphere. I think patients relate to that here in Snyder. I've seen staff cry with people, care for people. I think that's important. The community knows they're going to get that when they come to us.

The other thing is the support from our other services. We have a very outstanding ambulance service. All the departments give good service. The hospital meets the needs of the community. As healthcare advances, we've been able to provide those advances to our patients.

With the addition of Dr. Weaver and extra therapy personnel with extra skills we can provide choices to the community. You can have surgery and follow-up care. Now the community has a choice. With the expansion of our new facility, we'll be able to say we've got it here.

Quality care means that we respect people's dignity and their rights. We're much more viable with our staff and equipment. Our support team is great. Our staff has specialized skills. Again, it gives people a choice."

At Cogdell, it doesn't get any better than this. And that's something you can count on for life.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital

College years — the best ones of our lives



Deanie Francis Mills

As I write these words, I'm sitting under sky-scraping trees so high they make your soul soar, listening to a squabble betweerr two mockingbirds, and watching sunlight-and-leaf patterns play over busy squirrels. And I'm wondering why the stress-related tension headache that has plagued me night and day and in my sleep for the past several months simply vanished the moment I stepped foot on the ground.

That's easy. It's because I'm home.

Those of us fortunate enough to have been able to attend college in a place as special as this — and my husband feels the very same way about Texas A&M — know that there is a power and a magic about those four years of our youth that are difficult sometimes to describe, but they continue to exert a magnetic hold on us in our heart of hearts for the rest of our lives.

I've been thinking about the fact even more over the last few days, because my purpose for revisiting the campus of Stephen F. Austin State University is to deliver my daughter, Jessica, to her frehsman orientation weekend so that she can prepare to attend my alma mater as a student this fall. I can hardly put into words my delight at her choice. Though as she has grown and matured, we have become each other's best friend, this will create a bond between us that nothing can ever break.

Why? What is it about our college years that defines so conclusively who we are and who we want to be?

"Everything I am as a woman and a human being," I told my daughter, "was shaped and formed and brought to life on this campus."

I am certainly not dismissing the first 18 years of our lives, those crucial and formative years of foundation-laying by our parents. We would not have the courage and initiative (and money) to attend college in the first place if it hadn't been for that early direction and encouragement.

But college — especially if we leave home and live in a dorm or apartment — is the first thing in our lives that is uniquely ours. Though our parents may influence our choice of university, every decision we make every day afterward is our own, from how to manage our time to who to date to when to come in from the party to what courses to take and finally, what to do with our lives and futures. Sometimes we even meet, fall in love with, and marry our life-mates on that campus.

Even if we must work our way through to pay tuition, as I did, or endure the restrictions of life in the Corps of Cadets, like my husband — these are still the only truly free years we will ever have for the rest of our lives. Never again will we do such things as take an impromptu trip to the beach for spring break, cramming 15 kids into one motel room to save money.

And though we may not marry or even meet our future spouses while in college, we will never again experience such a wide selection of bright young people to see and keep time with. Those years serve to clarify and crystallize exactly the kind of person we will want to look for when the time comes to settle down.

Friendships in college are also more intense than at any other time in our lives, simply because we live with our friends and have so much more time to get to know them. They may wind up being a part of our lives from then on. After I set up my brother on a blind date with my college roommate, he fell madly in love with her and married her 25 happy years ago.

It is usually while in college that we discover what we want to do with our lives. Sometimes we think we know, or we go into something because our parents are pushing us, and then we might take one course that will change the direction of our lives forever. Or we might go away to school with no idea what we want to do, take a broad, general course of study, and then suddenly experience a glorious epiphany that brings our whole lives into focus from that point on. This is exactly what happened to my son. He didn't even think he particularly wanted to go to college, but after less than one year there, found a whole new exicting direction for his life.

In college, we learn how to meet challenges, overcome obstacles, and discipline ourselves to handle increasingly difficult coursework. These are all valuable skills highly prized by future employers. I'd have never had the nerve and tenacity to tackle the world of New York publishing without the skills and experience and confidence I gained in college.

Being in college is about being young and growing up at the very same time. It's about choosing which of our parents' beliefs are really ours and which are ours alone. It's about discovery and sometimes painful growth. It's about heartbreak and triumph. It's about learning, It's about defining and redefining who we are and who we want to be.

It's power and magic. It's the best years of our lives.

Letters to the Editor

People do care

Dear Editor:

Just when you think no one cares anymore, you have the opportunity to see the people of Snyder "Do Care."

We would like to say 'Thank You' to all the people who helped us with our bake sale, proceeds are going to Tiffany Sneed, a cancer patient.

We thank you for your donations, the baked goods you brought to sell and most of all your prayers.

Special thanks go to Wal-Mmart for allowing us to use their store.

Dear God above, Creator of all
What do you wish for me
Is there something very special,
Or am I blind and cannot see

We're all here for a reason
For deeds that must be done
To feed the hungry, visit the sick
Or just to comfort someone

So Dear Lord. Hear my prayer
Touch my heart today
If someone here should need me
Don't let me turn away.

Shirley Tealer
Ninfa Tavarez
Tiffany Sneed

Direct marketing

Dear Editor:

Your recent item on direct marketing in your column titled, "The SDN Column, (May 9, 1998) omitted some important information concerning telephone marketing that may be valuable to your readers.

