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Natural gas prices hitting locals hard

Past slow drilling activity, cold weather said to blame by TXU Gas

By Joyce May
Staff Writer

Patricia Claxton, director of fiscal services at Western Texas College, thought surely there was an error in the institution's December gas bill.

Her initial reaction was that the meter must have a problem, but a call to TXU Electric & Gas confirmed that the $19,736 bill — up $14,184 from November's — was accurate.

Natural gas bills this past month have made more than one customer do a double take as costs have soared.

TXU officials say cold weather has pushed the cost of natural gas up dramatically over the past few months resulting in the increase in customers' bills.

"Texans are experiencing the coldest winter in years, causing an increased usage of natural gas to heat their homes," local TXU Gas manager Daryl Thomas said. "In December 1999, the spot market price of natural gas ranged from $2.14 to $2.69 per Mcf, compared to $6.27 to $10.46 per Mcf in December 2000."

Thomas noted that the National Weather Service reported that the November and December 2000 period was the coldest two-month combination on record and that the winter of 1999 was the warmest winter on record.

A combination of mild winters and a decline in domestic gas production has put Texas in this situation, Thomas said.

"The last five winters have been extremely mild with last winter being the mildest on record. During that five-year period, gas storage levels fell to an all-time low. So, with gas prices being rock bottom and there being no incentive for companies to drill for gas, it set up a scenario of no available gas this year," Thomas said.

It's Economics 101, Thomas said — that good ol' law of supply and demand.

"This year has shot demand to an all-time high with the demand exceeding the supply. This pushed the price at the wellhead to $6 to $10.46 per Mcf."

While good for the producers, the increased prices are hitting local entities, already strapped for cash, hard.

"This is going to hurt us, big time," Claxton said of the college's bills. "I don't know what can be done about it. The way our contract reads, our gas costs are based on market price."

The higher utility costs are going to eat into an already lean budget at the institution.

"For our natural gas budget per year, we budget $40,000. Just the month of December is half my budget. We are not even looking at January's yet," Claxton said. "Something like this will triple the natural gas budget, which in turn means something else has to have a decrease."

She said that the impact of the increase on WTC's upcoming budget would be a major topic of discussion during the college's board planning sessions and during budget work.

"We have contingency funds that we put into our budget every year. We have that to fall back on to some extent."

The institution may also have to dip into funds set aside for summer projects such as carpeting and painting.

"That is something that might just have to take a back seat this year."

Alternative heating measures, such as heating by diesel, may need to be considered, Claxton said. Or other conservation attempts, such as closing the campus more may have to be taken.

"We can't continue to pay $20,000 a month. For a small community college like us, this is going to hurt. We are working with a lean budget. We don't have surplus money laying around."



TXU Gas employee Sunny Ruiz reads a residential gas meter

Scurry County Auditor Charlie Bell said the comparison figures for the courthouse's gas bills were mind-blowing.

For the billing period Oct. 23 through Nov. 21, the courthouse's bill was $315. The following billing period, Nov. 22 through Dec. 20, brought a $580 bill.

For Dec. 21 through Jan. 22, the county was billed $1,082.

"That is essentially doubling in one month," Bell said. "That is definitely going to put a strain on our budget."

The increase was a surprise, the auditor said.

"I was real surprised. I knew electric costs were going to go up. In fact, I was surprised they didn't go up more than that, but the natural gas certainly surprised me significantly."

Dramatic seems like an understatement in describing the difference between Snyder Independent School District's January 2000 and January 2001 gas bills.

The combined total for all five elementary schools, the high school, junior high and administration building for January 2000 was $7,910 — pocket change compared to January 2001's $36,752 bill.

The district was billed $11,955 in December 2000.

See gas bills, Page 4A

THE SDN COLUMN
By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "The less you have to do, usually the longer it takes."

Saw a little item in the news the other day that high school seniors need to be busy about admissions and housing for college next fall.

Chicken Soup for the College Soul provides some interesting "goofs" to avoid when trying to impress the university admissions office. These bloopers are from actual letters sent to college officials.

—I am in the mist of choosing colleges.

—If there was a single word to describe me, that word would have to be "profectionist."

—I was abducted into the national honor society.

—In my senior year, I am serving as writing editor of the yearbook.

—I want to be bilingual in three or more languages.

—I have made the horror role every semester.

—I want a small liberal in the northeast part of the country.

—Yours is a college I can excell in.

—I am writing to tell you that I was very discouraged when I found out that I had been differed from your college.

—I am thinking of possibly transferring to your college. I applied as an undergraduate, but was weight listed.

—I first was exposed by a friend who attends Vassar.

—I would love to attend a college where the foundation was built upon women.

—My mother worked hard to provide me with whatever I needed in my life, a good home, a stale family and a wonderful education.

—Playing the saxophone lets met develop technique and skill which will help me in the future, since I would like to be a doctor.

—Such things as divorces, separations and annulments greatly reduce the need for adultery to be committed.

—I am proud to be able to say that I have sustained from the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco products.

—I've been a strong advocate of the abomination of drunk driving.

—Activities: Cook and serve homeless.

—Another activity I take personally is my church youth group.

—He was a modest man with an unbelievable ego.

—The worst experience that I have probably ever had to go through emotionally was when other members of PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) and I went to Pennsylvania for their annual pigeon shooting.

—I would like to see my own ignorance wither into enlightenment.

Our personal favorite:

—You won't have to worry about providing social activities for me. I have spent four years in high school finding and being the life of the party.

Open house is Wednesday...

Cogdell Memorial Hospital to spotlight radiology unit

Cogdell Memorial Hospital will host an open house Wednesday for its newly renovated radiology department.

The event will be held from 4-6 p.m. in the department located across from the present emergency room.

Brian Moffett, head of the department, said everyone in the community is invited to tour the state-of-the-art facility.

The tour will include an up-close look at all the equipment, to include the CT scan and fluoroscopy room, mammography unit, nuclear medicine and orthopedic room, plus the trauma room and the ultra sound room.

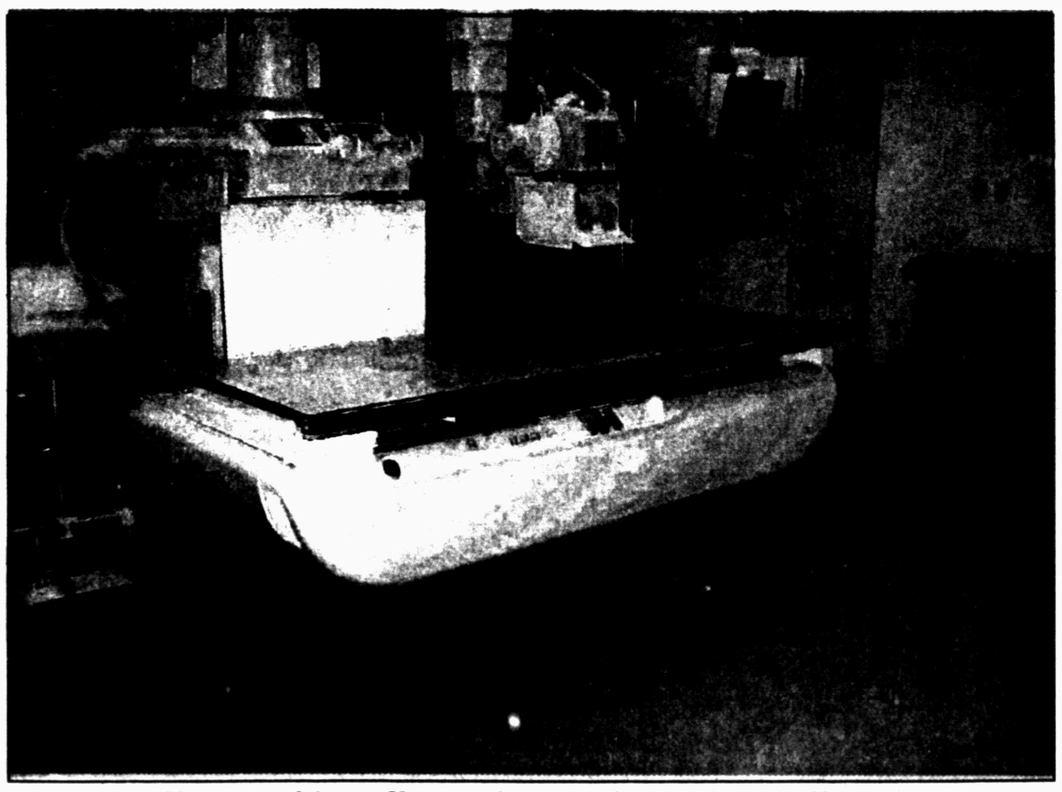
Three of the rooms that will certainly catch the eye of those attending the open house are the radiology rooms as these house as up-to-date equipment as any hospital anywhere close to the size of Cogdell.

"We have the ability to perform any radiology exam available either in Abilene, Lubbock or Midland-Odessa," said Moffett.

"We have added three of the most technologically advanced radiology suites available in West Texas and we encourage you to have your prescribed imaging exams at home in Snyder," emphasized Moffett.

Besides Moffett, other members of the radiology staff are Greg Williamson, Laurie Sellers, Trent Daniel, Lori Walker, Tara De La Garza, Steve Camp, Joe Salinas and Lisa Reigh.

During the open house, refreshments will be available and door prizes will be awarded.



New state-of-the-art X-ray equipment at Cogdell Memorial Hospital

Wilson leaving post at Gateway Services

Dee Wilson, executive director of Gateway Family Services, will leave that position at the end of February.

Wilson has accepted the position of executive director of Noah Project, Inc., in Abilene, and will take over those duties March 1.

Wilson moved to Snyder in 1993 and served as the executive director of Noah Project West while the local center was associated with the Noah Project.

She became executive director of Gateway Family Services after the shelter separated from Noah last year.

"I just feel that the time is right for me to move on and continue my personal commitment to serve victims of family violence where I can best utilize my experience," Wilson said in a prepared news release.

During her time in Snyder, Wilson has provided leadership for a capital campaign, the building of a new, modern shelter on 25th Street, the opening of the re-sale shop Noah's Attic, and the addition of a sexual assault program to the family violence mission.

She has spent 30 years working with families and children, having begun her career with the Head Start program in Mississippi in the 1970s.



Dee Wilson

She was among a group that formed the Scurry County Family Violence Community Response Committee. This committee is made up of representatives from several community agencies whose purpose is to promote a clearer understanding of family violence crime.

Her husband, Charlie, is field superintendent for Primrose Operating of Wichita Falls.

They have two daughters, Renee Waggoner of Sherman and Linda Dollins of Fluvanna. They also have two sons, David who is a freshman at Western Texas College, and Chris, a senior at Snyder High School.

Treasurer's position on agenda

The office of the county treasurer, which has been vacant since Charlie Bell resigned to take the county auditor's position, will again be a topic of discussion when Scurry County Commissioners meet at 10 a.m. Monday.

At its January 15 meeting, the court discussed its options concerning the position.

County Attorney Michael Hartman said at that time that three possible courses of action were to abolish the treasurer's position, combine it with another elected office or appoint someone to replace Bell and keep the office functioning.

The court will also be reviewing bids for gravel, for the sale of community centers at Inadale and Knapp, and for the sale of a used ambulance.

In addition, the fourth quarter 2000 treasurer's report will be given, and the court will discuss renewing the lease of a building in Winston Park to the Snyder Park Club.

The park club houses recovery meetings such as Alcoholics Anonymous.

ASK US

Q—Where do I make a complaint about a professional debt collection agency?

A—Call the Dallas office of the Federal Trade Commission at 214-979-0213.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 54 degrees; low, 24; 7 a.m. Saturday, 30; no precipitation; total for 2001, 1.36 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, mostly clear, low near 30, light, variable wind. Sunday, mostly sunny, high near 60, light, variable wind. Sunday night, mostly clear, low 30-35.

Jessica West
Sunny

Sunset:
6:22 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:34 a.m.
Of 33 days in 2001, the sun has shone 27 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Happiness depends upon ourselves.
—Artistotle

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WILLING VOLUNTEERS — Many volunteers worked at Sunny Glen Children's Home in San Benito last month. (Contributed Photo)

Volunteers work at children's home

Two separate groups of volunteers worked at Sunny Glen Children's Home in San Benito last month. The work completed by volunteers allows the home's financial resources to be used for the care of the children.

Approximately 30 Aggies for Christ, a group of students from Texas A&M, College Station spent a week of their holiday break encouraging the children in the cottages and helping with the campus maintenance.

Sojourners, a group of mostly retired Church of Christ members who travel in recreational vehicles, worked at the home for three weeks. Sojourners has about 800 members who work in the continental United States as well as Alaska, Hawaii and Canada, with occasional trips to other countries.

Their projects included painting the interior of all the cottages, repairing storage buildings, working in the library, clothing room, commissary and office, cooking for the groups, and repairing plumbing and electrical projects.

Some of the Soujourners helped to prepare for an auction to dispose of donated and obsolete items. They also made various crafts to be sold at the auction.

Several area couples participated in the work at Sunny Glen Home, including two Snyder couples, Tommy and Collene Cole and Roland and Fran Bowden.

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Slowing of economy causes Nokia to layoff 1,500 people

DALLAS (AP) — Officials with Nokia Oyj, whose U.S. headquarters are in Irving, said laying off 1,500 workers in North Texas was a move designed to cut costs and didn't change its commitment to the region.

They declined to quantify the savings but said they would be significant. The company will move cell phone manufacturing from a Fort Worth factory to Mexico and South Korea.

Nokia, a Finnish firm, joins a growing list of companies that have announced layoffs in the past few months. The cuts offer evidence to many workers that the American economy is slowing.

Nokia will close its factory at CentrePort business park, just south of Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, and lay off 800 full-time and 700 part-time workers. The cuts will come from its Alliance Gateway Business Park and CentrePort facilities, both in Fort Worth.

Remaining staff will be at Alliance. The move will have no significant effect on the Irving corporate campus. The company employs about 5,500 people in North Texas.

"Our commitment to Alliance is: We will be there for a long time," said Kari-Pekka Wilska, president of Nokia Americas in Irving.

Laid-off workers would be given priority over outsiders for open positions, Wilska said

Workers at the CentrePort facility were reasonably optimistic about their job opportunities.

"I have faith things are going to work out," receptionist Jeanetta Roberts said. "I love working here. They are going to have to drag me out."

Nokia employees were informed about the layoffs at a companywide meeting Friday morning.

Kantesh Doss, a senior engineer, said most of his colleagues were confident they would find jobs at Alliance.

"People here are concerned about losing their jobs," Mr. Doss said. "But we think most of us everyone, maybe, but 5 or 10 percent will be moving to the Alliance factory."

The economic slowdown has hit the high-tech industry particularly hard. Some once claimed that the industry had created a New Economy impervious to slumps.

Bernard Weinstein, director of the Center for Economic Development and Research at the University of North Texas, said the industry goes through cycles.

"High-tech regions like Silicon Valley and D-FW are very susceptible on the upside and downside," he said.

Dogged by slower growth prospects, the top three mobile phone makers have announced substantial changes in their manufacturing in the past two months.

Ericsson Inc. said last week that it would farm out phone manufacturing in an effort to reduce costs.

Teleconference to focus on financial aid for students headed to college

Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation (TG), as part of the Texas Awareness Initiative, will host a statewide teleconference to help Texas high school students apply for all types of federal financial aid for higher education.

The program will focus on completing the free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the first application in the financial aid process.

"Applying for Financial Aid: The FAFSA Process" will air live on Channel 36 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (CST) on Thursday. TG will also produce and distribute prerecorded videotapes in Spanish to coincide with the English broadcast. No fee is charged to watch or receive the satellite broadcast, which will take place during Financial Aid Awareness Week, set this week.

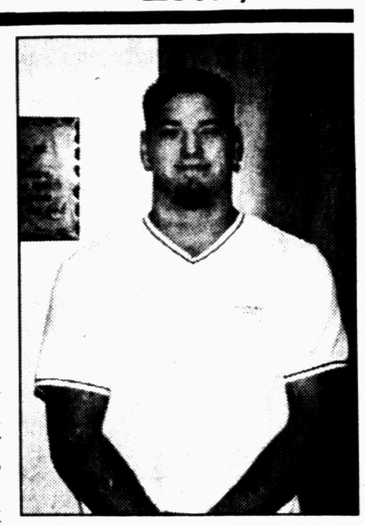
This is the sixth anniversary of this teleconference production as part of the Texas Awareness Initiative. The Initiative is a cooperative effort between TG, the Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (TASFAA), and the Association of Texas Lenders for Education (ATLE). It seeks to promote success throughout the higher education experience by providing students and their parents with the benefit of higher education, selecting a college, career planning and applying for financial aid.

For more information about the teleconference, visit TG's Web site, Adventures In Education at www.AdventuresIn Education.org, or contact TG's Customer Assistance Team at 806-845-6267. For details, call Richard Sapp at 800 252-9743, ext. 2865 or send an e-mail message to awareness@tgslc.org.

TG is a public, nonprofit corporation that helps create access to higher education for millions of families and students through its role as administrator of the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP) in Texas. Additional information about TG can be found online at www.tgslc.org.

High school seniors who view the teleconference at an organized host site can qualify to be included in a random prize drawing. Sign up to host a site and assure that your students can be included in the random drawing. This year's prizes are six $500 scholarships and a complete computer system donated by Higher Education Servicing Corporation.

Students will have to complete program evaluation by Tuesday, Feb. 13. Students may pick up evaluation forms at the SHS counseling office. Contact Janell Jones for more information.

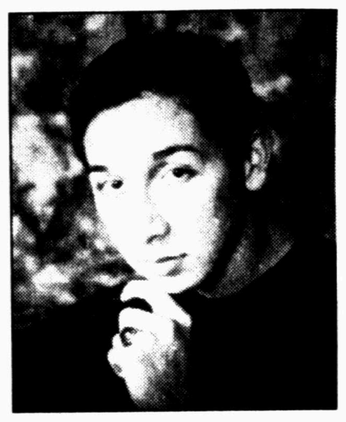


Jonathan Taylor

Taylor named to President's List at VRJC

Jonathan Michael Taylor, son of Debi Fletcher of Snyder and Lary Taylor of Abilene, has been named to the President's Honor List for the fall semester at Vernon Regional Junior College. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fletcher of Odessa.

To qualify for this distinction students must maintain a 4.0 grade point average with a minimum course load of nine semester hours for the 11-week semester or a minimum of 12 semester hours for the 16-week semester.



Josh Ortegon

Ortegon gets selected for acting school

Josh Ortegon has been selected to attend the John Robert Powers School For Modeling and Acting in Fort Worth. He auditioned on Jan. 27.

Josh is the son of Cherie Rosas and the grandson of Al and Joll Rosas and Frank and Beatric Ortegon, all of Snyder.

Police raid prison

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Police stormed a prison in southern Ukraine on Friday and rescued two guards taken hostage by inmates, ending a three-day standoff. Three inmates reportedly died in the raid.

One of the hostages was stabbed in the abdomen Ukraine's main television station reported. Both were taken to a hospital.

The raid was staged before dawn on a building at the prison, near the village of Daryivka in southern Ukraine.

Two inmates were killed during the raid and the group's leader, Ruslumbek Kalayev, shot himself, according to the TV report.

The guards were taken hostage on Tuesday by six inmates who had escaped from their cells.

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A female dolphin may live 35 years and have a dozen young in her lifetime, while a skipjack tuna that lives only 10 years may produce 2 million eggs in a single 90-day spawning season, notes National Geographic.

events

TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

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11-14-19-29-38

Pick 3

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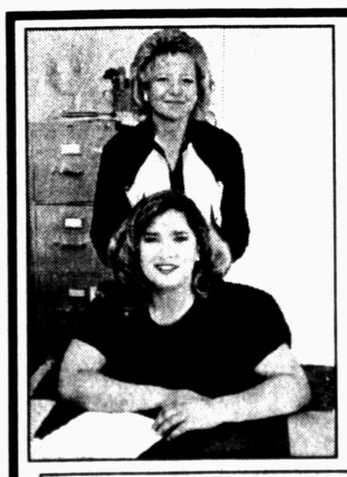
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Senior Center Menu

Monday
Steak fritters w/cream gravy, fried potatoes, savory peas, tossed salad, red applesauce

Tuesday
Chili con carne w/beans, cheese stick, sliced onion, chilled pears, peanut butter cookies

Wednesday
Braised pork chop, baked potato, green beans, Jellied citrus salad, white cake w/strawberries

Thursday
Creole steak, wild rice, chopped broccoli, peaches & cottage cheese, cherry cobbler.

Friday
Fried fish, pinto beans, crinkle cut fries, tossed salad, Jello cake.

Senior Center News

Citizens of any age in the low-income bracket will be able to receive assistance in filling out income tax returns beginning Wednesday. Bernhard Bartels will be at the Senior Center each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. This service is made available by the AARP.

Nominations will be open this week for the Valentine King and Queen. Nominees must be sixty years of age or older and Scurry County residents. Contact Carla or Valerie to nominate someone. The election will be held Feb. 12-13 and the coronation will be on Feb. 14.

Reminder: All volunteer hours must be turned in to Denise by Feb. 28. Don't wait until the last minute to turn them in.

Monday
Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m. as well as the monthly domino tournament. Swimnastics are at WTC from 10-11 a.m. Nominations are open for the Valentine King and Queen.

Tuesday
Eighty-eight play begins at 10 a.m. and the Country and Western Band will entertain at 11 a.m. The Golden K Kiwanis will meet at noon in the conference room. Social Security representatives will be at the center from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1-2 p.m.

Wednesday
The Kitchen Band will entertain at Snyder Healthcare at 10 a.m. Line dancers and cloggers will practice at the center from 1-2 p.m., respectively. Anne Gregory will play the piano at the center beginning at 11:30 a.m. and the Advisory Council will meet at 11:30 a.m. in the conference room. Income tax filing assistance from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m.

Thursday
The Sunshine Choir will perform at Snyder Healthcare from 10-11 a.m. Senior swimnastics at WTC from 1-2 p.m. The center will open at 6 p.m. for game night.

Friday
The blood pressure clinic and bridge play begin at 9:30 a.m. Seniors may play eighty-eight at 10 and the sing-a-long begins at 11:30 a.m.

San Antonio teen has meningitis germ

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio-area student has tested positive for bacteria that can cause meningitis, local health officials said Friday.

The Clemens High School student was among 77 youths tested at the school this week after a 17-year-old classmate was hospitalized for the disease, which results in swelling of the brain and spinal cord.

The 17-year-old girl remains at Brooke Army Medical Center but is expected to be released Saturday, said Lu Pochelski, principal at the Schertz-Cibolo-Universal City School District campus.

Concerns have been heightened over the case, especially in light of the meningitis outbreak that has killed several people in the Houston area. In Austin, a 3-month-old girl also has died from the infection.

In all, 40 cases of the infection have been confirmed in Houston-area counties since Oct. 1, according to the Texas Department of Health.

The San Antonio cases are not related to the Houston outbreak, said Dr. Fernando Guerra, director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District.