Effective telephone marketing relies upon targeting those consumers who would be likely to have an interest in the particular product being offered. In 1997 alone, U.S. consumers purchased a record $188 billion in goods and services as a result of telemarketing calls that originate with a marketer. Texas-based businesses generated $71 billion in sales via all types of direct marketing, including the phone, last year.

In many cases, telephone solicitations are the result of an existing relationship the consumer has established with an organization. In other instances, the calls may be from organizations that are similar to those the consumer has purchased from or contributed to in the past.

Consumers can choose to limit the marketing phone calls they receive in their homes from national telemarketing. The consumer can request to be placed on a "do not call" list, and the telemarketer may oblige by law to not call the consumer again for up to ten years. Non-profit groups and political organizations are exempt from this federal law.

For those consumers who wish not to receive telephone sales calls at home, before the call takes place, they may contact The Direct Marketing Association Telephone Preference Service (TPS) as mentioned in the news item. This free service deletes consumer news from most national telephone sales lists. Consumers should be sure to state their complete name, address and telephone number, including area code. TPS will not affect sequentially-dialed computerized calls or calls from local organizations. If a consumer does not wish to be called by local organizations, he or she will need to tell the business or charity to take their name and number off the list directly.

We would be happy to be a resource for any stories you cover on direct marketing in the future.

Sincerely,
Chet Dalzell
Public Relations Director
Direct Marketing Association

Upset parent

Dear Editor:

Our daughter has been playing softball for five years now. We have tried to be good parents by supporting our daughter's participation in the sport.

There is a $25 activity fee just so your child can play, plus a $5 fee for each parent's seasonal pass. Then you are expected to help your child sell merchandise in a fund-raiser to benefit the softball association. If you do not have the time to devote to the fund-raisers, you are required to pay $35. In addition to this, the parents are expected to help sell concessions during the games.

My wife signed up to help with concessions on a Saturday game but then marked her name out realizing that it would be Mother's Day weekend and she would be out of town. Then on May 5, our daughter had a game, my wife and I were enjoying the game when the wife of one of the coaches pulled my wife aside to talk about her showing up to work in the concessions for that Saturday game. She was told that she would either have to find someone to work in her place or that she would have to pay $10.

Well, my wife got upset and told her that was ridiculous, since we had already paid $25 and had helped in the fund-raiser. I saw my wife get up but I didn't see her again until I got home.

At home, I learned that the president of the softball association had pointed his finger at my wife and proceded to demand that she show up or that he "would get the $10 one way or another." This upset my wife so much that she went home without telling me. She was concerned that our daughter would not be allowed to play ball anymore. I was certain that she would be able to play since we had already paid the $25 fee. I didn't think they would be so petty.

However, they did stoop that low, the following week at practice, the coach announced that anyone whose parents didn't show up to work in concessions would not be allowed to play ball. It was clear that their remark was targeted at our daughter and she was shattered.

It's really sad when an organization and its president threaten your family in this manner. I don't know who to talk to about it and my wife has tried calling anyone who will listen, but we have had no success.

I didn't think the president of the softball association would like someone pointing a finger at his

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Editorial Comment

Racial hate crimes

Denton Record-Chronicle

It was just a little item in the crime-news column of the paper, but in light of the news from Jasper, it brought a small catch to the heart, the kind a mother feels when a baby's midnight cry is not quite right.

According to a police report, three young black children reported to a Denton police officer that a man in a pickup truck had driven toward them moments before as they rode their bicycles, and had shouted racial slurs at them.

The officer spotted the vehicle, and, she said, heard a racial epithet from the driver. When stopped, the driver allegedly threatened the officer, who is black, saying that he was an "Aryan Brother" and did not like being told what to do by a black person.

The driver was charged with three counts of aggravated assault and one count each of driving while intoxicated and retaliation.

We feel compelled to proceed very carefully here. These are only charges, not yet proven in court. And even if the allegations are true, they represent the thoughts and deeds of only one twisted, demented individual who is in no way representative of this good town.

Jasper is a good town, too, by all reports. But the obvious sincerity of the town's shock and revulsion at last week's terrible crime there cannot lessen the fact that such terrible crimes can happen in good towns, and do.

No one would contend that Monday's incident in Denton was on a par with the brutal murder last week in Jasper. But it was indicative of the same evil, the same twisted thought, and those who would treat it dismissively do so at their peril. Hate begins small.

So what can we do in the wake of this small but troubling incident? We do not police thought in this country, nor can we if we are to remain a free people. One of the ironies of free speech and free thought is that they must be defended even for those who would deny them to others.

But we can draw a line between thoughts and actions. We can say, "You are welcome to your nutty racial theories and your idiotic notions of superiority, but that is as far as you can go. When your hatred manifests itself in violence against three little girls on bicycles, or against a man doing nothing more than walking along a street in his own town, your hatred and your cowardice become a crime against us all.

We can do that. And we can, like a mother with a baby asleep in the next room, listen for those midnight cries, the ones that aren't quite right.

Fixing Texas courthouses

San Antonio Express-News

The familiar aroma of bacon emanates from Gov. George W. Bush's plan to spend $200 million restoring county courthouses that earned a place on a national list of endangered historic sites.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation lists 225 Texas courthouses as endangered structures.

Historic preservation is a noble cause. San Antonio is a shining example of preservation's merits.

Hopefully, the endangered designations will draw private funds and wake up county officials where the courthouses need remodeling.

But the courthouses are county government buildings that should be maintained by co nty governments. Local taxpayers and generous citizens of these counties should bear most of the load of repairing their courthouses.

Under the tentative plan, the state would seek only a 15 percent match from counties seeking state funds.

The courthouses, like smoky bacon strips, are handy for distributing slices of state pork to counties across Texas.

It's a great election-year program for a governor seeking support in rural Texas.

And the Legislature is likely to see it Bush's way. With pork slices available to go around in most legislative districts, lawmakers will belly up to the table on this proposal.

Yet with 225 courthouses on the endangered list, it is difficult to argue they are so unique that state taxpayers must save them.

Texas history deserves to be preserved. But instead of county courthouse repairs, state dollars should be targeted toward more pressing needs, such as education and feeding poor children.

Legal services threatened

The Dallas Morning News

Rigidly adhering to the letter of the law sometimes perpetrates a great injustice. So it was last week, when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that a type of trust account that funds 20 percent of the nation's free legal services may be unconstitutional.

Their ruling jeopardizes the Interest on Lawyers' Trust Accounts or IOLTA program. This system pools funds, such as settlements or retainers, that clients deposit briefly with their attorneys. Because the short-term deposits are pooled, they generate significant interest, which goes to foundations that fund legal aid. If these deposits landed in individual accounts, they would usually cost more in bank fees than they would generate in interest. Especially large deposits must go into individual accounts.

Texas embraced the IOLTA program in 1984. Four years later, a Houston contractor paid an attorney a $1,000 retainer, which was deposited in an IOLTA program. The contractor later sued, saying that any interest earned from his deposit is his property. Sending the interest to legal aid is an unconstitutional "taking" of his property, he argued.

Q&A

What are consequences of boozing,.boating?

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

Booze and boats spell disaster for family weekends

With the summer in full swing, outdoor recreation is the highlight of the weekends and boating is at the top of the list. Unfortunately most people assume drinking and boating go hand in hand. "One or two beers won't hurt anything," some may say. Yet 50 percent of all boating fatalities are alcohol related. Operating a boat while intoxicated is illegal and dangerous.

A drink or two may relax you and make your day more enjoyable, however, they will also slow your reaction time, reduce your coordination and increase your susceptibility to hypothermia. Alcohol affects your judgment. It makes you think you can function better than when you are sober. But in fact, alcohol slows your reaction time considerably. It can also impact an individual's sense of balance.

Some people may even experience "boater fatigue." This occurs when a combination of sun, wind, noise and physical activity dehydrates the body. The U.S. Coast Guard warns boaters to be careful of this condition when drinking alcohol, because when a person becomes dehydrated, alcohol will absorb more rapidly into one's system, therefore creating a higher blood alcohol level.

Some facts about alcohol and its effects on the human body:

—Alcohol can increase susceptibility to hypothermia.

—Alcohol affects judgment, making one believe they are functioning better than when sober.

—Vision is also altered when drinking can create "tunnel vision" which impairs the ability to focus on objects and reduces night and peripheral vision.

—For every 18 degrees increase in air temperature (above room temperature) the body's absorption rate for alcohol doubles.

Not only is drinking and boating unsafe, it is illegal. It is a violation of Texas State law to operate any watercraft, vessel, water skis, aqua plane or similar devices while a person is intoxicated. Listed are some of the penalties for drinking while boating:

—1st time offender: up to $2,000 fine and or a maximum of 180 days in jail.

—2nd time offender: up to $4,000 fine and a maximum of 1 year in jail.

—3rd time offender: up to $10,000 fine and incarceration for no less than 2 years or as many as 10 years.

Of course the ultimate consequence while drinking and boating is death. Outdoor recreation is a family affair. Don't make it the last one.

For information on a boating safety course, contact Tinker Owens at: San Angelo Lake Patrol, 915-481-2617, 41 Fisherman's Park Rd., San Angelo, TX 76904, or Texas Parks and Wildlife, 1-800-792-1112.

Please send your questions on drugs or addiction to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, TX, 79550. All questions and personal inquiries may be submitted anonymously. Twenty-four confidential information is available by calling 573-1141 or 1-800-568-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

After nearly 40 years...

Byrd becomes U.S. Senate institution

By JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moments after the Supreme Court struck down the line-item veto, 80-year-old Sen. Robert Byrd was on his feet to proclaim, "God save this honorable court."

The decision that was greeted with dismay by many of his colleagues and by the White House, was a particular moment of satisfaction for the West Virginia senator.

For years, Byrd has fought the spending item veto as a foolish ceding of legislative authority to the president and, incidentally, as a curb on his famed ability to win projects for his people back home.

If the constitutional separation of powers ever is impaired, he said, "then the fragile wings of the people's liberties will never soar as high again."

As so often in a Senate career dating back to Jan. 3, 1959, the man speaking of another age in soaring oratory and the soft cadences of the Appalachian hills had carried the day.

For three weeks in February, Byrd went to the Senate floor every day to demand action on a highway spending bill, speaking of promises to the states that must be kept and construction jobs that must not be lost.

His persistence prevailed, and Senate leaders agreed to move quickly on a bill that puts even more money than originally planned into highways, including the Appalachian highway system.