WTSB DONATES COMPUTER — West Texas State Bank has donated a computer to Central Elementary School. Nancy Jones, PE teacher, is seated at the computer. Standing from left are, Peggy Williams, counselor; Todd Sorrells, WSTB loan officer; and Pam Hart, principal. WSTB is one of Central's adopt-a-school partner. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

School officials suspend fraternity

DALLAS (AP) — The University of North Texas has suspended a fraternity chapter for five years after members allegedly used racial slurs and waved a Confederate battle flag at a group of mostly black football recruits.

Kappa Alpha's suspension, issued Friday, is the longest ban the school has ever handed out. The fraternity must vacate the house and withdraw from activity at the university until the suspension ends, officials said.

"Five years is the most we've given anybody," said university spokesman Roddy Wolper. "Five years of no activity ensures a whole different group."

UNT concluded Kappa Alpha violated the student code and that members gave misleading information about the incident, said Wolper.

Larry Wiese, head of the fraternity's national office, called the confrontation unfortunate.

"I think the incident is not reflective of the entire chapter up there. It is certainly not reflective of the alumni from that chapter or the 94,000 living alumni," Wiese told KTVT-TV in Dallas.

Telephone messages left for the UNT chapter president were not immediately returned Friday.

Witnesses said the fraternity brothers used racial slurs and waved a Confederate battle flag at recruits, who were touring the Denton campus, northeast of Dallas.

"The flag is not a symbol of the organization and should not be used," said Wiese. "Unfortunately, some individual members have from time to time displayed it."

The suspension comes after several questionable incidents involving the chapter. In 1990, the fraternity served probation for alcohol violations and in 1996 was placed on probation when a notebook containing racist comments was found in the fraternity house. The fraternity recently completed a two-year probation for 1998 hazing and alcohol violations.

Hundreds of UNT students have protested against the fraternity chapter.

18 injured

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Eighteen people suffered minor injuries in a movie theater fire allegedly set by a man who had been asked to leave the premises earlier, officials said.

Among the 21 people inside the Westwood Plaza Theater when the fire broke out Thursday were 12 residents and five workers from a nearby home for the mentally retarded.

Most of the 18 people injured were briefly hospitalized and treated for smoke inhalation. None of the injuries was considered serious.

Robert Jones, 39, of Kittanning, who'd been spotted in a parked car near the theater after the fire, was arrested and charged with arson, police said.

Earlier in the day, Jones had been asked to leave the theater for being disruptive, workers said.

It was not immediately determined how the fire was set.

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During the early hours of Aug. 5, 1962, actress Marilyn Monroe was found dead in the bedroom of her home in Los Angeles. Her death was ruled probable suicide caused by an overdose of sleep pills. Monroe was 36.

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First Lady returns to Crawford ranch

CRAWFORD (AP) — Laura Bush will be busy for the next couple of weeks.

But it won't be in Washington. The first lady will be directing work at the family's ranch, having returned to her home state Friday for the first time since her husband became the nation's leader.

Bush went first to El Paso, where she attended memorial services for Tom Lea, a Texas artist and family friend who died Monday. She arrived in Crawford later in the day.

"Her trip was especially made to honor Tom Lea," Mayor Carlos Ramirez said.

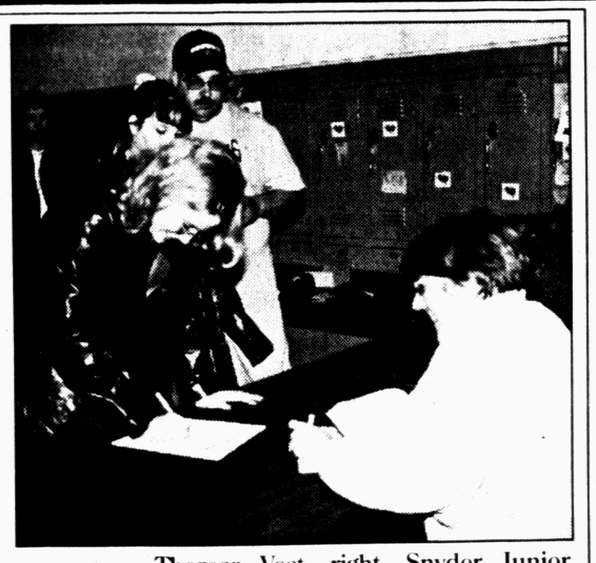
Bush will oversee renovations and decorate at the family ranch seven miles from here. She has planned no public appearances.

Still, this town of 700 was abuzz. A sign outside the Coffee Station said, "Welcome home, first lady Laura." Residents decided to leave up the red, white and blue star decorations.



SERVICE CERTIFICATE — Paul Bishop, right, engineering technician in the Snyder area TxDOT office, receives a service certificate from Bill Hale during a recent supervisors meeting in Abilene. Bishop was presented the award in honor of his five years of service with the Texas Department of Transportation. Hale is the Abilene district engineer. (TxDOT photo by Mary Beth Kilgore)

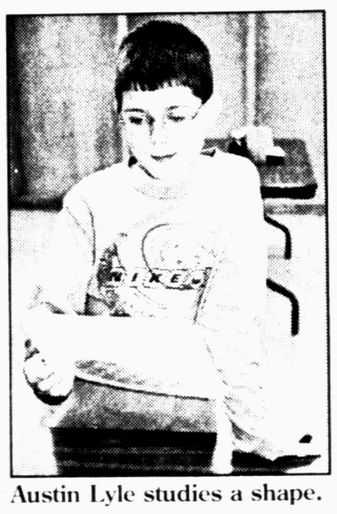
SJHS Fun with math and Science!



Theresa Vest, right, Snyder Junior High School math teacher, helps seventh grader Morgan Bilderback register for Tuesday's night of fun with math and science games.



The Hyer family tries to guess how many jelly beans are in the jar. Neil and Patricia are pictured with their daughters, Lucy and Ashley, who is a seventh grader.



Austin Lyle studies a shape.

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Gas bills have increased very much

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The City of Snyder had not received all of its January 2001 bills, so an accurate comparison from one year to the next is not yet available. For city hall, the January 2000 bill was $3,296 while the December 2000 bill was $4,857.

Cogdell Memorial Hospital had not received all of its January 2001 bills either, but if the December 2000 bill is any indication, the facility should prepare for a hefty one.

CMH's December 1999 bill was $6,168. A year later, the hospital was billed $10,512.

Snyder Brick & Tile Company, while not releasing figures, did say that the plant has seen a 50 percent increase in its electric bill and that the gas bill had tripled.

"Most of the brick plants are having to go up $20 a thousand on brick because of increased utilities," Mitchell Goodger, general manager said. "In the summertime, our electricity will really skyrocket if rates don't come down."

Thomas said that customers could be seeing even higher priced natural gas if TXU had not had long-term contracts priced at lower levels from the past.

"I want to emphasize that the customer pays exactly what TXU Electric & Gas pays for the gas, no more and no less. In fact, the Texas Railroad Commission does not allow for a markup on the cost of fuel," he said. "TXU Gas does not make any more profit whether gas is $2 per Mcf or $10 per Mcf. That markup goes to the producers at the wellhead."

TXU makes a profit off the rate set by the Snyder City Council, Thomas said.

"We are not taking advantage of customers during this cold weather."

The company is urging customers to conserve energy as much as possible.

"I want to stress the need for conservation during this cold weather. Lower the thermostat settings during the day when no one is home and at night before going to bed."

Thomas also highly recommends average billing, where the customer is billed on the average of the preceding 12 months.

"This drastically reduces your heating bill in the winter and spreads it out over the twelve-month period.

While unable to change the market-driven price of natural gas, the Texas Railroad Commission has taken steps to help protect customers this winter.

A new rule applies to gas utilities and to owners, operators and managers of master systems within the original jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission.

Under the rule:

• Natural gas utility companies may not disconnect a customer on a day when the previous day's temperature in the county where the customer takes service fell below 40 degrees Fahrenheit and the National Weather Service predicts that the temperature in the county will fall below that level during the next 24 hours.

• Providers may not disconnect service to a delinquent residential customer for a billing period in which the provider receives a pledge, letter of intent, purchase order or other notification from an energy assistance provider that is forwarding sufficient payment to continue service.

• Providers may not disconnect service to a delinquent residential customer on a day, or on a day immediately preceding a day, when personnel of the provider are not available for the purpose of receiving payment or making collections or reconnecting service.

• Providers are also encouraged to offer customers a deferred payment plan as set forth in the Commission's quality of service rule, 16 TAC Sec. 7.45(2), or a level or average payment plan.

Text of the emergency rule is provided on the Railroad Commission Web site at www.rrc.state.tx.us

Some thoughts on the Community College

By Jim Clifton
Dean of Student Services
Western Texas College

Traditional students are an anomaly; they defy description, either by age, intent, intellect, gender, political views, or socioeconomic strata. The term brings to mind the on-campus, 18 to 19-year-old, full time student committed to a self-determined course of study. Oddly enough, that description is an anachronism. The majority of students are part time, 25-44 years old (avg 29) attending a community college, maintaining a B average, with their primary goal as attainment of a better-than-average paying job when they finish.

Fifty-four percent of the nation's adults are high school graduates. Many are going back to school because they had a bad college experience when they were younger; they could not afford it then; and future prospects for jobs are dim without education and new skills. By the year 2010 there will be just over 3 million high school graduates, and no more colleges than there are right now, or money. Given the numbers and prospects for competitive entry, what is a young person to do?

The founding fathers of education created what were called junior colleges to prepare young people for the university. These institutions were designed to keep the student away from the research intensive, highly competitive environments of the advanced studies, and give them a chance to form a foundation for general education. As happens in a market driven society such as ours, the junior colleges began to offer electives and majors, and the core curriculum began to erode. It became entirely possible to have a college degree and never have learned much of any practical worth.

The small college concept has come full circle, albeit a larger one. Since the assessment movement of the 80's, faculty and staff have been held accountable on every aspect of higher education, from transferability of courses to short-term workforce training. Good things come from this environment, and better things are in the future.

There are over 14 ½ million college students today, and over half of them are attending community colleges. One fourth of those who graduate will have started at a community college, and the majority of those will graduate with less educational debt than students who started at the university. University freshmen enter their junior year with a lower GPA than transfer students. WTC students transfer with an average GPA of 3.29; statewide community college transfers average a 3.05; and the national transfer average is 3.12. Those students who started at the university have an average 2.98 when entering their junior year, nationwide.

What is it that students who attend community colleges know that helps them succeed? In the first place, there is a lower faculty to student ratio, so there is a greater degree of quality learning in a community college classroom. WTC has an average faculty to student ratio of 1:17, while a nearby university serves their undergraduates at 1:75. That same university expects a 23% dropout rate at the freshman level. The cost of attending WTC is right at 20% of the cost of attending the closest university, even though the same basic courses are taught, residence services are available, the college focuses on the undergraduate curriculum, and there is a non-competitive atmosphere for admission so that the real job of the campus-teaching, is accomplished.

For Western Texas College in particular, we have a beautiful campus and caring instructors. The basic academic courses are guaranteed transferable to public universities, and several widely sought after majors are taught to give the students the most practical application for their investment. The campus is accredited through the Southern Association of Colleges, offers a wide range of federal, state and local financial aid, and balances its curricular focus about 60% academic and 40% vocational. That balance is a bit heavier on the academic side than the majority of community colleges.

The Princeton Review says that community colleges are there for learning, largely devoid of the hype, noise, and rejectional processes of universities, and offer a much better value for the dollar. They go on to add that the environment caters to the whole student, emphasizing attention and self-discovery. The Chronicle of Higher Education often cites a "crisis in the undergraduate curriculum" at the universities, largely attributable to lack of attention, high costs, and learning by recitation and memory instead of critical skill development.

Judith Eaton wrote a book called "Colleges of Choice", which refers to community colleges as the best bet for higher order literacy, thinking skills and added value to the individual. WTC is that college of choice for many, and remains ready to serve many more. The four-year universities know we are the better choice for many reasons, but they are counting on you to ignore that, and come watch football games. If you can enter the university having less debt, a higher GPA, better access to scholarships and activities, and having learned in a non-intrusive structure with the option of living in the dorm, then you will have made an informed, mature investment in education. Dr. Craig Venter, whose company just mapped the human genome thought so, and so did Eileen Collins, first woman commander for NASA, and a certain ball player named Nolan Ryan.

The greatest enterprises start with small opportunities; WTC can be that for you. After all, the world is made up of 1% who think, 9% who think they think, and another 90% who wouldn't be caught dead thinking. Be more than the sum of your parts, learn to think at WTC.

Clinton to pay for gifts in year 2000

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trying to erase blots that marred their exit from the White House, Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton say they will pay for nearly half the $190,000 in gifts they opted to keep just as they were moving out.

Clinton also says he won't let taxpayers be "taken for a ride" paying for his pricey post-presidential office in Manhattan.

Clinton's first days as a former president and his wife's debut as a senator from New York have been tainted by three controversies: their decision to tote thousands of dollars worth of china, rugs, flatware and other gifts out of the White House; Clinton's pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich; and his decision to rent a taxpayer-financed, $600,000-a-year office overlooking Central Park.

On Friday, the Clintons spoke out on all three issues.

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Saturday, Feb. 3, 2001

Today is the 34th day of 2001 and the 45th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1862, on a train traveling between Port Huron and Detroit, Mich., Thomas Alva Edison printed and distributed the first issue of the Weekly Herald, a newspaper for rail passengers. It was the first newspaper to be printed on a train.

On this day in 1917, the United States severed diplomatic relations with Germany.

On this day in 1987, the Stars and Stripes, a sailboat skippered by Dennis Conner, won America's Cup by defeating Australia.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Horace Greeley (1811-1872), editor; Gertrude Stein (1874-1946), writer; Norman Rockwell (1894-1978), painter; James A. Michener (1907-1997), novelist; Simone Weil (1909-1943), writer-French Resistance activist; Fran Tarkenton (1940-), football player, is 61; Bob Griese (1945-), football player, is 56; Dave Davies (1947-), guitarist, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1956, Toni Sailer won the Olympic downhill skiing event.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "People don't change their behavior unless it makes a difference for them to do so." — Fran Tarkenton

TODAY'S MOON: Between first quarter (Feb. 1) and full moon (Feb. 8).

Sunday, Feb. 4, 2001

Today is the 35th day of 2001 and the 46th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1887, Congress approved the Interstate Commerce Act.

On this day in 1912, movie stuntman Frederick Law parachuted from the torch of the Statue of Liberty.

On this day in 1959, at Newport News, Va., the keel of the USS Enterprise was laid. The Enterprise was the first atom-powered aircraft carrier.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Thaddeus Kosciusko (1746-1817), Polish patriot; Charles Lindbergh (1902-1974), aviator; Rosa Parks (1913-), civil rights leader, is 88; Ida Lupino (1918-1995), actress-director; Betty Friedan (1921-), feminist-writer, is 80; Dan Quayle (1947-), politician, is 54; Alice Cooper (1948-), singer, is 53; Lawrence Taylor (1959-), football player, is 42.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1969, John Madden became the head coach of the Oakland Raiders.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "My only concern was to get home after a hard day's work." — Rosa Parks

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64 die in mishaps

BEIJING (AP) — An overloaded boat carrying people to market hit rocks in dense fog on a river this week, leaving 33 people dead and another 13 still missing, Chinese authorities said Thursday.

Another 31 people were killed and more than 30 injured when a truck carrying farmers to a funeral burst a tire and plunged off a narrow mountain road in southern Guizhou province, the state-run Xinhua News Agency said.

The overloaded truck may have been carrying more than 80 people when it crashed Jan. 30, and the death toll could rise, Xinhua said. The dead included a 3-year-old child, it said.

There were 38 survivors from the Jan. 29 boat accident in Hechuan city, 900 miles southwest of Beijing in the municipality of Chongqing, Xinhua said in a separate report.

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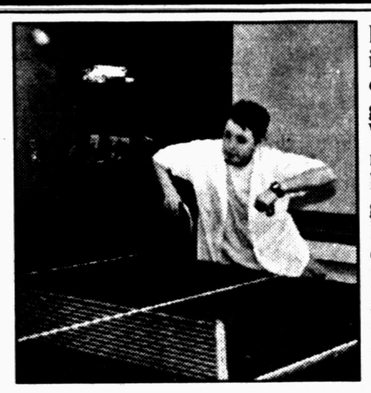
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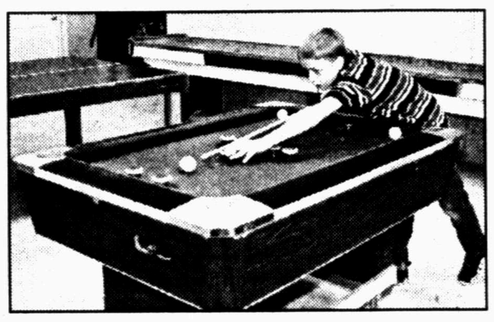
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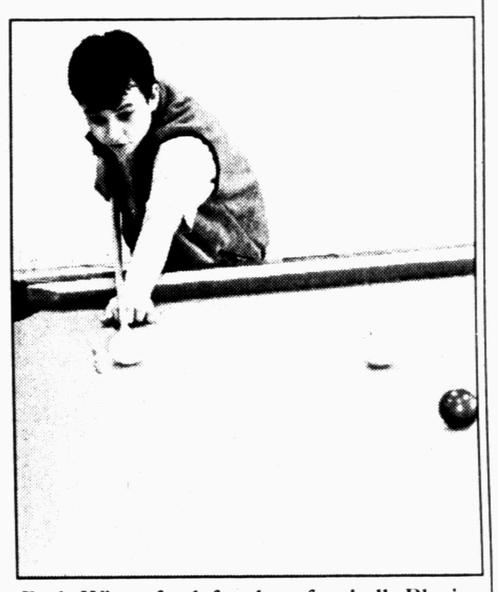


For doing well in the Accelerated Reader Program, some West students recently enjoyed lunch and games at the Boys and Girls Club. Malcolm Deavers, left, and Felicia Guzman, right, played ping-pong.









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Beth Witte, far left, plays foosball. Playing pool was popular. Bryce Westmoreland is pictured top center and Williams Greenwood is shown above. Basketball, bottom middle photo, was very popular.

New Jersey will pay four victims shot by police

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The state agreed Friday to pay $12.9 million to the four victims of a 1998 police shooting on the New Jersey Turnpike that caused a national furor over racial profiling.

The state did not admit any wrongdoing in settling the civil lawsuit, but plaintiffs' attorney Peter Neufeld said: "We think that money speaks volumes about what happened that night."

Attorney General John Farmer said each plaintiff will be paid from $912,000 to $5.8 million.

The four men — three are black, and the fourth is Hispanic — were pulled over near Trenton as they headed to a North Carolina college to showcase their basketball skills in hopes of a scholarship.

Two white troopers, John Hogan and James Kenna, said they stopped the van for speeding. They said they fired 11 shots at the vehicle when driver Keyshon Moore put the van in reverse as the officers approached on foot.

Moore was uninjured, but the others were wounded. LeRoy Grant and Danny Reyes were hospitalized for 13 days and Rayshawn Brown for two.

The four sued, accusing the state police and the troopers of shooting them without provocation. The lawsuit also alleged the troopers pulled the van over solely because the occupants were minorities.

The explosive case led to a national examination of criteria authorities use in stopping drivers.

New Jersey officials later admitted that state troopers stopped overwhelmingly disproportionate numbers of minorities in searches for drugs.

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Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

Hypertension and the kidney

DEAR DR. GOTT: After having had 4 months of unsuccessful therapy for high blood pressure, my physician ordered tests that proved I had a defective kidney causing the hypertension. Since then, I have been amazed at how many people fail to associate kidney diseases with high blood pressure. Perhaps this relation is something you could mention — even for people like me, who are over 70.

DEAR READER: In most cases of hypertension, the cause remains elusive. However, as you discovered, in some instances, the kidneys are to blame — especially if the problem involves poor circulation to one kidney or the other.

When I began practicing, more than 30 years ago, there were pitifully few safe medications to control hypertension. Consequently, in hypertensive patients, doctors routinely tested the kidneys. More often than not, the kidneys were normal. But on occasion, we discovered renal disorders that were amenable to surgery, which would cure the high blood pressure.

In contrast, today there are literally dozens of anti-hypertensive drugs, all of which — to one degree or another — are effective. Thus, most modern doctors (well, I'm kinda modern) tend to treat most cases of high blood pressure with medication first, relying on further testing in selective patients, especially those who don't respond to treatment.

To put this in perspective, I treat hundreds of hypertensive patients. Two years ago, a middle-aged man failed to respond. Testing showed an adrenal tumor. Once the growth was removed, his blood pressure dropped to normal. Six months ago, a similar scenario occurred. Tests revealed a shrunken left kidney with arterial blockage. When the obstruction was surgically corrected, his blood pressure became normal. Thus, treatable renal causes for hypertension are relatively unusual. You are fortunate that your physician was on the ball and had the sense to test you further, when you became a "non-responder."

The brief answer to your statement is: Yes, kidney disease is a potential cause of hypertension and should be investigated in cases where the blood pressure is difficult to control, irrespective of a patient's age.

To give you related information, I am sending you copies of my Health Reports "Hypertension" and "Kidney Disorders." Other readers who would like copies should send $2 for each report, plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title(s).

DEAR DR. GOTT: Why were products containing phenylpropanolamine withdrawn from the market?

DEAR READER: According to an article in the New England Journal of Medicine (Dec. 21; 2000), these products, which have been used as diet aids and as decongestants, were found to increase the incidence of stroke in women by 16 times. It should be noted that phenylpropanolamine did not show this reaction in men. The reason for this discrepancy is not known. What is known is that PPA causes constriction of blood vessels and an increase in pulse rate and blood pressure, to which women appear to be more sensitive, especially when the medication is used as an appetite suppressant. The publication The Medical Letter concludes that PPA may not be the only nasal congestion/weight loss medicine to cause "serious adverse effects." More studies are eagerly awaited. For now, the avoidance of such products seems prudent.

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Machete-wielding man is accused of attacking class

FELTON, Pa. (AP) — A former teacher accused of storming into an elementary school and provoking a bloody confrontation with a machete had served prison time for threatening his former Russian mail-order bride.

William Michael Stankewicz, 55, allegedly struggled with a principal and several teachers in a kindergarten classroom during the Friday incident, injuring three women and six children. None of the injuries was life-threatening, school officials said.

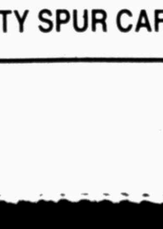
"We heard screaming from outside in the hall," said 12-year-old Chelsea Stein, who was in her sixth-grade classroom when the attack began.

Police arrested Stankewicz and charged him with two counts of attempted homicide, seven counts of aggravated assault and one count of bringing a weapon onto school property. Stankewicz was held on $2 million bail following his arraignment.

"I had nothing in my hand," he told reporters prior to the arraignment.

Stankewicz, a former history teacher from Baltimore, refused to say why he was at the school but talked at length about his failed marriage to his fourth wife, a Russian mail-order bride. He said congressmen and immigration officials ignored his pleas to deport his former wife, Larisa, and her daughters, Olga and Shasha.

"He thought she used him to get here and bring the kids," said former U.S. Rep. Bill Goodling.