"I would be untruthful to say I can keep up the same pace" as in the past, Byrd said in an interview. But he is quick to say that "the good Lord gave me an unlimited amount of energy and determination."

Byrd, a Democrat, is one of only three senators in history to be elected to seven full six-year terms. He has held more Senate party leadership positions, including two terms as majority leader, than anyone. In May, he extended his own record with his 15,000th vote.

In 1981, he began an eight-year, 100-part series of hour-long addresses to the Senate on its history, which was published as a four-volume opus.

He also published a volume of his speeches on the Roman Senate, and is constantly reminding his colleagues that they must uphold the traditions running from the Roman Republic through the Magna Carta and the Founding Fathers.

"Let us study Rome," he said in a 1993 speech against the line-item veto, which he regards as a flagrant giveaway of legislative authority. "When the Roman Senate gave away its control of the purse strings, it gave away its power to check the executive. From that point on, the Senate declined. ... Once the mainstay was weakened, the structure collapsed and the Roman Republic fell."

He will often pull a worn copy of the Constitution from his pocket and speak at length on ancient history running from the Peloponnesian Wars to the fall of Carthage.

It is a long way from Carthage to Wolf Creek Hollow in Mercer County, W.Va., where Byrd grew up with an aunt and coal miner uncle following the death of his mother when he was 1 year old.

Byrd recalled studying by kerosene lamp at night, attending a two-room schoolhouse, not having running water until after he married his high school sweetheart, Erma Ora James. After high school, he worked pumping gas, as a butcher and as a shipyard welder in World War II.

Armed with his fiddle that he would stop and play for anyone who asked, he was elected to the West Virginia House of Delegates in 1946, moved onto the state Senate and served three terms in the U.S. House before winning election the Senate in 1958.

After 10 years of night school, he earned his law degree from American University in 1963.

Byrd has never forgotten his humble beginnings.

"I grew up in an area that is looked down upon even today," he said in a recent speech accepting the University of Michigan's Distinguished Legislator Award for the year. "I was looked down upon because I was poor. But it didn't keep me down."

He has used his political power to steer public works projects to his state and West Virginians have responded by naming more than two dozen roads, bridges and buildings in his honor. In the 1994 election he carried all 55 counties in the state.

"There are four things people believe in in West Virginia," he once said. "God Almighty; Sears, Roebuck; Carters Little Liver Pills; and Robert C. Byrd."

EDITOR'S NOTE — Jim Abrams covers Congress for The Associated Press.

Back To Basics

By Debbie Duddleston



How is your summer? I know it is hot and it's only June! So while you're taking a break, sipping a cool lemonade, and sitting under the air conditioner, you might consider making a change ... like going to college.

Have you been contemplating a change in your life? Perhaps each year the thought of going to college crosses your mind and than another year slips by. The counseling staff at Western Texas College is prepared to guide you in beginning your education, choosing a career or making a career change.

WTC offers various vocational programs like criminal justice, computerized business technology, golf and landscape technology, welding, agriculture and licensed vocational nursing. Approximately 25 percent of WTC students are enrolled in the vocational programs to acquire up-to-date job training, while 75 percent of the students are taking courses which will transfer to a university. If you wish to obtain an associate's in arts degree or an associate's in applied science degree, we will be happy to help you with whatever path you want to pursue.

If you are interested in receiving financial aid for the fall semester, you will need to contact the financial aid office as soon as possible. Approximately 70 percent of WTC students receive some form of financial aid.

So what did you decide to change? You have no control over the hot weather, but you can make the decision to go to college. If you are unsure, give us a call at 1-888 GO TO WTC or 573-5811, ext 230 for local calls. Remember it never hurts to try!

Enjoy your summer and lemonade!

Western Texas College is located at 6200 South College Avenue in Snyder. The college relations, admissions, financial aid and counseling offices are located in the student center.

Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

Sierra Well Service Inc., 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Dan E. Callaway, 1998 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Russell Oil Company and Phillip Russell, 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

Dolores Jenkins, 1998 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Mike and Jeannie Tomlinson, 1998 Ford from Wilson Motors.

Perry L. Ruddick, 1996 Dodge van from Snyder Chrysler.

Renee Norwood, 1998 Chevrolet from Big Country Autoland.

Anita Hernandez, 1998 Pontiac from Big Country Autoland.

Glenn and Susan Bohnenberger, 1998 Chevrolet Tahoe from Big Country Autoland.

J. Ray Basinger, 1998 Dodge pickup from Snyder Chrysler.

Richard Leon Crenshaw, 1998 GMC Jimmy from Big Country Autoland.

Carlos and Lorita Keller, 1998 GMC pickup from Big Country Autoland.

Marriage License

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Action in District Court

Jack Kenneth Greene Sr. and Bettie Lee Greene, divorce granted.

Deed Records

Juan and Antonia Estrada to Tranquilino and Maria Silva Acosta, tract one being all of Lot 12 in Block 20 of the Chambers Addition; tract two being the south 38 feet of Lot 11 in Block 20 of the Chambers Addition.

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Tommy Bryan McKinley to Eugene Jody and Vanessa Lynn Day, Lots 1-4 in Block 6 of the Blankenship Addition.