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Women's Role
In Religious Meetings

Many people could care less about what God says about anything. This article is written for people who love God and have a desire to do those things that **please** him. (Jn 8:29, 1 Thes 4:1, Gal 1:10) God has expressed himself through the scriptures (2 Tim 3:16-17) to let us know what pleases him.

1 Cor 14:34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to **speak** but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.
1 Cor 14:35 And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home: for it **is a shame for women to speak in the church.**
1 Cor 14:37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the **commandments of the Lord.**

1 Tim 2:11 Let the woman learn in **silence** with all subjection.
1 Tim. 2:12 But I suffer **not** a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence

THESE VERSES ARE AN EXPRESSION OF **GOD'S WILL** FOR WOMEN IN RELIGIOUS MEETINGS. WHERE GOD'S WORD IS TAUGHT.

Many people mistakenly believe that women cannot teach men and that it is sinful for women to teach men about religious things. **This simply is not so.** The woman at the well taught the men of the city (Jn 4:27-30, 39) Anna spoke to all them (including men) that look for redemption... (Lk 2:38) Priscilla **expounded** the word to Apollos a preacher. (Act 18:26) Several other examples could be given. **Most** examples in the Bible of women teaching, they taught men. As long as it's not in a religious meeting a woman may teach anybody about God. God did not restrict women from doing religious teaching outside of religious meetings.

What God did restrict women from doing is teaching **anybody** in religious meetings. What God restricted women from doing is teaching the word wherever 1 Tim. 2:11-12 or 1 Cor 14:34-35 applies. 1 Jn. 3:4 "...for sin is the transgression of the law." When women teach where these verses apply, God's law is transgressed and **sin** is committed.

There arose a problem in the church at Corinth over women teaching and asking questions. This had caused confusion in the church there. What was the Holy Spirit's answer to this problem?
1. Let your women keep silence (:34)
2. Not permitted to speak (:34)
3. Ask (questions) at home (:35)

Asking questions in religious meetings **is not being silent**. Women asking questions is just as much a sin as standing up and teaching the group. Some women will readily condemn a woman for preaching and then turn around and ask questions and make comments. Does that sound hypocritical to you? Is either one obeying the command to be silent?

She must be **silent**. 1 Tim 2:12 (NIV)

Does that statement seem hard to understand to you? Silent, hush, be quiet, and shut up are all synonyms that mean the same thing. A class understands what a teacher means when she says to be silent or be quiet. Children understand what a mother in a religious meeting means when she says to be silent or be quiet. She means to **cease speaking**. That's not hard to understand.

Sometimes we're told the Greek word translated "silent" in 1 Tim 2:12 does not mean silent. One hundred Greek scholars translated the NIV. Were they mistaken? Forty seven Greek scholars translated the KJV. Were they wrong? That's one hundred forty seven Greek scholars that translated the word as "silent" and they knew exactly what they were doing. They did not **mistranslate** 1 Tim 2:12. The word translated silent in 1 Tim 2:11-12 and the word translated silent in 1 Cor 14:34-35 are synonyms and that's why the translators translated them the **same** way. Silent means to **cease speaking.**

1 Cor 14:34-35 and 1 Tim 2:11-12 are parallel passages and teach the same things. Wherever one passage applies the other also applies. Wherever they apply women must be silent. Every preacher and every elder that I've ever talked to says that 1 Tim 2:11-12 applies to women in bible classes. Are women **silent** there, or do they ask questions, make comments, and read scriptures. How can they do that and be **silent**? What if Christians **ignore** these passages?

1 Cor 14:38 If he ignores this, he himself **shall be ignored.** (NIV)

Do you want God to answer your prayer, or ignore you?

Prov 28:9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even **his prayer shall be abomination**

God says that if you don't listen to me, I don't listen to you. I believe these should be very serious matters to every Christian.

Jn 12:48 He that rejecteth me, and **received not my words**, hath one that judgeth him: the **word that I have spoken**, the same shall **judge him in the last day.**

1. Do you receive or reject Jesus?
2. Do you receive or reject Jesus commands? (1 Cor 14:37)
3. Did Jesus know what he was talking about when he said we would be **judged by his word** on the last day?
4. Do men in the twenty-first century have the authority to change the word that was **inspired** in the first century? (2 Tim 3:16-17)
5. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and **today**, and for ever. (Heb 13:8)

What will Eve say on the judgement day about eating the forbidden fruit?
What will Lot's wife say about looking back?
Ladies what will you say about asking questions, making comments, and reading scriptures when the scriptures say for you to be **silent.**

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the **dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books**, according to their works.

This article was written for the benefit of those who love God and have a desire to do his will. We desire to share the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in religious matters. If you have questions or comments or desire to discuss this individually or as a group please feel free to contact me. Thank you for taking time to read this article.

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SPORTS

Ira squads nab playoff positions

IRA — It took all four quarters of both games to determine their fate, but when all was said done, the Ira boys and girls had earned postseason berths.

The Ira girls clinched a spot in the playoffs Friday night with a 56-50 victory over Grady, while the Ira boys held off the Wildcats, 59-54, to earn their slot.

It's the Lady Bulldogs' first playoff berth since 1991, while the Ira boys will be making their third consecutive appearance.

"The girls really stepped up when they had to," said first-year Lady Bulldog coach Mike Duke. "Grady came to play, but our kids just wouldn't give up until they got the job done."

After Ira used a 14-0 run to grab an eight-point halftime lead, Grady answered with five three-pointers in the third period to go on top, 42-40.

But the Lady Bulldogs wouldn't go away, outscoring the Lady Wildcats, 16-8, down the stretch to pull out the win.

Morgan Clements led Ira with 25 points, while Celeigh Sterling added 19. Michelle Nettles posted five. Tara Allen tallied four, and Lindsey Wilson scored three.

The Lady Bulldogs, who improve to 12-11 on the year, will face Trent in the opening round of the playoffs. The bi-district contest is set for Feb. 13. Likely sites are Abilene High or Sweetwater.

In the boys' match-up, neither team could open a large lead, but it was Ira on top in the end.

The lead swapped hands several times in the first half. The Wildcats led by as many as seven points in the first quarter, and drained a three-pointer late in the second to close out the first half with a one-point advantage.

The action remained tight throughout the second half, with Grady owning a five-point margin with three minutes to go.

Ira rallied to tie the game with under a minute left, then pulled away in the closing seconds.

"It was a battle, and we knew it would be," said Bulldog coach Bubba Edwards. "Before district ever started, we knew all of our games would be tough, but the guys responded. We made the plays we needed to make."

Nathan Smith helped Ira preserve its lead in the final minute with a stellar effort from the free-throw line. Smith was 12 of 13 from the stripe on the night, and led all scorers with 26 points.

Bryce Wilkins and Jess Wall drained 10 apiece. Jake Barnes scored eight, and Eric Dickerhoff chipped in five.

Although the postseason match-ups are not solidified, the Bulldogs' will likely face Trent in the first round. The boys' bi-district round is slated for Feb. 19-20.



KEEPING A CLOSE EYE' — Snyder's Chris McLeod (left) defends Estacado's Sandie Lawson during district action Friday night at the SHS gym. The Tigers fell to the Matadors, 64-39, to slip into a third-place tie in the district standings.

Tigers fall to Estacado in foul-filled contest

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

In search of a victory to bolster their playoff hopes, the Snyder Tigers instead experienced the equivalent of a basketball nightmare Friday night.

Snyder got in early foul trouble, then struggled to keep its composure when things got rough, and Lubbock Estacado took advantage of the situation to grab a 64-39 District 4-4A victory Friday night at the SHS gym.

The setback, the third straight for the Tigers, drops Snyder into a third-place tie with Frenship at 7-4, while Estacado improves its league-leading record to 10-1.

The outcome was decided for all practical purposes in the first half.

The Tigers were whistled for seven fouls in the first 4:30 of the game, and were forced to take key starters off the floor.

When the starters returned for the second period, the fouls continued to mount. Starters Chris McLeod and Jamaal Wofford had three personals apiece by the 6:00 mark.

The mounting frustration finally erupted with four minutes left in the first half, and Estacado leading, 16-11.

Snyder senior Heath Pinkerton was whistled for his third foul, then picked up back-to-back technical fouls to finish his night.

Estacado's Gerone Duvall drained three of the four free throws, followed by a bucket from Ashanti Jones that quickly stretched the margin to 10 points.

The foul barrage ignited an 18-1 Matador run that closed the door on the Tigers' hopes for victory.

"Estacado played well, give them credit," said Snyder coach Bud Birks. "I thought the number of fouls that were called early really set the tone for the night. The game was called extremely tight. We never adjusted, and we paid the price."

The Matadors outscored the Tigers, 23-7, in the second quarter and owned a 34-17 advantage at halftime. Snyder would get no closer than 17 points.

Estacado continued to light it up from outside in the second half. The Matadors drained seven three-pointers on the night, and shot 54 percent from behind the arc.

Duvall's 20 points led all scorers, while Wofford led Snyder with 14 points.

The Tigers connected on only 31 percent of their attempts from the field, which included a 2-of-9 performance from three-point range.

Snyder's final three games will be crucial to their postseason chances.

The Tigers, who have advanced to the playoffs the past three years, travel to Andrews and Levelland next week, before finishing out the regular season at home against Lake View.

In Friday's other district action, Levelland knocked off Big Spring, 72-58. Frenship held off Andrews, 66-59, and Plainview whipped Lake View, 82-50.

Estacado	**11**	**23**	**15**	**15**	**— 64**
Snyder	**10**	**07**	**10**	**12**	**— 39**

Estacado
Duvall 6-10 5-6 20, Morrison 2-6 2-4 8, Jones 4-6 0-0 8, Lawson 0-2 4-4 4, Hutchinson 0-1 0-0 0, McKinzie 2-6 6-6 10, Skief 2-3 0-1 4, Hill 1-2 2-2 4, Kinney 1-3 0-0 3, Lee 1-2 0-0 3. **Totals 19-41 19-23 64.**
Snyder
Wofford 6-12 0-1 14, Thornhill 1-5 4-8 6, Pinkerton 0-3 1-2 1, Taylor 0-0 1-2 1, McLeod 0-3 0-0 0, Mendoza 2-2 3-5 7, Pruitt 2-6 0-0 4, McGuire 1-2 1-2 3, Landes 0-2 2-2 2, Bedell 0-0 1-2 1, Thompson 0-3 0-1 0, Dorsett 0-1 0-0 0. **Totals 12-39 13-25 39.**
Three-point goals: Estacado 7 (Duvall 3, Morrison 2, Kinney, Lee), Snyder 2 (Wofford 2). Rebounds: Estacado 21 (Duvall, Morrison and Jones 4), Snyder 24 (Mendoza 6). Total fouls: Estacado 22, Snyder 24. Fouled out — Hill; Pinkerton.

Lady Tigers stumble against Estacado

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

In their hunt for the playoffs, the Snyder Lady Tigers found one thing they were looking for, an Andrews victory over Frenship.

What the Lady Tigers didn't find Friday night, was a victory over Lubbock Estacado.

Estacado delivered another blow to Snyder's playoff hopes with a 43-27 District 4-4A victory Friday night at the SHS gym.

The Lady Tigers (17-10) fall to 6-7 in the league standings, leaving their only hope for the postseason riding on a victory over Andrews on Tuesday, combined with a Frenship loss at Lake View. Lake View has yet to win a district game this season.

"I told the girls before the game started, that I felt like Andrews could beat Frenship," said Snyder coach Sam Tipton. "So I told them if we didn't care of business, then we would feel pretty bad afterward, and that's how it worked out."

The Lady Tigers won the previous meeting with Estacado by 19 points, thanks to a 31-point performance from Ashley Delce.

This time around, the Lady Matadors took away Snyder's strength, holding Delce to only six points.

"Estacado did a good job of keeping us from getting the ball to Delce," Tipton stated. "She had 31 in the first game, then this time she just scored six. If you take away 25 points the first time around, then it's a whole different ballgame, too."

Despite not posting a bucket until the final seconds of the first quarter, the Lady Tigers trailed by only five points at halftime.

Neither team could find much production in the third quarter, as the two squads combined for 11 points.

But Estacado got back in track in the final frame. After Snyder's Afton Schwertner scored twice in the opening minutes of the fourth, The Lady Matadors closed out the game with a 13-3 run.

"It was just one of those nights," Tipton said. "We never could find the basket. Physically, our kids gave an effort, but we weren't mentally ready to play, and I take responsibility for that."

Despite posting 43 points, Estacado was off target most of the night, as well. The Lady Matadors shot 27 percent from the floor, compared to 29 percent for the Lady Tigers.

Snyder failed to have a player finish in double figures, with T'Leah Eicke's eight points leading the way.

Estacado's Dana Davis led all scorers with 16 points.

"We feel bad as a team, and I feel bad as a coach, because we had such high expectations for this year," Tipton remarked. "But this girls have still accomplished a lot for Snyder High School. These are the same girls that have won 17 games this season, and were ranked as high as sixth in the state at one time. They have brought a lot of prestige to Snyder."

In Friday's other district action, Andrews edged Frenship, 49-48. Levelland held off Big Spring, 45-36, and Plainview rattled Lake View, 95-30.

Snyder wraps up the District 4-4A season Tuesday at Andrews.

Estacado	**09**	**11**	**06**	**17**	**— 43**
Snyder	**04**	**11**	**05**	**07**	**— 27**

Estacado
A.Shephard 4-13 7-10 16, Curry 3-9 2-2 9, Davis 2-8 3-4 7, Dottin 0-4 3-7 3, Neloms 1-2 0-0 2, E.Shephard 1-2 0-0 3, McGraw 1-6 1-1 3. **Totals 12-44 16-24 43.**
Snyder
Eicke 2-10 2-2 8, Delce 1-4 4-6 6, Murray 1-2 0-1 2, Geiger 1-7 0-0 2, Mackey 1-3 0-0 2, Schwertner 2-2 0-0 4, Robinson 1-3 1-2 3. **Totals 9-31 7-11 27.**
Three-point goals: Estacado 3 (A.Shephard, Curry, E.Shephard), Snyder 2 (Eicke 2). Rebounds: Estacado 23 (Neloms 6), Snyder 27 (Delce 9). Total fouls: Estacado 16, Snyder 15. Fouled out — None.

District 4-4A Girls Basketball

Team	District W	L	Season W	L
Plainview	13	0	28	1
Levelland	9	4	23	7
Frenship	7	6	20	11
Big Spring	7	6	17	9
Snyder	6	7	17	10
Andrews	6	7	17	12
Estacado	4	9	14	13
Lake View	0	13	8	12

Friday's results: Estacado 43, Snyder 27; Andrews 49, Frenship 48; Levelland 45, Big Spring 36; Plainview 95, Lake View 30.

Tuesday's games: Snyder at Andrews; Estacado at Levelland; Frenship at Lake View; Plainview at Big Spring.

End of regular season

District 4-4A Boys Basketball

Team	District W	L	Season W	L
Estacado	10	1	19	10
Plainview	8	3	17	12
Snyder	7	4	17	10
Frenship	7	4	17	13
Levelland	6	5	20	10
Andrews	3	8	16	13
Lake View	2	9	10	19
Big Spring	1	10	6	22

Friday's results: Estacado 64, Snyder 39; Levelland 72, Big Spring 58; Plainview 82, Lake View 50; Frenship 66, Andrews 59.

Tuesday's games: Snyder at Andrews; Estacado at Levelland; Frenship at Lake View; Plainview at Big Spring.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	27	13	9	2	65	177	124
Philadelphia	27	16	9	1	64	156	141
Pittsburgh	25	19	6	2	58	166	159
N.Y. Rangers	21	28	3	1	46	165	188
N.Y. Islanders	14	31	5	2	35	118	164
Northeast Division							
Ottawa	29	14	7	1	66	167	127
Toronto	25	18	7	4	61	159	133
Buffalo	25	20	5	1	56	129	119
Boston	22	20	6	5	55	133	153
Montreal	19	28	5	3	44	135	151
Southeast Division							
Washington	24	19	9	1	58	143	135
Carolina	23	20	6	2	54	135	140
Atlanta	16	26	9	2	43	145	180
Florida	12	27	8	7	39	119	163
Tampa Bay	15	30	5	3	38	131	184

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	34	11	5	2	75	174	113
Detroit	30	16	4	4	68	155	139
Nashville	23	24	7	2	55	135	145
Chicago	21	25	4	2	48	142	149
Columbus	17	26	5	4	43	116	154
Northwest Division							
Colorado	35	9	8	1	79	173	117
Vancouver	28	18	4	4	64	175	159
Edmonton	25	21	8	1	59	146	149
Calgary	18	21	9	4	49	129	151
Minnesota	18	22	8	3	47	112	123
Pacific Division							
San Jose	29	15	8	0	66	148	120
Dallas	29	18	4	1	63	142	125
Phoenix	23	16	12	1	59	133	125
Los Angeles	23	21	7	1	54	175	160
Anaheim	16	29	6	4	42	127	170

Two points for a win, one for a tie and OT loss.

Thursday's Games
Montreal 3, Boston 0
Washington 5, Toronto 4
Philadelphia 2, N.Y. Islanders 0
Tampa Bay 4, Buffalo 2
Carolina 3, Atlanta 1
Columbus 2, St. Louis 2, tie
Anaheim 4, Phoenix 2
Calgary 5, Chicago 3
Dallas 4, San Jose 2
Vancouver 5, Colorado 3
Nashville 6, Los Angeles 4

Friday's Games
No games scheduled

Saturday's Games
No games scheduled

Sunday's Games
All-Star Game at Denver, 2:30 p.m.

Boys Little Dribblers

MINOR DIVISION

Pistons 42, Trailblazers 5
Pistons: Riley Davis and LaShondrick Richardson, 10; Jared Cave, 8; Gagé West, 6; Matthew Rios, 4; Colby Berrera and Will Toombs, 2. **Trailblazers:** Seth Cotton, 3; T.J. Wright, 2.

Nuggets 31, Kings 12
Nuggets: Rey Juarez, 11; Shade Roemisch, 8; Bubba Perales, 6; Nathan Rose, Kasey Young and Steven Juarez, 2. **Kings:** Kaden Seale, 6; Brandon Lunsford, 4; Ty Burton, 2.

Grizzlies 32, Knicks 17
Grizzlies: Jake Crenwelge and Seth Sanchez, 12; Garret Hale, 4; Alex Hernandez, 3; Clint McFatridge, 1. **Knicks:** Rance Dunn, 11; Kelton Garcia, 4; Tye Holley, 2.

Pistons 36, Kings 10
Pistons: Gage West and Riley Davis, 10; LaShondrick Richardson, 6; Matthew Rios, 4; Jared Cave, Colby Berrera and Will Toombs, 2. **Kings:** Brandon Lunsford, 6; Ty Burton and Jordon Tippens, 2.

Nuggets 39, Bulls 29
Nuggets: Bubba Perales, 20; Rey Juarez, 14; Kasey Young, 3; Shade Roemisch, 2. **Bulls:** Caleb Harrison, 14; Dominic Cabrera, 12; Eric Trammel, 2; Anthony Taylor, 1.

MAJOR DIVISION

Magic 60, Spurs 27
Magic: Ryan Mitchell, 16; Ricky Sanchez, 15; Cody Burney, 13; Charone Hill, 8; Matt Schoolcraft, 6; Jimmie Schooler, 2. **Spurs:** Jesse Connor, 18; Quintin Shafer, 8; Jacob Scifres, 1.

Rockets 39, Tarheels 29
Rockets: Pete Villa, 19; Brandon Robbins, 12; Travis Hatfield, 6; Terrance Wells, 2. **Tarheels:** Donald Jeffery and Michael Martinez, 8; Josh Ornelas, 6; Craig Robertson, 3; Nolan Grady and Daniel Burk, 2.

Warriors 31, Spurs 28
Warriors: Corbin Clements, 14; Chase Medina, 8; Colton Brewster, 7; Tyler McCormack, 2. **Spurs:** Quintin Shafer, 10; Jesse Connor, 6; Cord Welsh and Chad Franks, 4; Brandon Hagins, 2; Jacob Scifres and James Simmons, 1.

Warriors 52, Blue Devils 18
Warriors: Corbin Clements, 23; Chase Medina, 15; Colton Brewster, 10; Preston Munson, 8. **Blue Devils:** Lance Day, 14; Michael Mann and Cade Kruger, 2.

T-Wolves 48, Blue Devils 25
T-Wolves: Jamie Arnold, 25; Brent Bollinger, 13; Tyler Driggers, 6; Dillon Matthies and Casey Arnold, 2. **Blue Devils:** Lance Day, 21; Josh Ball and Wes Richardson, 2.

T-Wolves 52, Spurs 31
T-Wolves: Jamie Arnold, 18; Brent Bollinger, 17; Tyler Driggers, 7; Dillon Matthies and Cody Reed, 4; Casey Arnold, 2. **Spurs:** Jesse Connor, 15; Quintin Shafer, 8; Cord Welsh, 4; Chad Franks, 3; Jacob Scifres, 1.

Magic 30, Raptors 22
Magic: Cody Burney, 10; Charone Hill and Ryan Mitchell, 6; Ricky Sanchez and Matt Schoolcraft, 4. **Raptors:** Brooks Gafford, 13; Brandon Jones, 5; Joel Rocha and Bryce Westmoreland, 2.

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SPORTS

Tigers swing to two-stroke lead

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

For the past few seasons, Snyder High School golf coach Matt Glenn has been trying to mold his boys' team into a group of hard-nosed competitors. On Friday, it looked as if Glenn's work is starting to pay off.

Snyder fired an 8-over-par 296 Friday to grab a two-shot lead over district rival Frenship in the opening round of the Snyder Invitational.

The Tigers, who played Friday's round at Snyder Country Club, can wrap up their first tournament title in years with another solid round Saturday at Western Texas College.

"A 296 is a great start for us," said Glenn. "But it's a two-day tournament, so we have to go out on Saturday and put together another solid round."

The Tigers were paced by sophomore Zach Starnes who shot a 2-under-par 70 to put him in a second-place tie in the medalists' race. Starnes posted five birdies and an eagle, to go along with four bogies and eight pars.

"That's the way golf is," said Glenn, referring to Starnes' up-and-down round. "Sometimes you make 18 pars, and sometimes you make nine birdies and nine bogeys. All that counts is the total you get in the end.

"But Zach's round shows the type of kids we have on this team. Even though he had some bad holes, he never got down and kept plugging along."

Senior Levi Mandrell posted a similar round. Mandrell was 5-over at one time, before finishing with a 74. Fellow senior Landon Day came in with a 76, as did junior Clinton Calmes. Sophomore Stafford Gray tallied a 78.

"All of our kids are really focused on doing well this spring," Glenn stated. "They're keeping their composure and making the right decisions on the golf course. You get to a certain level in golf, where the mental aspect of the game is just as important as the physical part. And right now, our kids are mentally tough."

The tournament's opening round was highlighted by a hole-in-one from Sweetwater's Bryan Howard, who went to post the day's lowest score of 69.

Heading into the final round, the Tigers held a two-stroke advantage over Frenship. Sweetwater was three strokes back, and Andrews was 12 shots off the pace.

In Division II competition, Snyder II took the early lead with a 316, thanks in part to Brady Reed. Reed fired a 75 to put him second in the individual standings.

Abilene I was seven shots behind Snyder II, followed by Colorado City and Seminole.

While Reed's 75 paced the squad, Jason Williams and Vaughn Wiggins had solid rounds of 80. Matt McCormick posted an 81, and Tanner Beard recorded a 90.

Snyder III finished with a score of 394 on Friday. Lining up for Snyder III were Nathan Hines, 93; Taylor Cotton, 95; James Mills, 97; Hunter Shipp, 109; Cameron Harrison, 120.

Following the event, the varsity Tigers will take next weekend off, before returning to competition Feb. 16-17 at the Abilene Invitational.

Snyder Boys Golf Invitational
First Round
DIVISION I
at Snyder Country Club

Team standings: 1. Snyder 296, 2. Frenship 298, 3. Sweetwater 299, 4. Andrews 308, 5. Abilene Cooper 311, 6. Big Spring 314, 7. Abilene Wylie 315, 8. Midland High 319, 9. Odessa Permian 325, 10. Monahans 343, 11. Plainview 346, 12. Levelland 418.

Individual standings: 1. Bryan Howard, Sweetwater, 69; 2. (tie) Zach Starnes, Snyder and Shaun Melville, Frenship, 70; 4. Trey Todd, Abilene Wylie, 71; 5. (tie) Shane Mercer, Sweetwater and Isaac Wilborn, Big Spring, 73; 7. (tie) Levi Mandrell, Snyder, Brandon Melville, Frenship and Joe Graham, Abilene Cooper, 74; 10. (tie) Colby Brownlee, Andrews and Austin Ingram, Abilene Cooper, 75.

Other Snyder scores: Landon Day 76, Clinton Calmes 76, Stafford Gray 78.

Other Frenship scores: Josh Keeton 77, Tim Martin 77, Nathan Robins 89.

Other Sweetwater scores: Sean Howard 77, Robert Henson 80, Eliathan Lara 84.

Other Andrews scores: Parker Stovall 77, Paul Slaughter 78, Chase Richards 78, Spud Dillingham 80.

Other Abilene Cooper scores: Jason McDonald 79, Chad Keesee 83, Brandon Simpkins 85.

Other Big Spring scores: Jerrod Simmons 77, Nick Reed 78, Ryan Rodriguez 86, Mario Rodriguez 88.

Other Abilene Wylie scores: Andy Hacker 79, Hunter Hanner 81, Chase McKinney 84, Matt Brower 91.

Midland High: Connor Ewing 76, Rhett Vestal 79, John Davis 81, Crawford Smith 83, Ryan Slack 83.

Odessa Permian: Jeff Murray 77, Willy Justis 79, Johnny Kidd 83, Tyler Barcena 86, Alan Harper 89.

Monahans: Michael Richie 83, Stephen Neace 86, Nicholas Fausett 87, Chad Ray 87, Derrick Jordan 89.

Plainview: Joe Taylor 83, Joey Barker 86, Koby Hatch 86, Ross Skinner 91, Patrick King 93.

Levelland: Josh Tabor 94, Michael Lane 100, James Capps 101, Michael Zuniga 123, Dillon Webb NC.

DIVISION II
at Western Texas College

Team standings: 1. Snyder II 316, 2. Abilene High I 323, 3. Colorado City 335, 4. Seminole 342, 5. Midland Lee 350, 6. Abilene High II 362, 7. Lamesa 366, 8. Lubbock High 372, 9. Abilene Cooper II 375, 10. Greenwood 385, 11. Lake View 389, 12. Snyder III 394, 13. Brownfield 409.

Individual standings: 1. Allen House, Abilene High I, 73; 2. Brady Reed, Snyder, 75; 3. Landon Hammond, Colorado City, 78; 4. Chet Erwin, Colorado City, 79; 5. (tie) Jason Williams, Snyder and Vaughn Wiggins, Snyder, 80; 7. (tie) Matt McCormick, Snyder and Jeremy Spears, Seminole, 81; 9. James Ralech, Seminole, 82; 10. (tie) Isaiah Martinez, Abilene High I and Aaron Lesley, Abilene High I, 83.

Other Snyder II scores: Tanner Beard 90.

Other Abilene High I scores: Bryan Levrets 84, Aaron Reddell 86.

Other Colorado City scores: Stan Neff 86, Ashton Anderson 92, Anthony Munoz 106.

Other Seminole scores: Jonathan Williams 86, Ty Caffey 93, Drew Pullam 97.

Midland Lee: Anthony Moreno 86, Michael Feavel 87, James Robertson 88, Josh Coats 89, Josh Alvarado 90.

Abilene High II: Zack Jaques 88, Kevin Ching 89, Aaron Clark 92, Jay Tippen 93, Matt Morrison 94.

Lamesa: Waylan Hogg 88, Kurt Taylor 89, Damon Hughes 92, Bradley Gore 97, Jake Loftin 97.

Lubbock High: Jimmy Carroll 84, Trey McNeil 94, Jake Gillen 96, Tobin Davis 98, Brandon Seirer 100.

Abilene Cooper II: Zach Robinson 87, Ian Atchison 90, Josh Villalobas 98, Jimmy Frantz 100, Dax Pueschel 11.

Greenwood: Jeff Riley 91, Casey Littlefield 92, Evan Dunkerson 101, Martin Amos 101, Dustin Rance NC.

Lake View: Bryan Luna 87, Chris Nelms 100, Kevin Kelley 100, Zach Upton 102, Jimmy Morrison 104.

Snyder III: Nathan Hines 93, Taylor Cotton 95, James Mills 97, Hunter Shipp 109, Cameron Harrison 120.

Brownfield: Ryan Moore 94, Carlos Estoban 99, Juan Franco 105, Johnny Luna 111, Brian McClure 116.

Hermleigh drops season's final tilt

HERMLEIGH — In the third quarter Friday night, the Hermleigh girls were hitting on all cylinders. The other 24 minutes, however, belonged to Trent.

With the exception of the third-quarter outburst, the Trent Lady Gorillas limited Hermleigh's production to produce a 74-48 victory in the District 12-A finale.

The Lady Cardinals poured in 28 points in the third period, but managed only 20 points in the other three quarters combined.

Trent held a 33-12 lead at halftime, before Hermleigh cut five points off the deficit in the third. The Lady Gorillas responded by outscoring the Lady Cardinals, 18-8, in the final frame.

Sheena Callaway drained 20 points to pace the Lady Cards' effort on the offensive end, while Sabrina Terry also finished in double figures with 11.

Brittany Jones dropped in seven points. Cheyenne Walker added four, and Janet Eckert chipped in two.

The Hermleigh girls finish their season with a 7-14 mark, and a 2-6 record in district play.

Sports Whirl

By SDN Sports Editor Eric Drennan

Here are some odds and ends from the world of sports, starting with a coach's tale.

—Speedy Morris, men's basketball coach at LaSalle University tells the story, "When I first got the job at LaSalle, the phone rang one morning and my wife told me it was *Sports Illustrated*. I cut myself shaving and fell down the stairs, I was in such a hurry to get to the phone. When I got there, a voice on the other end said, 'For just 75 cents an issue...'"

And now some witty one-liners:

—San Francisco Giants manager Dave Bristol (1980)

"There'll be two buses leaving the hotel for the ballpark tomorrow. The 2 o'clock bus is for those of you who need a little extra work. The empty bus will be leaving at 5 o'clock."

—Dodgers second baseman Steve Sax on conditioning (1984)

"We're given a choice. We can either run around the field three times, or run around Tommy Lasorda once."

—E.J. Holub, Texas Tech and NFL linebacker, on his 12 knee operations (1978)

"My knees look like they lost a knife fight with a midget."

—New Mexico St. basketball coach Weldon Drew on his team's 1-3 start (1982)

"We have a great bunch of outside shooters. Unfortunately, all of our games are played indoors."

—Bulls center Jack Haley on his NBA debut, in which he failed to score (1988)

"I'll always remember it as the night me and Michael Jordan combined for 52 points."

—Houston Cougar coach Bill Yoeman on his 5'9" QB (1984)

"If he was 6'2", he'd be All-America. Of course, if he was 6'2", he'd be at Southern Cal."

—Cubs pitcher Rod Beck contending his extra weight doesn't make him injury prone (1998)

"I've never seen anyone on the DL with pulled fat."

—Michigan St. football coach Duffy Daugherty after his starting center quit the team to enter medical school (1966)

"We've learned our lesson. "We won't recruit anybody that intelligent again."

And finally a few good examples of poor planning. The following are true events, and appeared verbatim in *Sports Illustrated* on the dates shown.

Feb. 9, 1998 — "Less than a month before completion of its $1.2 million softball stadium, the University of Hawaii athletic department discovered that 1,030 of the park's 1,200 seats have obstructed views of the field."

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Aug. 3, 1998 — "Houghton Mifflin's recently released American history textbook for fifth-graders, *Build Our Nation*, covers the Depression and the presidency of Franklin Roosevelt in 33 lines, while devoting two pages to Cal Ripken Jr."

NFL stars ready for Sunday's Pro Bowl

HONOLULU (AP) — More attention from the opposition meant less production for defensive end Jevon Kearse this season.

Nevertheless, he believes he's a much better player now.

"How do you like that triple team?" Kearse recalled being asked by Kansas City tight end Tony Gonzalez during Tennessee's 17-14 victory over the Chiefs in the second game of the season.

Gonzalez, sitting at a nearby locker following an AFC practice session for Sunday's Pro Bowl, smiled at the recollection.

"He's somebody you definitely have to account for at all times," Gonzalez said. "He can change the game with his quickness and agility."

Those attributes are among the reasons the 6-foot-5, 265-pound Kearse, selected the NFL defensive rookie of the year and a starter in last season's Pro Bowl, is nicknamed "The Freak."

"This year was more of a learning experience than my rookie season," said Kearse, who had 111/2 sacks, down from his rookie record of 141/2. "I kind of surprised people last year because I was just so fast and quick, going basically on athletic ability."

Kearse had just three sacks in his first nine games before getting three in a 24-23 loss to the eventual Super Bowl champion Baltimore Ravens.

While his sack total was down, Kearse became only the fourth player to have double-figure totals in his first two NFL seasons.

"Yeah, by far, playing the run, changing up my techniques," he said when asked if he was better now than as a rookie. "I had to develop more moves, more technique. I learned a lot more this year."

Kearse was good enough to be selected to play in his second Pro Bowl, although as a backup at defensive end to Trace Armstrong and Jason Taylor, both of Miami, who had 161/2 and 141/2 sacks, respectively.

"I don't think they're ever going to get old to me," Kearse said of earning Pro Bowl berths.

The 35-year-old Armstrong, who will be playing in his first Pro Bowl, said of Kearse, "Obviously, he's got outstanding physical ability, and he plays the game hard. I like the way he chases the football, goes sideline-to-sideline.

"You don't sneak up on anybody when you have a year like he had as a rookie. That's what makes it tougher."

Kearse and the Titans reached the Super Bowl in his rookie year, losing 23-16 to the St. Louis Rams. Many thought they'd make it again this season, but they failed despite having the AFC's best regular-season record, losing to the Ravens 24-10 in the second round.

"It was a big disappointment, us playing as well as we did during the season and then being knocked out," Kearse said. "We feel like we've got the players it takes to win the ring, and we didn't do it. It's motivation for next season."

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Friday's Games

Indiana 103, Denver 94
Orlando 123, Philadelphia 117, 2OT
Miami 91, Atlanta 80
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L.A. Lakers 93, Charlotte 87

Saturday's Games

Denver at Washington, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 8 p.m.
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Sunday's Games

New York at Miami, 1 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 3:30 p.m.
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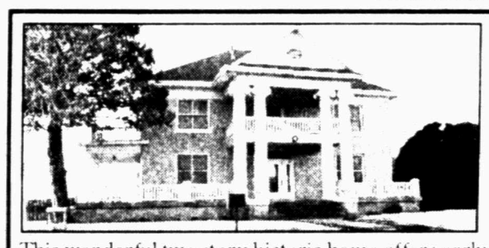
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God has and is blessing us with so many loving friends. May God bless each one of you.

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The family of C. J. Thornton would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the loving concern shown by friends and community during the illness and loss of our loved one. Many thanks to Dutch Parks and Larry Holder for the words of encouragement spoken during the funeral service, and also to the musicians, Evelyn Nowlin and Patti Park for the lovely music, and to the choir led by Billy Green - thank you for those lovely old songs that mean so much in times of sorrow. Thanks to all who braved the weather and came to comfort and support us - your presence meant so much to us all. The flowers were just beautiful. And thank you all for the wonderful meal served at the First Baptist Church for the family.

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Thank you, Evolyn Vaughn, for the extra mile you always walked with us in helping care for C. J. during his illness.

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Vail enjoys big economic gains

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — The Vail ski resort appeared to be on a slippery slope the past three years, having suffered a $12 million fire and two straight seasons with little snowfall. But the ski area is poised for recovery.

A dramatic increase in snowfall and the popularity of a program that allows skiers and snowboarders to use other resorts are the main reasons Vail has seen an increase in skiers in all of its market groups, officials say.

"We lost some pride in who we were and this season I've seen a resurgence of that pride," said Vail Resorts chief executive, Bill Jensen.

The resort will not release skier figures in advance of its quarterly earnings, but the industry trade group Colorado Ski Country reported a 29 percent increase in visits to major Colorado resorts through January.

Financial Focus

Diversification Is Best Defense Against Volatility

If you're an experienced investor — or even if you're not — then you're well aware that the stock market is volatile. On a daily, monthly and yearly basis, stock prices moved up and down. They always have — and they always will. Is there anything you can do to protect yourself against this volatility.

In a word, yes. There are two courses of action you can follow to shield yourself from some of the effects of stock market ups and downs. First, take a long-term view of your investments. Don't buy stocks with the hope of "getting rich quick" — it won't happen. Instead, be prepared to hold high-quality stocks for many years. Over time, stock market volatility tends to even out, so it's important to put time on your side.

The second step you can take to protect yourself against volatility is to diversify. The need for diversification has been made especially clear in recent months, as we've seen dramatic changes in the fortunes of technology stocks. Many Internet stocks, for example, have risen to unprecedented levge3ls, only to plummet. In fact, technology stocks — which have attracted a lot of investors attention in the past few years — are more volatile, in general, than the old-time blue chip stocks, which have been the staples of the stock market for decades.

It's this industry-specific volatility that you need to protect yourself against — and you can do that by diversifying your portfolio. Without question, it can be risky to concentrate a large portion of your investment dollars in just a few stocks, or in only one or two sectors. If these stocks or sectors go into a prolonged downturn, your portfolio could be hit hard — and it may take a long time to recover.

But by spreading your investment dollars among a variety of sectors, you can protect yourself against downturns that affect just one or two areas. Furthermore, by investing in several different segments, you simply have a better chance of landing stocks that are on the rise.

How many stocks do you need to own before you can say your portfolio is truly diversified? There's no one right answer, because everyone has different goals and investment preferences. As you construct your portfolio, your investment representative can help you determine what combination of investments can help you achieve your objectives.

So, the next time you pick up your newspaper and read the financial pages, don't get too upset if you see that stock prices have fallen. On the other hand, don't get too excited if you find that prices have gone up. Instead, take the positive and negative movement in stride. If you take a long-term perspective, and you maintain a diversified portfolio, you'll be in a good position to handle whatever the market sends your way.

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Tax relief topic of GOP, Demo speeches

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Democrats cautiously joining the chorus, President Bush pressed the case for a tax cut package Saturday, saying it will energize a sputtering economy and put more money in the pockets of those who need it most.

Making tax cuts the theme of his third week in office and his second weekly radio address, Bush said the $1.6 trillion, 10-year tax reduction plan he will send to Congress will help those who were left behind even as rising prosperity lifted the country as a whole.

"A lot of people feel as if they have been looking through the window at somebody else's party," he said. "It is time to fling those doors and windows open and invite everybody in."

Bush called his plan broad, responsible and "the right thing to do." He made clear it will lower tax rates for all Americans, rich as well as poor.

Responding in the Democrats' radio address, Senate minority leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said that while the size and terms of a tax cut are open to debate, many Democrats are ready to support one.

"Democrats agree with President Bush, the American people deserve a tax cut; we strongly support a major tax cut this year," Daschle declared, while not saying how large a reduction Democrats might support.

But Daschle said that even at a time of rising budget surpluses the sky is not the limit. And he made clear Democrats have problems with the Bush plan as it stands.

"We can't go back to deficit spending," he said. "The tax cut must be affordable — and responsible. It can't use up money we need for education, prescription drugs and other necessities."

And Daschle emphasized that while Democrats believe that all taxpayers should get tax relief, "working families should come first," not the wealthy.

He said Bush's tax-cut plan "shortchanges working families," with 43 percent of the cuts going to the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans.

"Democrats are ready to sit down with President Bush and congressional Republicans to write a responsible budget plan that cuts taxes, protects Social Security and Medicare, provides prescription drug coverage and preserves fiscal responsibility," the Democratic leader said.

While Daschle and other Democrats say reducing the debt should have first priority, Bush made clear he believes debt reduction and tax cuts should have equal weight.

"There's a lot of talk in Washington about paying down the national debt, and that's good, and that's important; and my budget will do that," the president said.

"But American families have debts to pay, as well," he said. "A tax cut now will stimulate our economy and create jobs."

Bush began his tax-cut sales pitch on Friday with an unprecedented 50-minute appearance before Senate Democrats gathered at the Library of Congress for their annual strategy meeting.

The president then joined House and Senate Republicans at their policy retreat at Williamsburg, Va.

Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Sunday, Feb. 4, 2001

Your circle of cohorts could be expanded substantially in the year ahead. However, if any of them are partly responsible for your successes, make certain you compensate them in some manner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Unless you and an associate are ir accord on both the major and minor points today, little of mutual value will be achieved. Each must be totally supportive of the other to succeed. Aquarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. **Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.**

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you find yourself with someone today who isn't as materially fortunate as you are, be careful how you express your spending habits. This person could be deeply offended.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Should there be problems sharing your time between someone to whom you owe an obligation with a person who just wants to spend some time with you, choose the former.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) No one will have a good time today if you cannot come to an agreement before hand as to what activities in which to participate. You might have to go your separate ways.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Spend more time on your goals and ambitions than on frivolous activities today. If you reverse this behavior, you could be kicking yourself later.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Although you'll be both industrious and clever today, you could allow someone to talk you into engaging in extravagant whims that would waste both your time and money.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your emotional picture could be a mixed bag today. You could be upbeat and sharing one minute and then depressed and withdrawn the next. Try to keep your feelings on an even keel.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) The only way to get what you want today is to be honest and forthright. Trying to manipulate others into compliance through coy or underhanded methods won't work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Remember when negotiating something today that each time you get what you want, you have to give a little in return. Without such parity, the agreement won't hold up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In order to enjoy yourself today, you might have to disassociate yourself from someone who doesn't want to spend the day as you do. Don't be afraid to do so.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Play things loose today when involved in competitive activities. If you want something too badly, you'll put more pressure on yourself than you should.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Try to save a little time for your family today, or there could be hell to pay. You might enjoy something else, but you won't enjoy what you'll have to live with later.

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Man arrested on burglary warrant

Arrests

Officers arrested a 48-year-old male at 11 a.m. Friday on an outstanding warrant for burglary.

Howard Smith Jr., of 1004 33rd Street was arrested at his residence.

At 3:49 p.m. Friday, officers arrested a 22-year-old female at United for shoplifting.

A 39-year-old female was arrested at 8:16 p.m. Friday in the 2200 block of Avenue I on an outstanding misdemeanor theft warrant.

At 11:35 p.m. Friday, officers arrested a 27-year-old female for making a false report to a police officer.

DPS troopers arrested a 47-year-old male at 12:36 a.m. Saturday on Highway 84 for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Criminal mischief

David Lopez reported damage to a window at his residence in the 1600 block of 8th Street at 7:40 a.m. Friday.

Family violence

An offense report for family violence was filed at 5:16 p.m. Friday.

Obituaries

Roy H. Sallee

1924-2001

Funeral service for Roy H. Sallee, 76, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church Sanctuary, with the Rev. Myron Crawford of Mineral Wells, officiating. Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens, under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.



Roy Sallee

Family visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Lunch for the family will be served at 12:30 p.m. Sunday in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Sallee, a retired public school educator, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, in San Angelo. He was born Nov. 17, 1924 in Brady. He married Natalie Newton on Jan. 18, 1946 in Abilene.

Mr. Sallee spent 32 years in the public school system as a teacher, coach, principal and superintendent. He spent four years at Aspermont, three years at Roscoe, 20 years at Ira, and then another four years at Aspermont.

Sallee served as Ira School's superintendent and girls' coach from 1955-1975. He also coached Ira's junior high girls for 15 years. He started a girls' track team after he came.

During his tenure, the girls' basketball team captured the district title 10 times, finished second place seven times, third place twice, and fourth place once.

In 1963, Sallee and other area superintendents began a successful two-year effort to have girls' track become a state event and in 1972 were also instrumental in getting the UIL to agree to sponsor girls' track.

Sallee's contributions at Ira included drilling a water well so grass could be planted on the football field. A concession stand was added and bleachers were set up at the football field.

Mr. Sallee graduated from Brady High School in 1941. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 until 1945. He served in the North Atlantic, Mediterranean Sea, European and African Theatre, and the Asiatic, Pacific and Indian Oceans.

He received his bachelor of business administration from Hardin-Simmons University in 1949 and his master of education in 1951.

Mr. Sallee was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Renegade Sunday School Class.

Survivors include his wife, Natalie of Snyder; a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and John Fenton of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Melanie Sallee of Broken Arrow, Okla.; four granddaughters, Stacey Poe, Ginny Clinkenbeard, Heather Sallee and Cheyenne Sallee; two grandsons, Andy Poe and Robert Sallee; and three great-grandchildren.

His parents and one brother, Russell Sallee, preceded him in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to Scurry County Senior Citizens Center or to the American Lung Association.

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Louise Poston

1924-2001

Louise Poston of Snyder died Thursday, Feb. 1, at her residence.

Funeral service for Mrs. Poston, 76, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church. The Rev. Andre Dugger, pastor of Grace Baptist in Nashville, Tenn., will officiate. Burial will follow in Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Born Sept. 17, 1924 in Snyder, she married Virgil Poston on March 3, 1987 in Duncanville. Mrs. Poston retired as a bookkeeper for Spic & Span of Lubbock in 1987. Mrs. Poston was a member of the First Baptist Church and active in numerous community volunteer programs.

Her husband, T.L. Henley, preceded her in death.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Carrie Chandler of New Braunfels; two stepsons, James Poston of Terrell and Rusty Poston of Fort Worth; two stepdaughters, Marla Poston and Cindy Holcomb, both of Duncanville; a brother, Harold Henley of Midland; a sister, Katherine Minnick of Lubbock; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews including Tittle Lunsford of Snyder.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, the bereavement fund of First Baptist Church or Gateway Family Services.

Jimmie Bural

1934-2001

GIRARD — Jimmie Lee Bural, brother-in-law of Wayne Webster of Snyder, died Thursday, Feb. 1, at his home in Girard.

Service for Mr. Bural, 66, will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the First Baptist Church in Jayton with the Revs. H.T. Stanland and David Fletcher officiating. Burial will follow in the Girard Cemetery under the direction of Campbell Funeral Home in Spur.