Charles William Harrell, individually and as independent executor of the estate of Mrytle J. and Fay Harrell, to Glenn Patterson, 294.885 acres in Tracts 38-40 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 39, Kirkland and Fields Survey and in Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Charles William Harrell, individually and as independent executor of the estate of Mrytle J. and Fay Harrell, to Patterson Energy Inc., 40 acres in Tracts 39 and 40 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 39, Kirkland and Fields Survey; and in Section 14, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Roy and Rita Carter to The Shack Inc., the east 16 and two-thirds feet of Lot 3 and all of Lot 4 in Block 3 of the Wilmeth Addition.

The Shack Inc. to Roy and Rita Carter, all of Lot 5 and 6 in Block 3 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Frankie Alan and Connie Jo Fine to Jeffrey E. Henry, all of Lot 14 in Block Y of the Wall Addition.

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Donald E. Hankins to Lenora Ann Bross, Lot 9 in Block 6 of the Bootheland Addition.

John Conn to Linda C. Compton, Lots 1-33 in Block 8 of the Alamo Heights Subdivision, a part of the south one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 96, Block 3, H&GN survey.

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7 Shoots from a hidden spot
13 Simply
14 Card game
15 Kettledrum
16 Indefinite person
17 Tease
18 Mrs. Nixon
20 Pro — (for the time being)
21 One and only
23 Center
24 Office hotshot
25 Knots in cotton fiber
27 Smallest number of
29 Above (poet.)
31 Actor Chaney
32 Pod ingredient
33 Prefix for cycle or angle
34 Having fine views
37 Weekend-welcoming abbr.
40 Actor Danny —
41 Old card game
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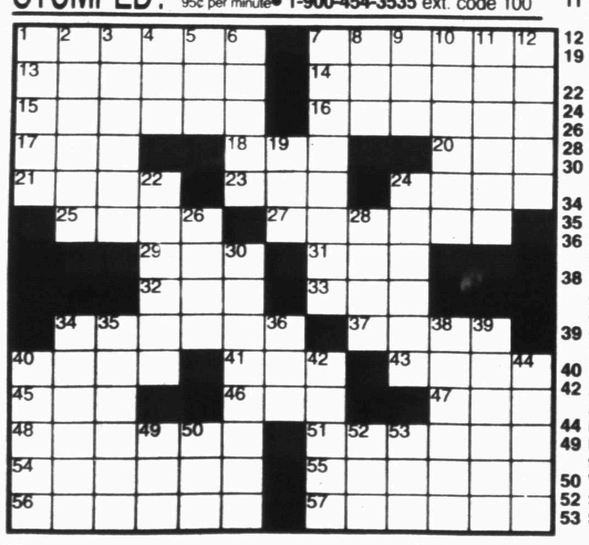
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12 Appears
19 — Wiedersehen
22 Epic poem
24 Gentle
26 Observed
28 Malt infusion
30 Good-natured kidding
34 Actress Dee
35 Baby swan
36 Corn on the —
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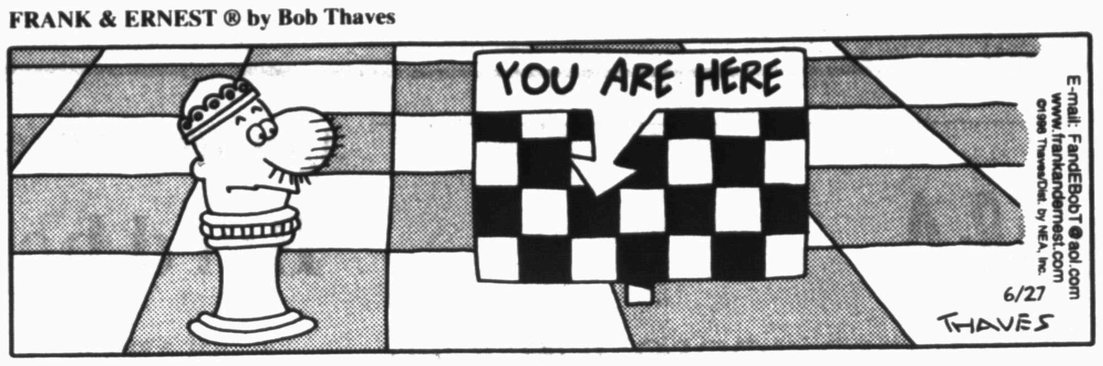
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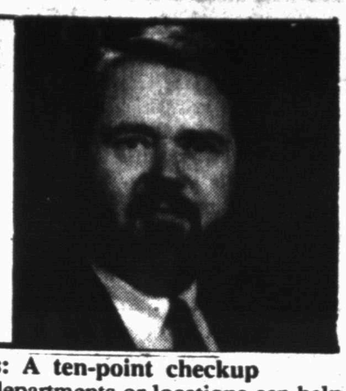
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Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Expanding your business: A ten-point checkup

Adding new products, services, departments or locations can help you grow your business. However, expanding your business can eat up cash, decrease profits and place undue stress on you and your associates.

There is no simple answer to the question, "Is it time to expand?" However, I can give you some key elements to consider as you evaluate expansion as a business-building philosophy.

Ten key consideration

•**Do your homework**. You'll need good information to ensure a firm foundation for your expansion plans. Who will buy the new products or services offered? Will your customers be businesses or individuals? How much will it cost to expand?

•**Ask the tough questions**. If you're staying busy every minute now, how will you find time to expand? Where will you get the money to expand? Can you handle the additional stress? Will the reward he worth the effort?