Born Aug. 14, 1934 in Gilpin, he married Betty Webster April 20, 1957 in Spur. He went to work for Kent County Road Department in 1983, retiring in 2000. He was a farmer and rancher and had lived in Kent County most of his life. A longtime leader of 4-H, he was also active in Kent County Jr. Livestock Show.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Bural of Girard; one son, Bim Bural of Abilene; one daughter, Rena Jones of Jayton; his mother, Punk Bural of Spur; two sisters, Jean Chisum of Spur and Pat Goodall of Girard; and four grandchildren.

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SHS class of 1991 reunion

Members SHS class of 1991 of SHS will meet at 3 p.m. Sunday to plan the 10-year reunion. The meeting will be at Les Rinehart's home. Call Robbie Brazier at 573-6632 or Les Rinehart at 573-0544 for more information and directions.

Grand jury

The Scurry County grand jury will meet at 9 a.m. Monday in 132nd District Court. Approximately 15 felony cases will be considered.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Being an Encourager," followed by "Our Greatest Adversaries: Guilt."

8th grade special needs parents

A meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder High School's CVAE building, room C-5 for parents of special needs 8th graders. Call Jean Burns or Charles Haggard at 573-6301.

Masonic meeting

Scurry Lodge 706 will have a stated meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday followed by a film on Shrine Hospitals. This will be open to the wives and refreshments will be served.

British Isles tour

A customized, adult-centered tour of Ireland and Scotland is being planned. An informational meeting is planned at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Community Room of Texas Savings Bank. For more information, call Beth Bowen at 573-2670.

West family reading night

West Elementary holds its family reading night from 6-7:30 p.m. every Thursday. New sessions have been added. Child care and refreshments are provided.

Vocational nurse program testing

The next testing date for the March vocational nursing class at WTC is 9 a.m. Friday. To schedule an appointment, call 573-8511, ext. 313.

Gospel, country music

The monthly gospel and country music night will be held starting at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Scurry County Senior Citizen Center. For more information, call 573-3996.

Enchilada dinner

The Knights of Columbus #8875 is hosting the second annual enchilada dinner from noon until 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 25. The event will be at West Elementary. For tickets, call 573-9855, or 573-8164. Adult tickets are $5 and children's tickets are $2.50.

Shattered Dreams 2000 tapes

Videotapes of Shattered Dreams 2000 are available by calling Lori or Penny at Snyder EMS at 573-1912. Proceeds will go to scholarships for students who participated in the program last April.

1986 class reunion

The SHS class of 1986 is seeking current addresses of class members for a reunion set for July 6-7. To submit names and addresses or for more information call Mike McWilliams, 573-6543 or Xalyn Harris Palacios, 574-3343 or 573-2148.

Medical fund

A medical fund has been established at West Texas State Bank for four-month premature Christa Lane Arnold. The baby is in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. The account number at the bank is 3113906-01.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC swimming pool opens

The WTC swimming pool is now open for public use. Lap swimming: M-F 6:30-8 a.m., and 12-1 p.m. Open swimming: M-TH 7-9 p.m. Cost is $2 per person or $50 for a semester pass. The pool is also available for parties on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, contact Lisa Christensen at 573-8511, ext. 290.

Glory Room open

The Glory Room, a Christian library located at Trinity United Methodist Church, is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Everyone is asked to return materials so that others may check them out. If other hours are needed, contact the church at 573-3988.

Cancer treatment transportation

Transportation for cancer patients is available every day free of charge to Lubbock, Abilene or Midland. For more information, call Sammie Jarrell at 573-5993 or Blakely Fargeson at 574-8041. If not home, leave message on answering machine.

Discovery School registration

Registration for summer Discovery School at First United Methodist Church is underway. The session is for June and July. Registration will continue until classes are filled. Summer hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for children ages six weeks through five years. For more information, call 573-4770.

McAuliffe likely to be DNC chairman

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson withdrew Saturday from the race to lead the Democratic National Committee, clearing the way for fund-raiser Terry McAuliffe to become the party's new chairman.

McAuliffe, a close friend and ally of former President Clinton, already was the overwhelming favorite to win the post in the committee's scheduled vote later Saturday.

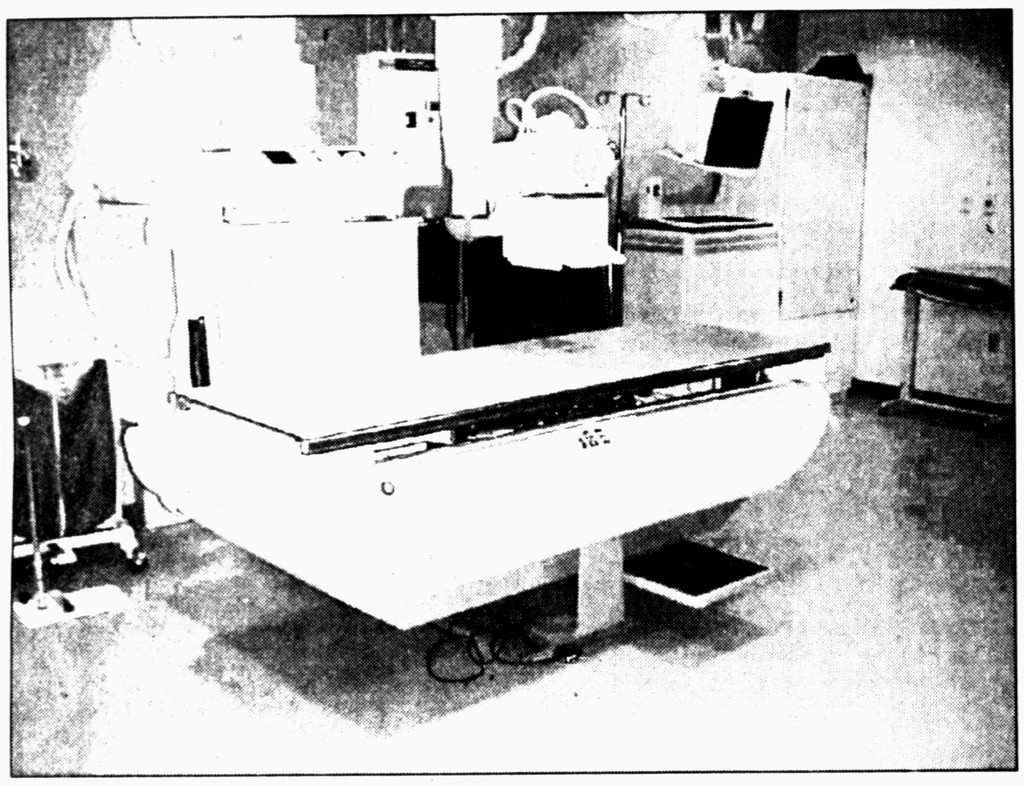
Only Friday, McAuliffe had failed tc persuade Jackson, Atlanta's first black mayor, to quit the contest and end a simmering intraparty battle that had led the DNC's 90-member Black Caucus to make a late endorsement of Jackson.

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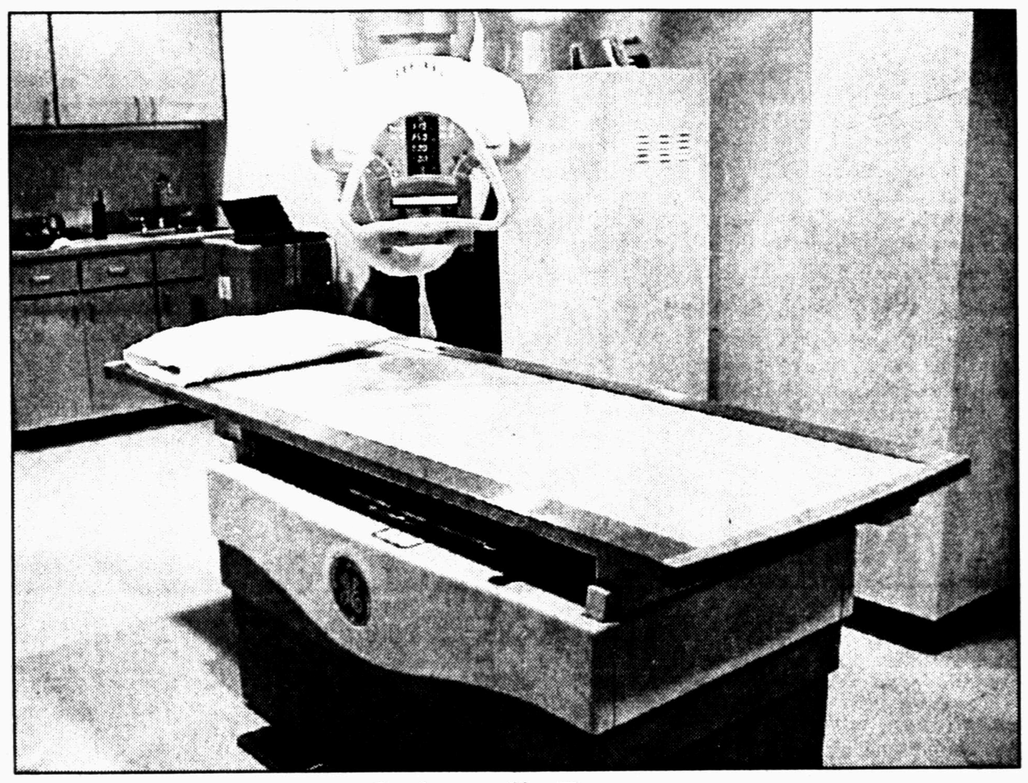
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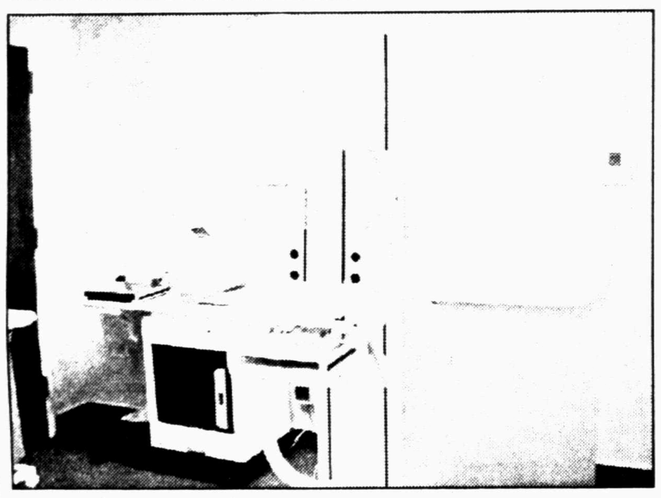
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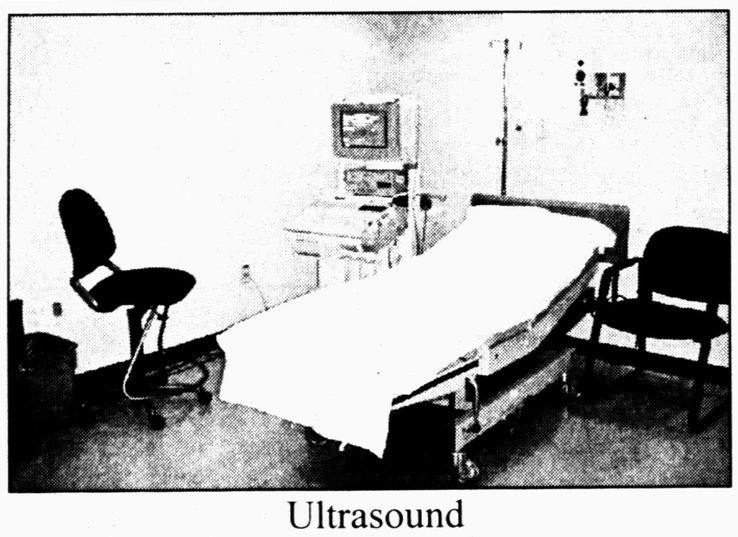
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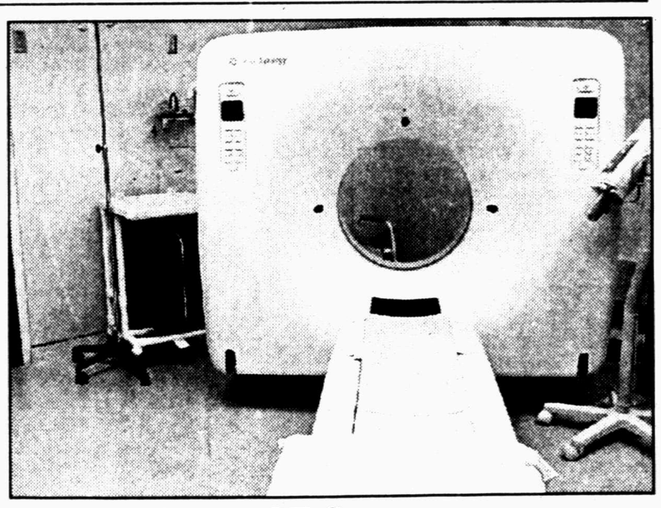
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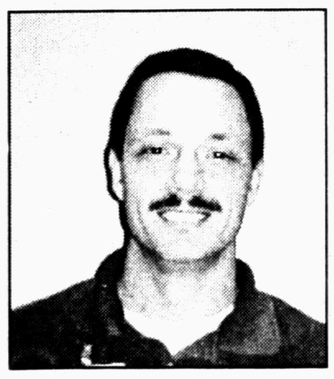
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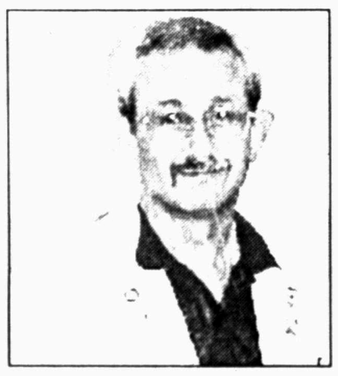
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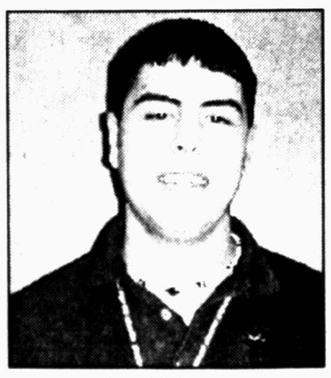


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Profiles in Education

by Shirley A. Gorman

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Leatherwood teaches power mechanics at SHS

(Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of articles about Technology Education programs at Snyder High School and Junior High School.)

Power mechanics is a great way for beginning mechanics to learn about engines, and second year students even get to work on their cars if they choose to.

Terry Leatherwood has been teaching power mechanics at Snyder High School for the past five years. He teaches two classes each afternoon. Leatherwood's first class is research and development, where second-year students are allowed to work on their cars. He said he lets them have a little more freedom than first-year students, but at the same time they are expected to work.

First-year students learn all about engines and how they work. Regardless of size, Leatherwood said all motors work on the same principle.

Beginning students are required to bring a small motor, usually one from a lawnmower, and they spend much of the first semester learning how to take it apart and put it back together. The goal is to get it to run without spending a lot of money. That isn't always possible because some motors are old, haven't worked for years, and/or have been kept outdoors as well.

Since most of his first year students are inexperienced, he starts with the basics. He also stresses how to work safely and what the tools of the trade are. Once small engines are completed, Leatherwood begins a unit on rocket propulsion during which each student will build and launch a small rocket.

Leatherwood introduces students to the concept of aerodynamics by having them design and build CO2 powered cars constructed of balsa wood. Though the cars are somewhat crude, Leatherwood said students can relate to them. Each is required to create a different design. When everyone is finished, he said they conduct races to see which car is the fastest.

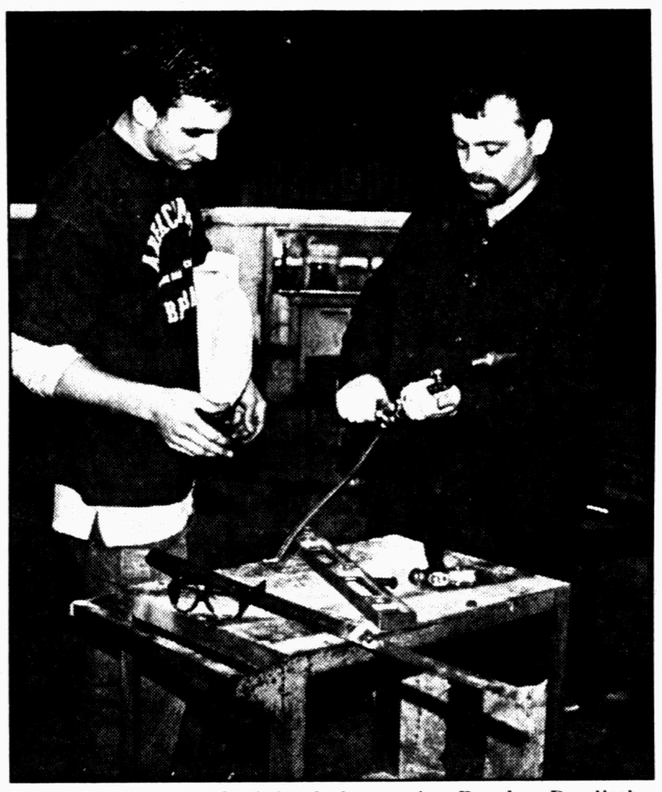
Leatherwood said, "Our method is pretty rough, but I like it because everyone has to do it and they all stay busy on a project."

The curriculum guideline suggests spending no more than six or eight weeks on small motors, but Leatherwood said the class had been "mechanics for umpteen years and I just kind of fell into it." However, he said he added rockets and CO2 cars to

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Sophmore Ricardo Madera works on a small motor.



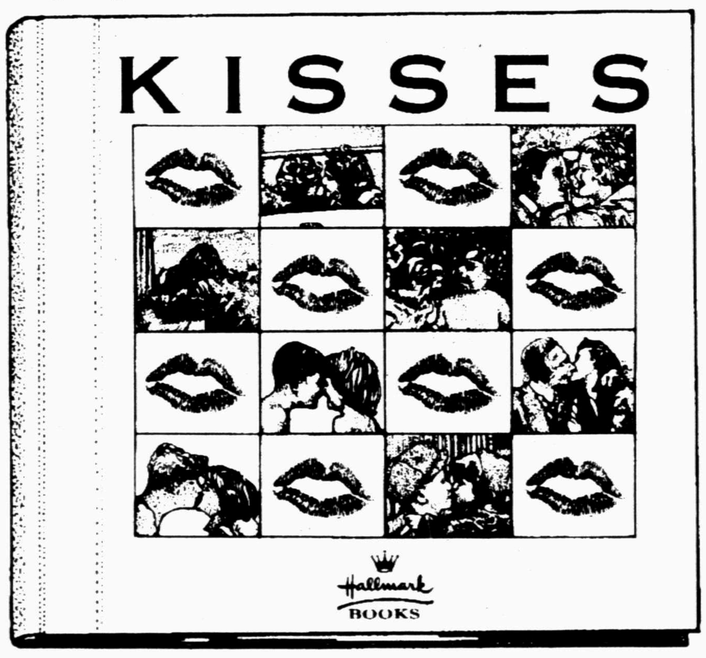
Terry Leatherwood, right, helps senior Bradon Doolittle fix a torch.



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Mr. and Mrs. Dell Blackwell
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In Alvin's Trinity Apostolic Faith Church...

Couple exchange vows

ALVIN — Mauna Lee Flora and Russell Dell Blackwell, both of College Station, married at 2 p.m. on Jan. 6 in Trinity Apostolic Faith Church in Alvin.

Ronny Tubbs, Region 7 High School Rodeo Minister from Tomball, officiated the double-ring ceremony.

The bride's parents are Gaylon H. Flora Jr. and Joyce Flora of Danbury. The groom's parents are Darryl and Dee Blackwell of Snyder.

The bride was given in mar-

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riage by her father.

Maid of honor was Mandy Walker of College Station, her college roommate. Bridesmaids were Jena Melancon of College Station, another roommate; Darla Blackwell, groom's sister from Stephenville; Terri Hicks, cousin of the bride from Alvin; Stephanie Wendt from College Station; and honorary bridesmaid was Sarita Sullivan, another roommate from College Station.

Kellie Wendt of College Station was flower girl and Clay Haggard, bride's cousin of LaRue, was ring bearer.

Best man was Bobby Cawthron, DVM, from Wimberly. Groomsmen were Marty Vahlenkamp of Waxahachie; James Flora, the bride's brother from Alvin; Charles Wendt, groom's roommate from College Station; and David Neason from Seguin, another roommate.

Ushers included Stephen Adams Jr., the bride's cousin from Alvin; Rocky Hicks, another cousin from Alvin; and Curtis Gage from Stephenville.

A reception followed at Joe's BBQ banquet hall in Alvin.

Their honeymoon trip was to Galveston and they have made their new home in College Station.

A December graduate of Texas A&M University with a B.S. in agribusiness, the bride is employed at Planter's & Merchant's State Bank in Bryan.

The groom, a 1997 graduate with a B.S. in agricultural economics from A&M, is attending classes at A&M and will begin chiropractic college in May at Texas Chiropractic College in Pasadena.

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Martha Ann Woman's Club directors will meet at the clubhouse; 4 p.m.

Rock and Roll Quilting Club; Hermleigh Community Center; everyone is invited for free quilting lessons, and special projects are to help someone in need; call 863-2426 for more information; 8 a.m. to noon.

Al-Anon Brown Bag Open Meeting, Snyder Park Club in Winston Park; noon.

Weight Watchers meeting; Trinity United Methodist Church; for more information call Nathalie at 573-1868 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5 p.m.

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

Overeaters Anonymous, Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 574-1254, 573-8322 or 573-3733; 6:30 p.m.

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

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

AA Beginner's Meeting-Open; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 7 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-4048,; 8 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

Spiritual Solutions for Living Problems Book Study; Snyder Park Club; 6 p.m.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; airport terminal on West 37th Street;Lila Guinn, acrylics; Virginia Lowrance, hostess; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

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

Gateway Corporate Board meeting; MAWC; noon.

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

Rock and Roll Quilting Club evening meeting; Hermleigh Community Center; for more information call 863-2426; 6:30 p.m.

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

Canyon Gun Club, 1910 25th; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-4048; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information call 573-8626; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

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

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Defensive Driving Course; Texas Savings Bank; no reservations necessary, for more information, call 573-2850; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

SUNDAY

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





Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Weems
(Contributed Photos)

Golden wedding anniversary celebrated in Fisher County

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Weems celebrated 50 years of marriage Friday, Feb. 2, at the Fisher County Senior Citizens Center.

Patsy Kiker and Bernard Weems were married on Feb. 2, 1951 in Rotan. They moved to Snyder in 1968. Weems is a retired schoolteacher of 37 years and currently is employed by Spartan Transportation. Patsy retired from the Texas Department of Transportation in 1977 after 30 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Weems were honored Saturday with a reception hosted by their two children and two grandchildren. Two other couples were also honored at the senior center, Lillie and Rex Rollins of Azel and Annie and Virgil Weems of Rotan.

Rev. Billy Graham released from hospital after 3 weeks

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — The Rev. Billy Graham has been released from the hospital.

The 82-year-old evangelist was at Mission St. Joseph's Health System for almost three weeks because of fluid buildup on his brain. He returned Wednesday to his home in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Graham was admitted Jan. 11 when tests showed a shunt inserted last summer to stabilize pressure in his brain was not functioning properly because of a blockage.

Doctors originally thought they would need to remove the shunt, but Graham's condition stabilized and tests showed no signs of infection.

His doctors recommended several weeks of rest and close monitoring.

"I'm very grateful for all the prayers and messages of support that have come to Ruth and me," Graham said in a statement.

Graham's latest illness prevented him from giving the invocation at President Bush's inauguration. Graham's son stepped in for him.

Scurry County Library News & Views

By Janie Romine

The New Year always brings us both pleasant and agonizing events. Of course, on the unpleasant side, we must deal with the IRS. On the pleasant side, except from the mail carrier's viewpoint, are all the wonderful new seed catalogs. We can sit by our fireplace on a cold day and plan our spring and summer. As a parent, however, there are three words that we hear around this time of year that drive terror into every parent's heart. Those three words are, science ... project ... time.

Different parents cope with this time in different ways. Some ignore it, some do all of the work for their child, and others bribe, coax and threaten their child into choosing a project and completing it. Some students see this time as an opportunity for exploration, and they need very little guidance, just a ride to the library. For those of you who need some help, come to the Scurry County Library for your science fair project needs.

This past year the Scurry County Library spent $2,500 updating and expanding the science section in the juvenile and adult section. You will find very interesting books not just for projects, but also to satisfy everyday curiosity.

Some of our new books to delight your imagination include:

"Science Projects About the Science Behind Magic," by Gardner.

"Shocking Science (electrical experiments," by Levine.

"Awesome Experiments in Electricity & Magnetism," by DeSpezio.

"Sports Science Projects: The Physics of Balls in Motion," by Goodstien.

These are just a few of the science fair books that may be checked out. Come by and browse the 500 section to find a book to help your child discover something new. Science is fun and exciting, especially with the new science books available to you.

Encourage your child to come to the Scurry County Library and check out one of our many science fair project books. Expand your knowledge and enlighten your mind with science! See you at the library!

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MARCH WEDDING PLANNED — Mr. and Mrs. Don R. Hicks, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Harris, all of Colorado City, announce the engagement of their children, Melissa Rea and Landon Brodie. The wedding date is set for March 31 at 6:30 p.m. in Colonial Hill Baptist Church. (Photo by Mr. Geez' Photography)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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Dealer: North

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4 ♦	Pass	6 ♣	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ 9

Saturday, Feb. 3, 2001

A delay for the answers

By Phillip Alder

Here is the answer to the Christmas competition double-dummy problem. The senryu entries will have to wait until the winners are announced because this column had to be written in early December to meet the production deadline.

There are players who enjoy dreaming up unusual deals. I don't think B.J. Becker was one of them, but I found this entertaining deal in one of his columns from nearly two decades ago.

If you play in clubs, you must lose one trump trick. You can make six diamonds, losing just one club trick. In six hearts, you must concede one trump trick. And in six notrump, you can take 12 tricks with the favorable distribution. But what happens when spades are trumps? Then you can rake in all 13 tricks!

You win trick one with dummy's club king, cash the club ace, play a diamond to your 10, and take the other three top diamonds, pitching a club and two hearts from the dummy. Next, you finesse dummy's heart queen, cash the heart ace, and ruff a heart with your spade six. Finally, you lead a club and overruff West as cheaply as possible, ruff a heart with the spade king, and play another club, scoring dummy's two remaining trumps. Your hamper contains two heart, four diamond, two club and five trump tricks.

If you got that right without using Deep Finesse, well done! You deserve the prize.

Do you see any way to reach seven spades? I don't. (Becker's route was two spades by South and seven spades by North!) And perhaps you would prefer not to reach it, because West might lead a trump.

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APPROACHING MARRIAGE — Wendell and Wilma Wardlow of Pampa, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Carolyn Michelle, to Steven Wilson Rivera. Steven is the son of Lynda Jean Lorance of Vernon and the late Emilio Rivera. The wedding will take place Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. in The Word is Life Deliverance Church with Tony Wofford, pastor, officiating. (Contributed Photo)

More checks for Clinton library arrive

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — More than checks are arriving in the mail in response to the Clinton presidential library's request for donations.

Some people are sending items they would like included in the library's collection, including their birth and death certificates, a knitted sweater, and subscriptions to the magazines MAD, Hustler and Soap Opera Digest.

Bo Derek honored

NEW YORK (AP) — Bo Derek is among 10 women honored as Fun Fearless Females by editors at Cosmopolitan magazine.

"I have a lot of fun, I don't know if that means I'm fun," the 44-year-old actress said at the awards luncheon Monday.

What about being fearless?

"I'm a Republican in Hollywood. I'm not supposed to get work. We'll see if I get a job now," said Derek, who added that she didn't get involved in politics.

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Monday
Cereal
Juice
Tuesday
Teddy Grahams
Juice
Wednesday
Grilled Cheese
Juice
Thursday
Cinnamon Roll
Juice
Friday
Breakfast on a Stick

OTHER SCHOOLS' BREAKFAST

Monday
Pigs in a blanket w/Syrup
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Tuesday
Cinnamon Rolls or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice
Wednesday
Hot Breakfast Picket or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice
Thursday
Scrambled Eggs & Bacon or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice
Friday
Oatmeal w/Peaches or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
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LUNCH

Monday
Hamburger on a Bun or
Crunchy Corn Dog
French Fries
Lettuce, Pickle & Tomato Cup
Applesauce
Tuesday
Chicken Quesadillas or
Beef Parmesan
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Peach Cobbler
Garlic Toast
Wednesday
Pizza or
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Broccoli w/Dip
Black-eyed Peas
Fruited Gelatin
Thursday
Chicken Soft Taco or
Green Chile Casserole
Pinto Beans
Tossed Salad
Chips-o-Salsa
Friday
Barbecue on a Bun or
Steak Fingers
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Corn on the Cob
Chocolate Cake

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All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Juice
Dry Cereal
Toast
Tuesday
Fruit
Buttered Rice
Toast
Wednesday
Juice
Pancake Pups
Thursday
Fruit
Cinnamon Toast
Friday
Juice
Waffles/Syrup

LUNCH

Monday
Oven Baked Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Apple Crisp
Tuesday
Pinto Beans
Buttered Cabbage
Corn Bread
Chilled Pears
Wednesday
Fried Ham
Sweet Potatoes
Hot Biscuits
Fruit Cup
Thursday
Texas Hash
Tomato Wedges
Corn Bread
Chocolate Chip Cookies
Friday
Chili Dogs
French Fries
Relish Cup
Fresh Peaches

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All meals served with choice of milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Cereal
Pop Tarts
Juice
Tuesday
Biscuits w/Gravy
Sausage
Juice
Wednesday
Breakfast Burritos
Juice
Thursday
Breakfast Pizza
Juice
Friday
Pancakes
Sausage
Juice

LUNCH

Monday
Corn Dogs
French Fries
Beans
Sugar Cookies
Tuesday
Hamburgers
Chips
Fruit
Wednesday
Pizza
Vegetable Salad
Corn
Cake
Thursday
Beef Patties w/Brown Gravy
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Hot Rolls
Apple Crisp
Friday
Burritos w/Chili & Cheese
Shredded Lettuce
Crackers
Peaches
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Bridge Winners

Monte West directed three tables of bridge Jan. 26.

FRIDAY
Jan. 26

A Group North South
1. Dot Casey, Margaret Birdwell.
3. Christine Stuard, LaVerne Hood.

B Group
1. Christine Stuard, LaVerne Hood.
2. ElWanda Nall , Vera McSpadden.

A Group East West
1. Johnye Van Dever — Mary Bast
2. Nona Morrison, Nina Nesbit
3. Dora Blakey, Anita Talbott

B Group
1. Nona Morrison, Nina Nesbit
2. Dora Blakey, Anita Talbott
3. Martha Fagin, Suzy Reed

Tuesday
1. Jane Hinton, Charles Blakey
2. Linda West, Monte West
3. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson

Group nominated

NEW YORK (AP) — With five Grammy nominations and their single "Independent Women Part I" at the top of the charts for weeks, Destiny's Child seems to be getting over the tumult of the past few years.

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MAY WEEDING SET — Wylie and Brenda Oliver from Ira announce the engagement of their daughter, Audra Marie, to Justin Clay Herrington. Justin is the son of Mike and Levon Herrington from Hermleigh. The wedding is planned for 7:30 p.m. on May 5 at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Womack's album nominated

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Country singer Lee Ann Womack laughs when people complain about her single "I Hope You Dance" crossing formats.

Womack says you can't hear her "sing one song without knowing how country I am," adding that she is proud that the song, the title track from her album, is getting play on other outlets.

"I've had some negative comments about, oh, crossing over. I'm country. For heavens sake, I grew up in East Texas, my dad was a country DJ, I listened to nothing but Bob Wills and Ray Price growing up," the 34-year-old singer told AP Radio.

"I Hope You Dance" is nominated for best country song at this year's Grammys, to be presented Feb. 21 in Los Angeles. The album is nominated for country album of the year; Womack is nominated for female country vocal performance.

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Sarah Harper, Lance Becker pledge vows

KATY — A celebration of love uniting Sarah Nichole Harper and Lance Taylor Becker was held at 3 p.m., Dec. 9, 2000 in the Grand Ballroom of The Mansion of the Great Southwest Equestrian Center in Katy. The Rev. Richard Rodriguez officiated in the double-ring ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Mike Harper and Sue and Gene Bedingfield of Humble. Grandparents are Glenn and Cleo Harper and Roy and Sallie Bailey of Snyder, and Jay and Carolyn Bedingfield of Pueblo, Colo.

The groom's parents are Gary and Yvonne Becker of San Marcos. Grandparents are Alton and Tommye Becker, also of San Marcos.

Scarlett Brown registered guests at a table covered with a white cloth made by the bride's grandmother, Sallie Bailey. The table was simply decorated with a crystal bud vase holding three long-stemmed peach roses, the bride's book, and an ornate pewter pen and stand.

Markers for the parents' and grandparents' chairs, made by Sallie Bailey, grandmother of the bride, were blush satin ribbon bows with antique peach roses in the center and floor-length ribbons.

After seating the wedding guests, ushers Allen Kyle and Jeremy Bingham lit the tapers in the two candelabras.

Parents, Mike Harper, Gene and Sue Bedingfield, and Gary and Yvonne Becker entered to the song "Somewhere In This World" to light the parents' tapers on either side of the unity candle.

The bridesmaids and maid of honor, escorted by the groomsmen and best man, were wearing sleeveless floor-length gowns featuring a celadon green glimmer knit bodice with a shoulder wrap and an A-line skirt of celadon satin. Each carried a bouquet of burgundy, peach and ivory dried roses with the stems wrapped in blush satin ribbon. The men were attired in black tuxedoes, brocade black on black vests, and a traditional black ties. Each wore a single burgundy dried rose boutonniere. The wedding party included Tamara Becker, sister of the groom, Ivonne Estrada, Kristina Harris, Theresa Smith, Lori Spellman, Tami Durgin, Karl Kaderli, Kenneth Smith, Shane Harrell, Jason McCarty, Joe Wilson and Jeremy Harper, brother of the bride.

The maid of honor, Amanda Harper, sister of the bride, was escorted by best man Cliff Dietert.



Mr. and Mrs. Lance Taylor Becker
Contributed Photo

Rachel Duncan, flower girl, was escorted by the ring bearer, Dakota Hunter, cousin of the bride. Rachel was wearing a white princess line tea-length dress and carried a pomander of burgundy, peach, and ivory roses by a loop of blush satin ribbon that formed the handle. She wore a wreath of grapevine, roses and ribbon streamers in her hair. Rachel presented a long-stem ivory rose to each of the mothers. Dakota wore a black suite and tie with a single burgundy rose boutonniere. He carried the wedding rings on a white satin and lace pillow.

The bride, escorted by her father, entered to the traditional "Cannon in D."

Her Oleg Cassini gown was diamond white satin caviar with a tank style bodice and an A-line skirt that formed a chapel-length train. The inverted front pleat and every other panel was beaded and heavily sequined. The beaded and sequined tank had a boat neckline front and came to a deep "V" in the back. She wore a delicate tiara, choker, and earrings of rhinestones. A three-tiered veil of tulle cascaded from her soft curls in the back. She carried a simple bouquet of large ivory and peach roses with the stems wrapped in blush satin ribbon and strings of pearls. In keeping with "something old" and "something blue," the bride wore the blue satin and lace garter her mother wore in her wedding 27 years earlier. It held pennies minted the years of the bride's and groom's births.

The couple exchanged their vows under a drape of white satin, ivy, and flowers that hung from the ceiling and swagged to each side of them. The two seven-taper candelabras stood on either side of the drape. As the bride's mother and stepfather sang "If You Could See What I See," Sarah and Lance took the tapers that were lighted by their parents and lit the unity candle symbolizing their two lives becoming one.

The reception was held in the same ballroom following the photo session. Twenty round tables, covered with white linens, were centered with a delicate wreath of grapevine, placed on top of a pool of rose-taupe sheer fabric. The wreath was entwined with blush satin ribbon, tiny roses, and celadon leaves. In the center of each wreath was a tall clear vase with a lighted ivory candle and celadon leaves inside. Tiny bottles of bubbles wrapped in tulle and tied with ribbon and roses were placed on the tables.

On an antique fireplace an antique lace was draped on the mantel. Framed pictures of the bride and groom as they were growing up were placed on the mantel as well as their engagement picture. The bride's bouquet, a string of pearls and a single taper were also on the mantel.

A 16-foot serpentine table, made by the bride's grandfather, Roy Bailey, held both the bride's and the groom's cakes. A shimmering sheer overlay, made by the bride's grandmother, Sallie Bailey, covered the long white tablecloth and skirt. Under the table were twinkling icicle lights giving it a warm glow. The edges of the table were decorated with curly willow, English ivy, and burgundy, ivory and peach roses. A centerpiece of cascading clear glass vases held the bridesmaids' bouquets. On each side of the centerpiece were crystal candlesticks with tall, lighted ivory tapers. The bride's cake, made by the bride's mother, Sue Bedingfield, was a four-tiered white cake. It was a reflection of simple elegance with its fluffy soft white icing and fresh roses. The cake top was an arrangement of burgundy, ivory and peach roses with baby's breath. Roses cascaded down one side of the cake and burgundy rose petals were strewn around the base of each layer. A white grape punch was served from a footed silver punch bowl. The groom's cake was a chocolate sheet cake decorated in camouflage. Serving the cakes and punch were Brenda Anderson and Christie Akers, friends of the bride's family, and Carolyn Davis and Susie Haughton, friends of the groom's family.

A red grape cascade, created by the bride's grandmother, Sallie Bailey, and her aunt, Nancy Olson, centered a table of finger foods prepared by Sallie Bailey, Nancy Olson, Trissa Green, aunt of the bride, and Yvonne Becker, mother of the groom.

The bride and groom danced their first dance to "Never Gonna Let You Go," by George Strait, as the wedding guests looked on. The bride and her father, Mike Harper, danced to "Butterfly Kisses," by Bob Carlisle. The groom and his mother, Yvonne Becker, danced to "Always and Forever," by Cory Morrow.

The best man, Cliff Dietert, and maid of honor and sister of the bride, Amanda Harper, offered toasts to the bride and groom.

After the dancing and celebrating was done, the bride and groom emerged from the mansion to a night sky filled with bubbles, provided by their guests, and climbed into their horse drawn carriage. As their guests wished them well, the carriage carried them into the night.

The couple took a cruise to the Virgin Islands for their honeymoon, making stops in Nassau, Puerto Rico and St. Thomas.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Humble High School and an August, 2000 graduate of Southwest Texas State University with a bachelor's degree in nutrition and foods. She is currently in an internship with SWT and local hospitals to earn her dietician's license. The groom is a 1995 graduate of San Marcos High School and an August, 2000 graduate of Southwest Texas State University with a bachelor's degree in engineering technology. He is currently employed as a quality engineer for Palo Alto Products International in New Braunfels.

A rehearsal dinner for the wedding party, family and guests was hosted by the groom's parents on Dec. 8, at Goode Company Barbeque in Houston.

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Power mechanics part of tech education at SHS

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the first year class because "by springtime, the students are tired of working on motors and they are ready to do something different."

He noted that one school year, one of his classes studied welding for about eight weeks. Another year, a small class built a barbecue pit.

"Each year, I try to see what each class as a whole wants to do," Leatherwood said.

In addition to the basics of power mechanics, by the end of the school year, Leatherwood said he hopes his students have also learned patience because working on engines can be time consuming, and organizational skills are needed. Most students who enroll in power mechanics are primarily interested in learning how to work on their own cars. He said he has had only two or three students who continued to study at a different mechanic's school, or something of that nature.

He generally has between 60 and 70 students register each year. Most are beginners, but a few sign up for the second year.

"This school year, eight students returned for the second class," Leatherwood said.

He has had a few girls take his class as well. "My first year I had a girl who caught on quick. She could do it and she was not afraid to get her hands dirty," Leatherwood said. "She wanted to do it and that made a lot of difference."

She also joined the Technology Students Association and entered its competition.

He noted that it's hard to get students involved in TSA because the organization sponsors only two contests each school year. and the regional and state meets are held near the end of the second semester. Leatherwood added that some of the contest events are similar to some of FFA's contests, but FFA students have more opportunities to compete throughout the school year.

In addition to teaching, Leatherwood also owns Leatherwood Body Shop, which he opened a little over two years ago. He said the body shop gives him a greater chance to relate to his students. "I enjoy that because kids, especially 16-year-old boys, who have a car or want one, are always curious and like to ask questions. They want to talk about fixing their cars. When you can make some kind of connection with a kid, even if he is in trouble in the main building, if you can get him interested in something out here he will work for you. Sometimes that is hard to do because they do not want a teacher's or a grownup's help."

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During his five years at SHS, Leatherwood said one of the biggest problems he has had to deal with is lack of equipment. When he started the second year program, he said he began thinking about what the automotive program would need, like engines and automotive diagnostic equipment. Since those items cost thousands of dollars, Leatherwood said, "We backed off. It just wasn't going to make sense to try and do that."

The class on small engines faced the same problem. Since Briggs and Stratton makes 90 percent of small engines, especially those used in lawmowers, Leatherwood contacted the company regarding the donation of some engines. He quickly found out that the company does not donate, but prefers to "cut a deal." For example, with the purchase of "x" amount of engines, the company will donate so many shop manuals etc.

Leatherwood's department does not have the resources to spend that kind of money. The students use what is available, simple hand tools and a few, small electronic devices, which allows them to determine if they are getting any electrical current.

He noted that computers are also very important because the automotive industry uses them extensively. Most cars now have 10-12 computers, and mechanics must know how to read computers and manuals in order to diagnose what is wrong with the car.

Leatherwood graduated from Snyder High School in 1991, attended Western Texas College for two years on scholarships, and transferred to Texas A&M University where he earned a degree in agriculture education.

He graduated following a fall semester, and moved back to Snyder. At that time, no agriculture teaching positions were available so he worked in the oil field and held jobs in the agriculture field until Wallace Combest retired as SHS's power mechanics teacher five years ago. Leatherwood applied for the job and was accepted.

Leatherwood said he's glad that things worked out the way they did. "I have more freedom in power mechanics. I like the varied curriculum because everything I teach is related to each other, and I have has a lot of leeway about what to teach."

Residents working to trim utility costs in cold weather

SAN ANTONIO — The blast of cold air that whooshed through the vent below the heater closet sent a chill through Mark David's wallet. It was as if a thief were sneaking in through the vent and around every drafty door and window to snatch dollars from his pocket. He knew money was being wasted as he tried to heat the duplex he rents on the Northeast Side.

Rather than bury his head under the blankets, the recently divorced father of two called upon City Public Service to show him where he could save money on energy bills.

"I'm on a limited budget, so I thought I would take advantage of services available," he explained to CPS employee Patricia Rosas, the senior energy-services specialist who conducted a free audit of his home.

David's not alone. With the average residential utility bill rising from $39 in January 2000 to $138 this month, Rosas and her co-workers in the CPS energy services section have been busy helping homeowners identify potential energy- and dollar-saving measures in their homes. Mild South Texas winters usually mean a slow season in Rosas' department, but extended bone-chilling cold coupled with higher natural gas costs have calls for help flooding in at the normal summer pace.

David tells Rosas he keeps his thermostat at 66 to 68 degrees, slightly cooler than the 68 to 70 degrees CPS recommends.

With that alone, he's saving a bundle. Bumping the heat up from 68 to 72 degrees costs about 17 percent more, according to CPS figures, which show every extra degree of heat on the thermostat rings up another 3 percent or 4 percent on the utility bill.

"You would be surprised how many times I walk into a house that is hot and the homeowner is wearing shorts, a T-shirt and is barefoot," Rosas says. "You're better off to wear warm clothes and keep the house cooler."

David's programmable thermostat also works in his favor. He keeps the daytime temperature lower when no one's home and uses a warmer setting in the evenings.

As Rosas turns her attention to the heating unit, David tells her he already sealed a hole in the crawl space beneath the unit that was producing a draft from the return air vent. She looks at the filter on the gas-burning unit and also examines the plenum, the panels surrounding the unit's evaporator coil, for air leaks.

"One of the main problems in homes is that the adhesive dries on the tape (used to seal ducts), and air leaks," she says. Duct tape adhesive dries faster than that on aluminum tape, she adds.

A hot water temperature of 119 degrees gets Rosas' approval because David seldom uses his dishwasher. The recommended water heater setting is 120 degrees for a home without a dishwasher. Dishwasher manufacturers recommend setting the water heater between 120 and 140 degrees, she explains.

Rosas examines appliances in the house so she can report to David how much energy they use. She also looks at the water heater and attic.

"Attic insulation is one of the best home improvements you can do to a house," she says as she climbs a ladder to see what lies above. Attic insulation, more so than wall insulation, pays for itself quickly in utility savings. David's insulation meets the CPS maximum recommendation of R-30. The R factor measures the resistance of heat flowing through the insulation and is determined by the thickness of the insulation. The minimum recommendation is R-19, about 6 inches of blanket-type insulation. Depths of loose-fill insulation depend on the material used. An R-30 rating requires 9 to 10 inches of blanket-type insulation.

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Grace Museum curator wields artistic eye and cordless drill

ABILENE — Amber McClendon often comes home from work in her dusty pants with aching muscles from climbing ladders, changing light bulbs and lifting heavy artifacts all day.

Being the new curator of exhibitions and collections at the Grace Museum can be hard on one's back. For McClendon, though, who owns the toolbox in her house and likes to go around fixing things with the cordless power drill she got for Christmas, the work is a tonic.

"The job is challenging, but fun. You have to be creative, but I think of it as playing all day," said McClendon, 26, who began her job at The Grace in August.

McClendon interned at the Grace Museum for three years while attending Abilene Christian University. She was also an intern at the old Jail Art Center in Albany. While in college, McClendon was a nursing student for three years, but decided she wanted a job that would allow her to explore her creativity more. She switched her major to history and took every museum class available.