•**Assess the environment**. Many business owners expand without having a clue as to how tough the new playing field will be. Take a long, hard look at the business climate you'll be entering. Do you know the competitors well enough to evaluate their strengths and weaknesses? Are consumer needs and wants strong in the new area you're considering? What advantage and benefits can you offer that will be unique in your new environment?

•**Consider the trends**. Most successful expansions are piggybacking on a trend. If you're adding a new product line will it capitalize on a trend? It is possible to buck a trend and swim upstream, but you will have little room for error if you choose to do so.

•**Set clear, achievable goals**. Two years ago I visited with a small-business owner who is growing his business at a rate of nearly 30 percent per year. He said, "Once you decide to grow, you still need o create targets to shoot at."

Your targets are your goals for expansion. Don't hesitate to think big. Sometimes it takes big, bold thinkers to get the job done. However, all goals must be specific, achievable and measurable.

•**Put your expansion plan in writing**. Yes, I'm still a believer in writing it down. Last week one of my clients avoided a very costly mistake because he discovered a significant error as he put his plan on paper. You shouldn't write a book, but at least do a Reader's Digest verison of your plan.

•**Get help when you need it.** Good advice from seasoned professionals can be critical to your success. No one can know the answers to all questions. Attorneys, accountants, business consultants, mentors and successful peers can help you stay on course. Be careful who you listen to. Not all well-intentioned advice is good advice.

•**Careully consider financial consequences**. Expansion usually puts a strain on cash flow. Cash that usually sustains ongoing operations is now being siphoned off for expansion needs. Money gets tight and someone doesn't get paid.

The key to managing cash flow during expansion is to anticipate cash needs in your plan. A carefully thought out plan will allow you to borrow or accumulate extra cash.

•**Carefully consider the human consequences.** If others are involved they will be asking the question, "What's in it for me?" If you are effective and persuasive in convincing others that expansion is in their best interest, you are more likely to receive their full support.

•**Be committed**. Once you've gone through the process and made the decision to grow, don't waver. You've created the plan, now execute with vigor. Success in many endeavors is often a matter of hanging on a little longer when others are letting go.

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Ramseys pledge to give 'full assistance'

DENVER (AP) — John and Patsy Ramsey have pledged their full assistance to the Boulder prosecutors, saying they hope the once-stalled investigation into the death of their daughter "has turned a corner."

Boulder District Attorney Alex Hunter said three days of interviews with the parents of 6-year-old JonBenet ended with an agreement that the Ramseys would provide "certain documents" to investigators.

Those could include medical, financial and telephone records, said Adams County District Attorney Bob Grant, a member of Hunter's investigative team.

The case that has drawn national attention has dragged on for 18 months amid criticism of police and prosecutors and speculation about who killed the former Little Miss Colorado. Relations between the Ramseys and investigators, however, may be thawing.

The Ramseys "have pledged their full assistance to the district attorney's investigation," said an attorney for the family, Hal Haddon.

The Ramseys, who had refused police requests for new interviews and said they distrust Boulder detectives, were interviewed separately by representatives of the district attorney's office. The interviews were videotaped and shared with police.

Hunter would not comment on what, if any, new information was gained from the interviews that wrapped up Thursday. His office must also review interviews with JonBenet's 11-year-old brother, Burke, who was questioned in Atlanta on June 10-12.

The need to analyze the new material "plus the identification of areas needing further investigation" likely will delay a decision about a grand jury, Hunter said.

Earlier this year, Boulder police turned their case over to Hunter, asking that he convene a grand jury to use its special subpoena powers to compel witness testimony and evidence. At that time, Hunter said he was leaning toward convening a grand jury and would make a decision by early July.

Recent developments do "not make it any more or less likely that I will decide to convene a grand jury to further investigate this case," he said.

John and Patsy Ramsey each were accompanied by an attorney and a private investigator during the questioning conducted at the Broomfield Police Department. They were interviewed separately.

Questions were not restricted and the only condition demanded by the Ramseys was that "police not be in the room," said Suzanne Laurion, a spokeswoman for Hunter.

Attorneys for the family said they concluded Boulder detectives were not handling the investigation objectively, but now "hope and trust the investigation has turned a corner and is now in the hands of competent and objective investigators."

Police last interviewed the parents on April 30, 1997. In January, the Ramseys refused a police request for interviews unless they were allowed to review evidence.

"Although disappointed that our detectives were unable to conduct the interviews, we continue to work side-by-side with Mr. Hunter and his staff," said Boulder Police Cmdr. Mark Beckner, who took over the case in October.

The attorney representing Burke Ramsey said he was interviewed by a district attorney investigator without his parents present.

"He was interviewed with the full consent and cooperation of both of his parents and there were no conditions placed on the questions," Atlanta attorney Jim Jenkins said.

There have been no arrests in the slaying of JonBenet, who was found beaten and strangled in the basement of the family home in Boulder on Dec. 26, 1996. Boulder police briefly talked to Burke that day and were allowed to watch while social workers interviewed him, but had not talked to him since then.

Authorities have said only that the Ramseys are under suspicion in their daughter's death. The Ramseys have denied any involvement.

Police have been criticized for their handling of the case, particularly for failing to secure the crime scene and allowing John Ramsey to search the home and find JonBenet's body. He found her about eight hours after Mrs. Ramsey said she found a ransom note demanding $118,000.