For a year, she was the development director of the American Red Cross. Then she heard about a job opening back at The Grace when former curator of exhibitions and collections Jana Hallmark Smith left.

Over the past five months since McClendon returned, she has gotten her feet not only wet but soaked. She's has put up two rounds of exhibits, including the current Benini show and the French art exhibit that ended last month.

McClendon knew well what to expect when she returned.

"When you read the want ads for a job like this, it says must be able to lift 50 pounds. You have to have stamina because you're lifting weights. It is physically demanding," she McClendon said. "You also have to be mentally aware and know what you are doing."

Besides hauling expensive art around, McClendon works with the rest of The Grace staff to make the art look just right on the walls. She said there is a long formula that she follows when hanging art to make sure each piece is hung identically and measurements are correct. The biggest part of setting up a show, however, is being able to tell a story.

"We have to be sure that what we are saying is understood and make sure it is also pleasing to the eyes," she said.

Nancy Reed, curator of education, who is also fairly new to The Grace, collaborates with McClendon on incoming exhibits.

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Filed in District Court

Scurry County vs. R.H. Oden III, aka Ralph Oden III, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Scurry County vs. Leonard Henandez, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Chris Allen House vs. Temple-Inland Forest Products Corp., motion for letter rogatory.

Action in District Court

Reef Chemical Co. Inc. vs. Omni Operating Co. Inc., final default judgment.

Devon Energy Production Company L.P. vs. Sparta Energy, et al, agreed order of dismissal regarding defendant Isabel R. Sanditen Trust.

Devon Energy Production Company L.P. vs. Sparta Energy, et al, agreed order of dismissal regarding defendant Duane McDaniel.

Devon Energy Production Company L.P. vs. Sparta Energy, et al, agreed order of dismissal regarding defendant Bridget O'Toole Prudie.

Devon Energy Production Company L.P. vs. Sparta Energy, et al, agreed order of dismissal regarding defendant Mellissa O'Toole Smith.

Devon Energy Production Company L.P. vs. Sparta Energy, et al, agreed order of dismissal regarding defendant Otasco Oil Company.

In the marriage of Phillip Curtis Westbrook and Aurora Veronica Westbrook, divorce granted.

Scurry County vs. Anna Olga Ubando, et al, plaintiff release of judgment.

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Alton L. and Lorraine W. Barfoot to Sharon D. Applin and Lawrence W. Barfoot, tract one being the east one-half of the northwest one-quarter of Section 152, Block 3, H&TC survey; tract two being an undivided interest in the northwest one-quarter of Section 149, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Tim M. and Connie Ann Collier to John T. and Wanda B. Short, the east 80 acres of the north 135 acres of the southeast one-quarter of Section 53, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Dupree Motors Inc. to W. Don and Lenia Lay, Lots 11 and 12 in Block 20 of the Bootheland West Addition.

John T. and Wanda B. Short to Tim M. and Connie Ann Collier, 40.561 acres in Section 24 and 39.439 acres in Section 38, all in Block 3, H&GN survey.

David and Julie Strunk to Clifton and Susan Griffith, all of Lot 4 of the Scott Replat of Block 5 in the Adams Addition.

Horace V. and Peggy Jean Proctor to Tommy and Jayna Hunter, all of the west 40 acres of the northwest one-quarter of Section 142, Block 3, H&TC survey.

Jan Appelby, independent executrix of the estate of Edrie Buchanan, to Jan Appelby, tract one being the south 175 acres in Section 40, Block 3, H&GN survey; tract two being the east 107.23 acres of a 627.23-acre tract, all in Section 55, Block 3, H&TC survey.

David and Mary Wilson Strelecki to Nelda Belle York Reneau, Lot 1 in Block 5 of the Cedar Creek Addition, Section 1.

American Southwest Chemical Company Inc. to Snyder Specialty Co. Inc., 1.38 acres out of a 10-acre tract in Section 196, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Texas Savings Bank to David Alan and Julie Lou Strunk, the north 50.02 feet of Lot 17 and the south 45.97 feet of Lot 16, both in Block F of the West Ridge Addition, Section 2.

Kenneth and Diana L. Holder to Horace V. and Peggy Jean Proctor, the west 40 acres of the northwest one-quarter of Section 142, Block 3, H&TC survey.

James Van and Janie Melton to Willie and Michelle Garcia, 1.26 acres out of Section 292, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Defamation lawsuit against G. Gordon Liddy dismissed

BALTIMORE (AP) — Watergate conspirator G. Gordon Liddy said he would continue promoting his theory that the 1972 break-in was about sex and not gathering political intelligence, now that a $5.1 million defamation lawsuit against him has been dismissed.

District Chief Judge J. Frederick Motz declared a mistrial Thursday after jurors, who had deliberated for eight hours over two days, told him they could not reach a verdict.

After another two hours of legal arguments, Motz dismissed the case for the second time in three years.

"Having carefully considered all of the evidence, I do not believe a reasonable jury could find Mr. Liddy was negligent in making the statements at issue in this case," Motz said.

Liddy was sued by Ida "Maxie" Wells, a former Democratic National Committee secretary, for saying that the Watergate burglars were searching her desk for a package of call-girl photos believed to include a picture of the future wife of John Dean, the former Nixon White House counsel. Liddy says Dean organized the burglary to retrieve the photos.

Liddy, 70, called the dismissal and the mistrial a "double victory" which would allow him to continue espousing his theory.

"I am going to be saying exactly what I've been saying," he said. "Why should I change? I just won."

Liddy referred to Dean as a "serial perjurer" during the three-week trial.

"John Dean has just had a stake driven through his heart and I pounded it in there and how sweet it is," Liddy said after the dismissal.

John and Maureen Dean have repeatedly denied Liddy's theory and sued him for libel. That lawsuit was dismissed last year but can be refiled.



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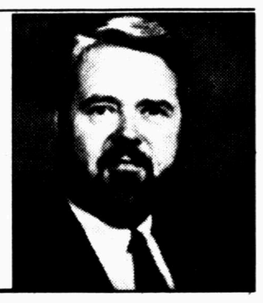
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Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Full Price: A new way to compete

If you ask most small-business owners they will tell you their goal is to sell more of their products and services at full price. However, in this era of discounters, most are afraid to charge as much as they should.

Instead they negotiate, lower their prices and accept the consequences of eroding profits as simply inevitable. Many small businesses are selling more and earning less. I know the commonality of this problem, and have tried to address it hundreds of times in training, consulting activities and even in this column. Still I knew I was missing something.

The missing piece came in the mail a few weeks ago. It's a new book by an old friend, and it's causing quite a stir. The title is Full Price, and the author is one of the professional speaking industry's best known and most respected authorities, Thomas J. Winninger.

In this new work, Winninger details several strategies for "competing on value in the new economy." He knows the conditions businesses face from his 25 years of work with more than 1,000 of what he calls "America's smartest companies."

I met Winninger shortly after our first books were published. His was *Price Wars*, mine was *Up Against the Wal-Marts*. We often found ourselves on the same programs, teaching business owners how to survive in a changing world.

Because I respect both the man and his message, I was excited at the prospect of his new book. Now I've read it, and I'm still excited. *Full Price* is based on sound competitive principle, and a great tool to use if your goal is to sell less and earn more, or sell more and earn a lot more.

Some key concepts

There are times when I wish I had more space to devote to this column. Some topics defy easy condensing. Winninger's *Full Price* is 184 power-packed pages, and I have about 600 words. So here are three of the key concepts.

* **Creating value.** The first concept explored is creating the Maximum Value Perception (MVP). Winninger defines MVP as "seeking and fulfilling the highest need of your premium customer."

He further describes how to determine who your premium customers are, how to find your premium customer's highest need and how to use MVP to receive full price. A key point in this concept is that to receive full price you must do something or be something unique.

* **Own the customer's buying cycle.** Winninger says, even before we sell a customer something, we instinctively know we have to get the customer back again and again.

He goes on to point out what smart companies are doing to reap the repeat harvest from the customer's buying cycle. Smart companies track when, how and with what frequency their customers buy. Then they tailor their ordering systems to specific needs and habits of their premium customers. Finally, they reward frequent or multiple purchases.

* **Exploit technology.** Winninger says smart companies know how to use technology. They understand that the Internet is a means to an end, not the end itself.

He believes the World Wide Web is a solid communication and information tool. It can help you sell more at full price, and it can help develop a brand. Smart companies are online.

* **A final note.** This is not light reading. You'll need to take it one chapter at a time. Use your highlighter and mark what grabs you. Once you absorb the key concepts, you can use them to move your company toward selling everything at *Full Price*. I'd recommend this one even if you have to pay full price.

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

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Q & A

Steps to take

The Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, devote this column to information and questions about substance abuse.

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE FOR YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR COMMUNITY

Many people feel powerless to protect their family members from alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs. Sometimes they remain silent and hope for the best. But you can make a big difference.

These are things you can do, no matter where you live or what your circumstances are.

Take A Step for Your Family

Set a good example. Let all members of the family know that substance abuse is unhealthy and unacceptable.

Be aware of negative changes in family members' behavior and peer groups. If you suspect that drugs or alcohol are involved, don't be afraid to bring up the subject.

If drug or alcohol abuse has caused problems in your family and you need help, resources are available to you.

Take A Step for Your Community

Get to know the parents of your children's friends and discuss how to discourage experimentation with alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Ideally, you should develop shared rules about curfews, supervision of parties, and places that are off-limits.

Join a support group that meets your needs. There are parents' support groups, spouse support groups, and others. Ask the substance abuse prevention coordinator at your child's school whom to contact. If no support group is in place, talk to school and religious leaders and other parents, and form a core leadership group that can get things started.

Get to know your neighbors, perhaps by organizing a block party. Talk to them about areas of shared concern.

Meet with public officials in your community. Ask them about their plans to reduce levels of substance abuse, such as improving prevention and treatment services.

Work with local merchants and police to make sure that stores are not selling cigarettes or liquor to minors.

Find out where substance abuse prevention fits into the curriculum at your local schools. Ensure that your community provides a variety of drug- and alcohol-free recreational activities for your kids.

Learn as much as you can about the drug policy debate. Organize a letter writing campaign to your congressional representatives. Express your concern about addiction and your support of increased funding for prevention and expansion of treatment.

A Final Note

Action gets things done—at home, in our communities, and on a national level. You can make a difference.

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information

Wal-Mart's shadow program to begin

Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. and America's Promise — the Alliance for Youth — and local schools will join forces to provide thousands of students the opportunity to shadow Wal-Mart and SAM's Club associates this week.

Snyder's Wal-Mart associates have invited students from the Boys and Girls Club to participate in this year's Groundhog Job Shadow Day. The event is dedicated to giving more than a million people across America experiences in the world of work.

Associates will involve the students in shadowing the store manager, assistant managers, department managers, customer service managers, and personnel managers. Students will learn merchandising, sales, shipping and receiving and store operations.

"Groundhog Job Shadow Day gives young people a sense of what it takes to succeed in the workplace," said local store manager, R.J. Youngclaus. "It engages young people, enabling them to shadow adults at their workplace, and emphasizes the connection between academics and careers. Job shadowing provides young people with an up-close look at how the skills learned in school are put into action.

For more information about Groundhog Job Shadow Day access www.jobshadow.org.

Son charged with slaying his family

SYLVA, N.C. (AP) — Police have identified a corpse found in dense woods over a year ago as one of three missing members of a Wisconsin family and have charged the victim's 32-year-old son with murder.

Dental records confirmed the body was that of Allen Krnak, 55, of Sullivan, Wis., Sheriff Jim Cruzan said Thursday. An autopsy concluded Krnak died from a blow to the head.

The body was found in December 1999 along with a wedding ring inscribed with the initials "DKW & AFK" and what appeared to be a woman's T-shirt. Police and FBI agents returned to the spot on Thursday to search for traces of Krnak's still-missing wife, Donna, 52, and their 21-year-old son Thomas.

Investigators found no human remains, but did find those of a dog.

Locals' son gets new assignment

Marine Corps Pfc. Quinten G. Wells, son of Connie G. and Glen G. Wells of Snyder, recently reported for duty with the Marine Aviation Training Support Group, Naval Air Station, Lemoore, Calif.

Wells, a 1997 graduate of Snyder High School, joined the Marine Corps in January, 2000.



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EX-president Clinton says he is in 'transition therapy'

CHAPPAQUA, N.Y. (AP) — Less than two weeks into his "transition therapy" in suburbia, Bill Clinton finds himself out of touch with world events.

"It's amazing how oblivious you can get to what's going on," the former president said. "I'm not sure I'm up to speed."

In his first expansive comments to American reporters about life after the White House, Clinton said his semi-cloistered time in Chappaqua — sleeping late, walking the dog, skimming rather than studying the newspapers — has helped him recover from the strain of leading the country.

"I've got eight years of accumulated, real exhaustion," Clinton said Thursday, occasionally stopping to sign autographs and pose for snapshots with Chappaqua residents outside a restaurant. "Everybody I talked to said, 'You're going to go up there and you're not going to have any idea how tired you are.' For the first time ... I can get up when I want to get up."

Not that he's a slugabed. He said he has been getting up about 8 a.m.

"I try to sleep," he said. "I'm really trying to get myself in good shape and with this great kind of therapy — transition therapy — working on the house, putting the books up and the pictures and making sure everything's in working order, that's been just great."

He has been favoring casual clothes, especially denim jackets; one bore a picture of the White House, a bucking donkey and the legend "Clinton Democrats."

"That's from 1992," he said. "Isn't it great?"

Clinton has been polite with journalists camped outside the house these past two weeks, but until now he gave mostly brief answers to questions about his adjustment to private life.

He did sit for an interview with an Israeli TV station Thursday, but said afterward, "It was kind of weird doing an interview again. I might be a half-step slow ... rusty after only two weeks."

The rust may be coming off soon as Clinton seems ready to re-enter public life, maintain his influence and make some money for himself and others.

Clinton met on Friday in New York City with Indian-American businessmen, high-tech CEOs and India government officials based in New York to plan fund-raising for victims of the Jan. 26 earthquake in India.

He will speak on Monday — for $100,000 — at a brokerage convention in Florida, and next Saturday at a synagogue. His longtime friend and fund-raiser Terry McAuliffe is expected to be elected this weekend as chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

If Chappaqua is any guide, the public is ready to see him, despite criticism of his last-minute pardons and his rental of high-priced office space in New York City. The former president's occasional expeditions for lunch — sometimes takeout, sometimes eat-in — quickly draw crowds.

On Thursday — after stopping at a bank, apparently to get some cash — he took a window seat at the Chappaqua Restaurant and Cafe and had a leisurely meal with press spokesman Jake Siewert as scores of people gawked outside.

When he came out, he mingled for nearly an hour, signing baseballs, shaking hands with children and summoning police assistance for a woman who lost a lens from her eyeglasses in the jostling crowd.

"I've got all these ideas about what I'm really interested in," Clinton told reporters. "Yeah, I'll write a book. But what I'm really interested in is what my kind of public service is going to be, here in America and around the world, over the next however many years I live. So I've got to think that through."

Flood insurance rates could decline in Hidalgo County

McALLEN (AP) — Hidalgo County homeowners may not have to pay as much for flood insurance as originally thought.

Officials with the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Denton regional office said Thursday that property owners in the floodway could see a drop in their insurance costs if rates are based on 2000 flood insurance maps that were recently adopted.

The floodway covers more than 10,000 acres north of Edinburg from Mile 5 Road north and east along Monte Cristo Road to Farm-to-Market Road 493. The area includes a majority of the land north of Edinburg to Edinburg Lake. Small pockets near Weslaco also are included.

"These are not arbitrary rates," said Billy Penn, FEMA spokesman. Preliminary figures had included ranges of up to $1,200 a year for flood insurance when flood zone maps showed more acreage in the floodway.

A workshop with insurance agents is planned in March. It is part of a relief package issued when FEMA agreed to re-examine its maps. County officials had said there were errors.

FEMA has agreed to lift the floodway distinction and allow the county to oversee building permits in the floodway. Buildings constructed before June 6 will be exempt from high rates.

Penn said FEMA would continue to provide disaster relief if needed.

Scurry County Service Men & Women

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

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Drummer replaced

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kiss drummer Peter Criss doesn't want to rock 'n' roll through the end of the band's farewell tour.

He has left the group and will be replaced by former Kiss drummer Eric Singer, who played with the band from 1991 to 1996.

A statement posted on the band's Web site gives no reason for the departure of Criss, a founding member of the band.

Kiss is playing Japan and Australia next month, and reportedly planned to close out their career with a stand at New York's Madison Square Garden in April.

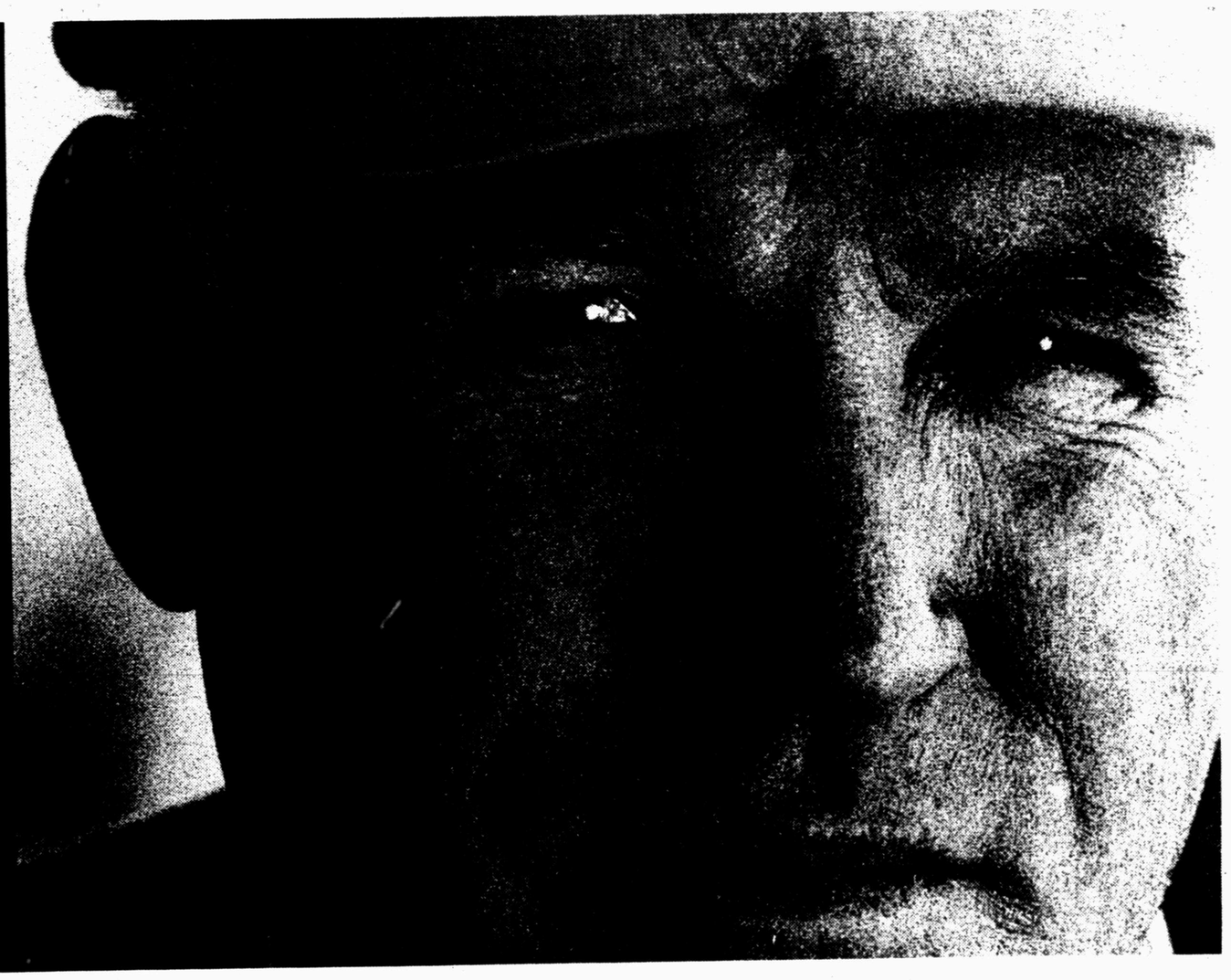
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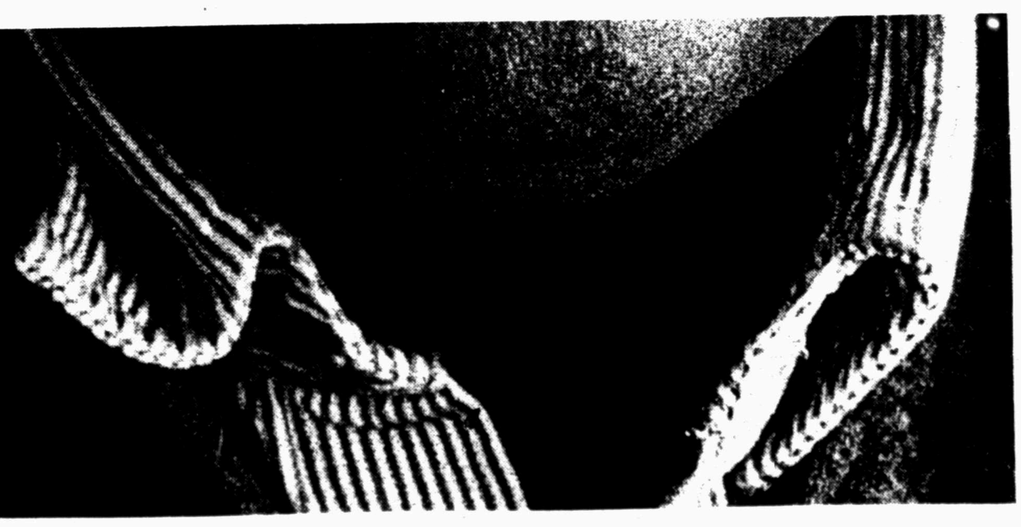
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Letters to the editor

Community Coalition

Dear Editor:

It may not be your child and it may not have happened in your neighborhood, but it was a tragedy all the same — A young child overdosed on alcohol. A young man was arrested for public intoxication. A lady is being watched for suicidal tendencies. A young lady lies in intensive while her family and friends pray like they never have before.

Kids are taking drugs to school. Yes, it happened here, in our little town! Sparkle City! — Snyder, Texas. I am here to tell you all that Snyder is losing her shine. How can we sparkle if we have so much darkness right in our own back yard? There are kids out there using alcohol and drugs, "experimenting" some may call it as they dismiss it lightly.

Experimenting is for science, mixing red and yellow to make orange, messing with drugs and alcohol is playing with death. Plain and simple.

There are children, teenagers, adults and families in our community hurting. We read about it in the paper every day. I stopped and prayed for them and then my job was done — Wrong! God continues to reveal to me that my job is not done. So now I am praying, "OK God, Here's the deal."

I continue to see and hear about all of these people, my neighbors, in the midst of pain and sorrow because of alcohol and drugs. I see there is a need; I have talked to community leaders, and they too, see there is work to be done.

Lord, how can you use me to help."