The Ramseys have moved back to suburban Atlanta, where they lived until 1991. JonBenet is buried near their new home.

61 ex-students have diplomas voided by Board of Education

NEW YORK (AP) — More than a year after graduating from high school, 61 former students have had their diplomas voided because they got credits for courses like Whiffleball theory, flower arranging and bicycle repair.

The Board of Education said Thursday that it was also reviewing the diplomas of 113 other graduates of the Eastern District Senior Academy in the New York City borough of Brooklyn.

Schools special investigator Ed Stancik, who released a report on the school called "How to Succeed Without Really Trying," said the diplomas were voided because they "weren't worth the paper they were written on."

Investigators placed much of the blame on Principal Marcia Brevot, saying she allegedly reversed failing grades, waived exams and offered "Mickey Mouse" courses for credit.

"This is so unfair," said her lawyer, Richard Bellman.

He said Ms. Brevot had an "impeccable" 27-year record in the city's school system when she arrived at Senior Academy in July 1996.

The school, in a low-income area, was in "absolute chaos when she walked in, with a 15-year history of failure, violence, no education, dropouts," Bellman said. "She ended that."

The 58-year-old educator had just retired from the public school system when she accepted the principal's job on a $200-a-day contract for the 1996-1997 school year.

"I know of no diplomas that weren't earned," she said, speaking through her attorney.

Bellman said the students who took the bicycle repair course wrote papers about it and got one credit for English, science or the arts. As for Whiffleball, he said, "I don't have a problem with that. It was a physical education requirement."

And the teacher who gave the flower-arranging course "taught them botany," he said, in return for credits in either English, math or health.

The so-called "interdisciplinary" courses also included a "leadership class" in which students ran errands for teachers, and internships in which they answered phones for three months at a travel agency in return for credits in English, social studies, health and music, Stancik's report said.

In addition, he said students could gain math and social studies credits by learning about a "sports rotisserie league," meaning buying and selling professional players in a simulated free-agent market.

School officials were trying to reach the 61 students to complete courses or retake tests.

Ms. Brevot acknowledged that some students had not passed all required tests as a result of a clerical error. She said they had been sent letters asking them to return to the school, but school investigators say none did so and still graduated.

Stancik said Ms. Brevot "made a mockery of the most important honor a public school system can bestow — the high school diploma."

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Thriving bacteria colonies found in polar lake

WASHINGTON (AP) — It is terribly cold all of the time and completely dark for months on end, but colonies of microbes still manage to thrive inside solid blocks of ice in the lakes of Antarctica, new research shows.

The finding fuels hope that life also may exist on a frozen moon of Jupiter or in the polar ice caps of Mars, researchers say in a study published in the journal Science.

A team of scientists probed an environment that is one of the most hostile on Earth — the ice-filled shallow lakes on the South Pole continent — and found teeming communities of microorganisms where temperatures seldom rise above freezing.

"This is more proof that life is a lot more hardy than we once thought," said Brian D. Lanoli of Oregon State University in Corvallis, a co-author of the study.

If microbes can thrive in such frigid, hostile surroundings as the Antarctic lakes, he said, then it could perhaps also be found in the frozen seas of Europa, a moon of Jupiter, or in subsurface ice fields of Mars.

"Since we know there is ice elsewhere in our solar system, this discovery makes us wonder if life might not exist there also," said Stephen J. Giovannoi, another co-author from Oregon State.

The researchers found the microbial colonies while drilling ice cores from six lakes in Antarctica. As they drilled, they discovered a layer of dust and grit six to eight feet below the surface of the always-frozen lakes.

Giovannoi said the grains of soil set up a "special set of circumstances" that made it possible for the microbes to live.

He said the dust was blown onto the ice during the Antarctic summer, a time when the sun is always shining. The grains absorbed solar heat and slowly sank into the ice. They reached a point, about 6 feet to 8 feet down, and stopped sinking. A pocket of water formed around them and it was here that the microbes set up their community.

The lakes are located in what is, in effect, a desert. The air is very dry and precipitation very low. Ice on the surface of the ponds actually erodes continually. Water pockets remain, however, at the same relative position, some 6 feet to 8 feet from the surface, and 8 to 10 feet above the bottom of the lakes.

The lively time for the microbes comes in the short Antarctica summer. Some of the organisms make food through photosynthesis from the weak polar sun. More than half of the year is spent in twilight or total darkness of the extreme seasons.

"Their temperature, even when they are active, is about zero degrees Centigrade (32 degrees F)," said Giovannoi. This is just at the freezing point of water.

In the winter, however, he said, the temperatures in the ice drops to minus 20 F or colder.

"They (the microbes) are frozen in most of the year," said Giovannoi. And, yet, he said, they have adapted to the severe conditions and are thriving.

Tobacco issue smolders in Hollywood

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When producer-writer Chris Carter needed to create a villain for "The X-Files," he opened a pack of smokes. Cigarette Smoking Man was born to puff his way through one sinister plot after another, from television to the big screen.

When writer-director Don Roos needed a villain for "The Opposite of Sex," he came up Christina Ricci's tart-tongued, chain-smoking character, someone who tossed a cigarette butt into her father's grave at his funeral.

Julia Roberts lighting up in "My Best Friend's Wedding." Passengers taking drags in "Titanic."

American movies continue to reek of cigarettes even as courts, states and politicians take aim at the tobacco industry.

Oddly, the cinematic puffing comes while tobacco is said to be playing a lesser role on the business side of Hollywood. Although Minnesota's recent $6 billion settlement with the tobacco industry included a ban on cigarette product placement deals in the movies, producers contend they haven't entered into such deals for years.

A Federal Trade Commission report to Congress found that tobacco companies have spent no money on film product placement since 1989. By contrast, other product-placement deals have flourished with everything from automakers to a video chain scrambling to get screen time.

Still, the smoking issue smolders in Hollywood.

Filmmakers insist they have a First Amendment artistic right to use cigarettes for character development. Activists say filmmakers wield a powerful influence over young and impressionable audiences and therefore have a social responsibility not to glamorize smoking.

"I'd like to get rid of smoking on the screen," said Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America. "I've talked to a number of directors and producers, but they tell me that even though many of the actors and actresses don't smoke, they still use cigarettes for character development.

"In 20 seconds, with a cigarette, you can show nervousness, arrogance, anxiety."

But critics like Stanton Glantz, a professor of medicine at the University of California, San Francisco aren't convinced.

"I think the creative thing is a bunch of BS," he said. "The fact is that the amount of smoking going on in movies has skyrocketed, and I haven't seen any big change in the overall plot lines of films that somehow made this desperately necessary to be creative."

Glantz's study of top-grossing movies found that movie smoking has returned to 1960s levels after three decades of decline. Only about 14 percent of on-screen tobacco use is contextually linked to "adverse social or health effects."

Another study, by the American Lung Association last year, surveyed 133 movies and found that 77 percent had at least one scene in which a character smoked.

The increase has come despite years of complaints about screen smoking. Last December, Vice President Al Gore contended that Hollywood was partly to blame for teen-age smoking.

In April, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the number of teen-age smokers is steadily rising and that 25 percent of U.S. adults smoke, a proportion that has held steady in recent years after large drops since the 1970s.

The latest pressure on Hollywood to change came in May from Minnesota, where tobacco companies agreed in a settlement to ban payments for tobacco products in movies nationally.

Although said by Hollywood to have no practical economic impact, the provision, Minnesota prosecutors argue, put movie people on notice.

Who will decide when art is indecent?

NEW YORK (AP) — Smeared with chocolate and wearing little more than a pink boa, performance artist Karen Finley was anything but happy with the Supreme Court ruling that said government need not subsidize art it deems indecent.

"Who's going to be deciding what's decent or indecent?" asked Finley, who incorporated a news conference into Thursday night's performance of "The Return of the Chocolate Smeared Woman." "Is it a banana going in someone's mouth? Is it covering your body with chocolate?"

The court ruled 8-1 to restore a law that requires public values to be considered when handing out government grants. Lower courts had struck down the law, saying it was too vague and violated artists' free-speech rights.

The decision was praised by some who had criticized the National Endowment for the Arts for giving money to several high-profile makers of risque art. Others, including Finley, said the ruling could chill creativity.

Finley garnered national attention in 1990 when her performance art piece, "We Keep Our Victims Ready," featured her coating her naked body with chocolate to symbolize the oppression of women.

The show was seized upon by conservative lawmakers, particularly Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., who used it as an example of "indecent" art being funded by the federal government through the NEA.

The controversial law requires the NEA to judge grant applications on artistic merit, "taking into consideration general standards of decency and respect for the diverse beliefs and values of the American public."

The decency standard was set by Congress in 1990 after the endowment gave money to work such as the homoerotic images of Robert Mapplethorpe and Andres Serrano's photograph of a crucifix immersed in urine.

It was challenged by Finley and other artists, who were backed by the ACLU.

In asking the court to reinstate the law, the Clinton administration argued that the government has the right to use "highly selective" rules to decide which projects and programs deserve taxpayers' support.

Writing for the court, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor determined that the law using a decency standard as a criteria for grants "neither inherently interferes with First Amendment rights nor violates constitutional vagueness principles."

"So long as legislation does not infringe on other constitutionally protected rights, Congress has wide latitude to set spending priorities," she said. "Congress may selectively fund a program to encourage certain activities it believes to be in the public interest."

Finley said she wept when she was told of the ruling in the case that bore her names: National Endowment for the Arts vs. Finley.

"I was shocked," she said. "I feel this is a great loss to our country ... I'm disappointed because I feel that a lot of people weren't behind it, like Clinton. He's a Democrat."

"The Return of the Chocolate Smeared Woman" reprises Finley's chocolate-smearing turn. During the news conference at the Flea Theater, she sat onstage in a director's chair, the pink boa draped over her torso. She wore black underwear and spiked silver heels. Chocolate covered her body.

The audience sat on plastic white buckets because the theater is undergoing renovations. Admission was $20.

Finley said the eight-year battle with the government has taken a personal toll. She said she has been stalked and received death threats.

The controversy, she said, already has discouraged artists — and younger, risk-taking artists will suffer the most.

"Having a start in the arts is going to be more dependent on coming from inherited wealth or making propaganda," she said, "or being a straight white male."

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wife, making demands or telling his children that they can't play. Further, I believe that if it were your wife and daughter in this situation, you would want someone to listen and talk to about such an incident.

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