Soon you will be seeing an announcement about forming a community coalition, you may have already been approached about the idea. If indeed the old proverb is true, "It takes and entire village to raise a child," then WE NEED YOU!!

Please give this letter some thought and ask God to use you as a "Village Leader." You don't have to own a business, or have a lot of money; all you need is a heart and a little time. If you have any questions please call us at the council (573-1141). We are a non-profit agency, but we will all profit greatly if this community rallies together against drugs and alcohol abuse.

Sincerely,
Lyn Chaney
Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Citizens reach out

Dear Editor:

I am always reading in the paper about all the nice things the Scurry County Citizens do for one another. I have become aware recently that we have someone in our community who needs our help at this time.

Larry Arnold (a KSNY staff member and DJ) and his wife are the proud parents of a baby, but this baby was born four months premature.

Because of this, the child must stay in the hospital at Lubbock. We all know the expense of being in the hospital, and the neonatal section is no different.

In addition, since the Ronald McDonald House is full at this time, Larry's wife has to stay in a motel in Lubbock so she can be near their child.

As parents, we all know the agony of watching a sick child, so perhaps we can sense this couple's anguish as they deal not only with the health of their baby, but also the financial burden they are encountering. There has been a special fund arranged at the West Texas State Bank to help this couple with their expenses.

I hope the citizens of this county will reach out and help this family.

Thank you,

Sincerely,
Sandra Gorman

Thanks for help

Dear Editor:

Christmas for Kids (formerly Toys for Tots) would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every individual, organization and business that generously donated toys, money and/or assistance to help make a really great Christmas for the children of Snyder and Scurry County for 2000.

We would like to thank each of you for going the extra mile for this year's toy drive. What a great success it was. Each of the 691 children on our list received more new toys this year along with the used ones that were given out because of all that was donated. We were also able to give them many more toys than in years' past.

First of all, to those who put us in the public eye, we say thank you. To the Snyder Daily News for printing the applications in the newspaper and for the pictures and stories. Thank you to Dink and Lydia Foree at KSNY Radio for the airtime promoting our toy drive again this year. To Cody, Cowboy, Magic, Joyce, Randi Lee, Dusty, Marc and Rosie — thank you for donating your time and for your enthusiasm to encourage all those who donated and made challenges. You are the voices we all heard each day, pleading for donations to the food and toy drive and issuing challenges — many of which were met.

Next, we thank you, the people of Snyder and Scurry County. We were not sure that you could meet last year's totals, let alone beat them, but again you surprised us. The challenges were issued and you met them, and in some cases, surpassed them. You certainly exceeded our expectations.

Lastly, we thank all those who helped us clean, sort, repair, bag and distribute the toys and bicycles to the 239 families. Lizz and Wesley Shankles and their family, Tony and Amy Shankles and family, Stephen Shankles, David Martin, Alicia and David Graces, Dawn Bilberry, Olin Bunch and Peggy Vernon. We know that, all together, you donated hundreds of hours to help us get everything together, to keep it running smoothly and to make sure that every toy worked. To our own families who put up with this tremendous task (and blessing) that takes up so much of our free time, thank you for keeping the groans to a low rumble.

As to those who wondered why out name changed, here is the reason. We received information from a concerned Snyder citizen that the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve had a copyright on the name that we had used in years past. Toys for Tots was no longer an option for us. We wanted to relay the message that Christ is the whole reason for Christmas. So we did not use the word, Xmas. Since this whole operation is for the children, we found our name in Christmas for Kids. We think that the name says it all.

For the record, our totals for the 2000 toys drive are as follows: 691 children, 239 families, 6,379 toys (some of which were unusable) and $4,975.58. Thank you for giving all of these children a great Christmas 2000.

Joni Huffman
and Judi Martin



Guest Editorial

Privacy issues to be debated

By Dolph Tilloston,
President and publisher
of
The Galveston County Daily News

If you are interested in open government, there is an issue that should grab your attention as the Texas Legislature convenes. That issue may be a surprising one — privacy.

In the Legislature, privacy is this year's version of motherhood — everybody's for it, nobody's against it.

In an increasingly complex world, one in which the crime of identity theft occurs regularly and computerized medical histories may be used to deny insurance or turn down a job applicant; privacy is indeed a legitimate concern.

The Legislature still should be careful not to let this march to privacy become a dangerous stampede.

Roughly 20 bills already have been filed dealing with, among other thins, the privacy of motor vehicle accident records, those in family abuse shelters, against discrimination in insurance and hiring based on medical records, even for those with handguns permits.

The crown jewel of all this is HJR 15, authored by Rep. Susanna Gratia Hupp. It calls for a Constitutional amendment asserting: "The right of every individual to privacy is recognized and may not be infringed without the showing of a compelling state interest that may not be achieved in a less intrusive and more reasonable manner."

What exactly does that mean in the real world? It sounds laudable, but is it?

Privacy protection already is protected in criminal and civil law. There's no doubt the proposal would put many years of legal precedent in doubt, leading to frivolous lawsuits against government and media.

As Legislators ponder all these new privacy laws, they should remember several important concepts:

• Effectiveness. Many so-called privacy laws purport to protect people against such evils as stalking or identity theft. Yet closing public records to accomplish that usually does not work. In the age of information, information is almost always available from multiple sources. Closing public records creates a headache for the law-abiding and usually does nothing to defer evildoers.

• The tradition of openness. Many of the records to be closed ostensibly for privacy reasons are open by state law for good reason. The records are owned by the public, paid for by the public and used by the public. The state of Texas — most states, in fact — have gone to pains to ensure they are open to the public.

• Predictable and negative repercusions, insofar as the battle for privacy means closing public agencies and records once open, it can cause easily foreseeable problems — if anyone takes the time to think of them. In 1997, the state passed a bill, promoted as an anti-stalking law, closing motor vehicle accident records. Suddenly the media no longer could write stories about dangerous intersections. Government agencies could not share information, even with one another. Texas newspapers sued the state to have th4e law set aside, and they won.

• The bad guys. Consider the public and private sponsors of all such legislation. Many lobbying groups in Texas will use the popular issue of privacy to seek protection from legitimate public scrutiny. They may use that issue to close free public access to information while selling that same information to those willing to pay for it.

Much privacy legislation is benign and even useful. Newspapers usually won't fight it.

The point is, however, that legislation, considering their votes on hundreds of bills, should not assume that anything labeled as a privacy bill is necessarily a good thing.

The American tradition of openness in government and a free press carries with it, unfortunately, some small loss of privacy. In return, citizens have unprecedented knowledge of their government and ownership of the government's records. There is enormous value in that.

The balance between openness and privacy is a delicate one, and our Legislature must be thoughtful and careful to maintain it, especially this year.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Austin American-Statesman

Mexico guest-worker program

Though it is likely to be a long time before an accord is struck — if ever — political leaders in Washington, D.C., and Mexico City are considering a guest-worker program. The fact that Mexican President Vicente Fox and U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, agree that there is a need to discuss the prospect of a guest-worker program represents a significant change in the way officials on both sides of the border view illegal immigration.

In the past, official Mexico has refused to acknowledge the extent of illegal emigration to the United States and its economic dependence on the laborers' money. Mexican immigrants send an estimated $6 billion to $10 billion back home each year, an amount rivaling tourism, Mexico's third-largest source of revenue. Total Mexican government budget revenues for 1999 were about $119 billion.

Likewise, U.S. officials have refused to fully acknowledge the importance of Mexican laborers to the domestic economy. The workers do the dirty but necessary jobs that most U.S. workers shun. They build U.S. buildings, mind U.S. children and wash dirty U.S. clothes and dishes. Without immigrants, many of those jobs would go begging. Nonetheless, no politician ever erred denouncing immigrants and calling for the impossible: sealing the U.S.-Mexican border, a 2,000 mile strip covering four states and long stretches of inhospitable geography.

Until recently, both countries clung to illusions. Mexico simply refused to acknowledge the flight of labor because it would be an admission of the country's failure to provide jobs for its people. U.S. politicians fostered the myth that more immigration enforcement would solve the problem. Some even talked about erecting a wall between the two countries.

Two events signaled a turning point in thinking on both sides of the border. This Christmas, Fox personally welcomed workers returning to Mexico for the Christmas holidays. The gesture was huge because a Mexican president was publicly acknowledging the workers' importance for the first time.

The other event was the meeting between Fox and a bipartisan U.S. congressional delegation that included Gramm where the guest-worker concept was discussed.

As Gramm so aptly put it: "Both governments have been in denial" about illegal immigration. "Millions are working in the United States illegally, but we are increasingly unwilling to enforce employer sanctions."

Waco Tribune-Herald

State campaign finance reform

Austin is cosmopolitan and urbane. But in the area of campaign finance it is a wild frontier one of the last.

Neither do state lawmakers have limits on campaign spending, nor do individuals have any limits on donations. In addition, the reporting procedure for who's buying whom is inadequate.

Texas has invited upon itself abominations like poultry magnate Bo Pilgrim handing $10,000 checks to key lawmakers on the Senate floor during 1989 discussions of a bill to reform worker compensation laws.

A precious few donors are paying the lion's share of the donations in Austin. In 1969, $60 million of the $120 million raised by candidates came from 629 donors. And the top 100 donors gave 1/4 of the total.

Gov. Rick Perry has proposed new guidelines to better inform taxpayers as to who is paying.

Under his proposal, legislators and statewide officeholders would be required to immediately report large contributions received in the final 10 days of an election.

Under current law, legislators must report donations to the Texas Ethics Commission, but don't have to disclose last-minute donations until after an election is over.

Interestingly, Perry benefited from a $1 million loan in the 1998 election that went under radar until after he was elected.

Another worthwhile requirement proposed by Perry would be to disclose the occupation and employer of a contributor, so the public can tell from campaign finance statements what industries or law firms are helping the candidate.

The reforms also would require out-of-state political action committees to register and report their contributions. Right now those donations don't get reported.

To be honest, these reforms are the barest of the bare minimum. Most states limit how much candidates can accept and how much individuals can give, as does Washington.

Amarillo Globe-News

Federal campaign finance reform

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, wasted little time in addressing a primary issue of the recent presidential election — campaign finance reform. Hutchison introduced legislation Wednesday that would require candidates to receive at least 60 percent of campaign funds from in-state residents.

Picking up the campaign finance reform gauntlet from fellow Sen. John McCain, a passionate advocate of campaign-finance reform, Hutchison's bill would also limit to $250,000 the amount candidates can reimburse themselves for campaign loans and limit individual and PAC contributions to $3,000 per candidate per election. Thanks to the efforts of McCain, campaign finance reform is picking up steam in the Senate.

Whether senators can unite on a specific plan remains to be seen, but Hutchison's support of similar legislation bodes well for the possibility of finally removing the influence of special interests and unregulated "soft money" from the election process.

The corrupting influx of millions of dollars of unregulated campaign funds truly "disenfranchises" the electorate much more than a hanging chad.

Wichita Falls Times Record News

Natural disasters preparedness:

As this nation grows and the population concentrates itself in risky regions, we all pay an ever-higher price for pretending the risk doesn't exist.

A hurricane that 200 years ago might have discomfited a handful of people in south Florida today kills hundreds, dislocates thousands and costs millions of dollars to deal with.

An earthquake that 200 years ago might have shaken a few folks in northern California today kills hundreds, dislocates thousands and costs millions of dollars to deal with.

A Mississippi River flood that 200 years ago might have soaked some small communities along its winding path today kills hundreds, dislocates thousands and costs millions of dollars to deal with. ...

Where we live in this country matters when it comes to putting ourselves and our families in peril. The most perilous regions seem also to be the most attractive. And the more people there are in a perilous region the more are going to be affected when Nature turns mean.

But how we live also matters.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Verbal wedding invitation requires follow-through

DEAR ABBY: I am getting married in three months. A month ago, I verbally invited one of my co-workers, "Sandy," and asked her for her home address to send the invitation. Unfortunately, Sandy was "let go" last week under difficult circumstances. She was very upset.

I haven't spoken to Sandy since the day she left, but she's left me several voice-mail messages, which I have not returned.

I plan to send wedding invitations out soon to all of my coworkers, but under the circumstances, I don't know whether I should officially invite Sandy. I don't want her to feel uncomfortable. Your thoughts, please. — **WONDERING IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR WONDERING: Since you asked for her address, and she knows why you asked, follow through and send the invitation. It's the right thing to do.

If your former co-worker is uncomfortable at the idea of seeing her old colleagues again, she'll decline your invitation.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband just told my son and me that he has another son from a relationship he had when he was 17 — before we met. The "new" son is in his early 40s.

My husband has informed me, after 35 years of marriage, that we are now "starting over" and must include this son in our lives. If I don't, we won't have a marriage.

My life is now consumed by my husband's guilt. All he talks about is this son he never wanted before. Why do my son and I feel we are being punished for his past? — **HEARTBROKEN IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: You and your son feel your territory has been invaded. You are not yet able to lower your defenses, open your hearts, and realize this isn't a competition — the son your husband fathered at 17 needs to know the parent he never knew, and vice versa.

After all these years, your husband is now ready to make himself emotionally available. To adjust to this new reality, you and your son may need spiritual or psychological counseling to help you deal with your anger. Don't wait.

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DEAR ABBY: I divorced four years ago and just married a wonderful man six months ago. I have a son who is 16. He and my new husband have a great relationship. My son has never been close to his natural father.

The problem is, my husband has taken a job 3 1/2 hours from home so he has had to move. I have remained behind so my son can finish school.

I know my son would like to graduate with his friends in 2003, but I would like us to be together as a family again.

Would it be selfish of me to move at the end of this school year? I want what's best for my son, but I really miss my mate in life. — **ALONE IN MISSOURI**

DEAR ALONE: It is not selfish to want to be with your husband. Although your son may resist, he will adjust and make new friends during his junior and senior years at his new high school.

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For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

DEAR ABBY: Dad has been a widower for five years. Shortly after my mother passed away, he began dating women (girls, really) about 45 years younger than he is. He has spent more than $20,000 on these girls — who quit calling after they get his money.

His house has been robbed three times, and it's a constant hassle to cancel his credit cards, call the banks, etc., in the middle of the night after he discovers that someone has been in his house while he slept.

All precautions have been taken, locks changed, a motion-activated alarm installed in the hallway, but he's the one to blame.

He knew the latest girl who robbed him for only three weeks. He invited her into the house. She led him to believe she was going to stay the night with him, got undressed, and then told him she needed to tell the person who gave her a ride that she was staying. She pretended she couldn't find her shirt, and when my father got out of bed to help her look for it, she grabbed his wallet and ran out of the house — topless. Her shirt was discovered later.

Abby, how can I stop Dad from making such stupid mistakes? I've tried explaining what these women really were interested in, but it happens over and over. Please help. — **WORRIED ABOUT DAD IN NEW MEXICO**

DEAR WORRIED: You didn't mention how old your father is or what his mental capacity was before your mother's death, but it's possible that his ability to care for himself has diminished to the point where intervention is necessary.

Schedule an appointment with a doctor who specializes in geriatric medicine and discuss mental and neurological evaluations for your father. Since it appears that he has lost the ability to protect himself from being taken advantage of, also consider consulting an attorney with expertise in elder law about options for protecting your father.

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DEAR ABBY: My older sister (age 18 1/2) was treated to a lavish wedding and reception courtesy of our parents. As a favor to my mother, her cousin — a caterer — catered the wedding for free.

While my father was on his way home to change my infant brother's diapers (during the wedding madness, no one brought any), my sister and her new husband packed up all the finger sandwiches and most of the remaining food at the reception and left to spend their honeymoon in their new apartment.

When my father returned to the reception, he was outraged to discover that the food was gone, and embarrassed by my sister's behavior in front of her guests who were trying to enjoy themselves without any food.

Dad drove to my sister's apartment and demanded the food and an apology.

My sister says it was "her" wedding and, therefore, "her" food. She won't forgive my father for disturbing her on her honeymoon. My father is sore at my sister for being so thoughtless, thankless, greedy and selfish as to take the food in the first place. Who is right? — **HUNGRY IN PHOENIX**

DEAR HUNGRY: Your father. To pack up the food from the reception before the wedding guests had finished eating was a major breach of good manners. If the newlyweds felt they needed fortification for their honeymoon marathon, they could have phoned a restaurant and had something delivered. Your sister owes her father and her guests an apology.

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Air Intelligence Agency joins combat command

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Air Intelligence Agency, Air Force's secretive nerve center for intelligence and information gathering operations, joined the Air Combat Command Thursday, marking the first combination of intelligence and combat sides of the military branch.

Gen. John P. Jumper, who helped lead the Kosovo air war last year, recognized the center as a critical role-player in Air Force operations.

"What we have developed over the last 10 years or so right here at Kelly AFB in the AIA is a tremendous information warfare capability, a capability to take out and destroy targets or disable targets doing things besides blowing them up," said Jumpers. "And this cyberwarrior skill is unique to the AIA.

"What we've done is we've incorporated those warrior skills into the rest of our warrior side, the combat side of our Air Force, so that they can be more readily accessed just like we do airplanes that drop bombs."

Backed by a staff of 15,000 worldwide, AIA shares information with Air Force commands gathered from satellites, computers and a variety of other methods the agency doesn't discuss. It's also provided security for the service's computer networks, among other things, and is involved in cyberwarfare.

By realigning the agency, information gathered by satellites, U-2 spy planes and other methods can be relayed faster to pilots before and after they take off.

"I believe that this change is the first real tangible act by the Department of Defense, and certainly by the Air Force, that recognizes that intelligence is no longer a support function," said House Intelligence Committee staff director Timothy R. Sample. "It's no longer a nice-to-have, it's a necessity."

KKK loses fight against rally waiting period in Gary, Ind.

HAMMOND, Ind. (AP) — The Ku Klux Klan lost a fight against a new waiting period to hold rallies in a predominantly black city after a judge rejected the group's attempt to have the rule declared unconstitutional.

Gary Mayor Scott King last month changed the waiting period from seven days to 45 on the same day the city rejected a Klan request to hold a rally around the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

U.S. District Court Judge James T. Moody said Thursday that the Church of the American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, based in Butler, had failed to rebut the city's explanations for the rule, primarily that it takes the city 45 days to evaluate, process and approve a permit application.

"I hope they dry up and blow off the face of the earth," King said when asked about the Klan's efforts. "Barring that, I hope they just stay away from Gary."

"It is so hurtful to so many people. It's really contemptible," he said.

Ken Falk, legal director for the Indiana Civil Liberties Union who represented the Klan at Thursday's hearing, said the Klan will decide its next step after the city decides whether to grant it a rally permit for March.

He said the 45-day waiting period was excessive. "There's no indication of why it should take 45 days when the city of Chicago can do it in seven," he said.

However, attorney James Meyer, who represented the city, said that unlike Chicago, Gary is 85 percent black.

"You can't say how visceral their reaction will be to the Klan, who not too long ago were lynching their relatives," Meyer said.

Gary Police Chief John Roby had said in an affidavit that the city's police force of 200 officers was not big enough to handle such a rally.

The American Knights have held high-profile rallies near the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday in years past. A rally two years ago in Memphis, Tenn., two days before the King holiday set off a rock-throwing scuffle. Last year, about 50 Klan members rallied on the steps of a courthouse in Alabama.

Federal jury awards damages in fraud case

DALLAS (AP) — A federal jury says the former chief executive officer of Tri-City Health Center should pay $10.8 million in damages to the center and the federal Medicare program.

The jury returned the unanimous verdict Thursday after a two-week trial against Randolph R. Gillum.

The south Dallas hospital, which is now closed, and the federal Medicare program sued Gillum to recover damages for fraud, breach of fiduciary duty and unjust enrichment.

"The true victim of this fraud is the community. Because of Dr. Gillum's greed, there is no hospital in South Dallas today," said Linda Little of the Health and Human Services Department's Office of Inspector General.

Tri-City Health Center filed for bankruptcy protection in 1998 after a series of losses threatened its ability to operate.

Ex-governor can remain free during appeal process

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Former Gov. Edwin Edwards will remain free while he appeals his conviction for extorting applicants for riverboat casino licenses.

Edwards, his son, and two others convicted in the alleged scheme were scheduled to report to Texas federal prisons on Monday, but the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Thursday that they could stay free.

"I feel much better about the whole situation," Edwards told WDSU-TV.

Edwards, 73, faces a 10-year sentence. He said the ruling Thursday made him hopeful the court will overturn his conviction, and accused District Judge Frank Polozola, who presided over his trial, of bias against the four-term governor.

U.S. Attorney Eddie Jordan was out of the country and could not be reached for comment, but his office said prosecutors were disappointed with the ruling.

The appeals court did not give any reasons for allowing Edwards to remain free while the appeal is under consideration.

Edwards' attorneys had argued that Polozola was wrong to keep jurors' names secret and to dismiss a pro-defense juror. They said keeping the names secret unfairly gave the impression that jurors needed protection from the defendants, and that the dismissal violated Edwards' right to trial by jury.

Polozola said he had ordered that their names be kept secret to protect them from media and public scrutiny. He said he dismissed the juror because he was not following instructions.

Edwards was convicted last May of 17 counts of racketeering, extortion, fraud and conspiracy. His son Stephen and three other figures were also found guilty.

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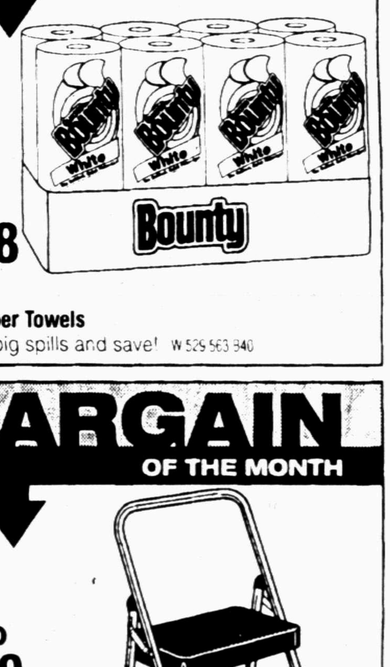
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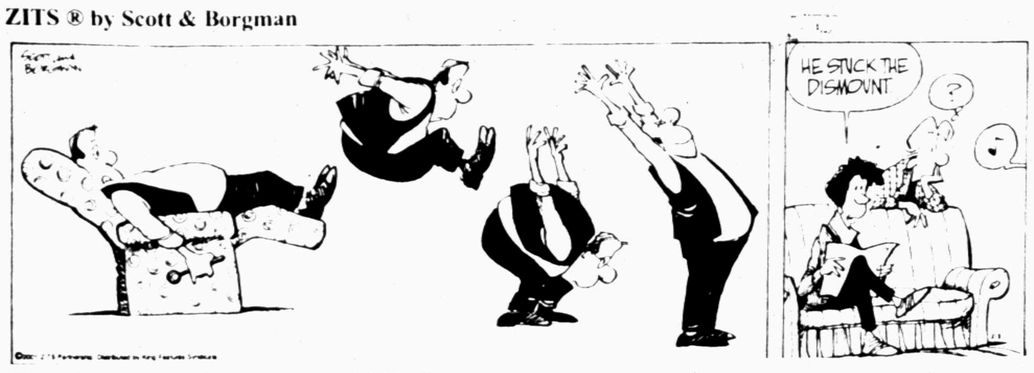


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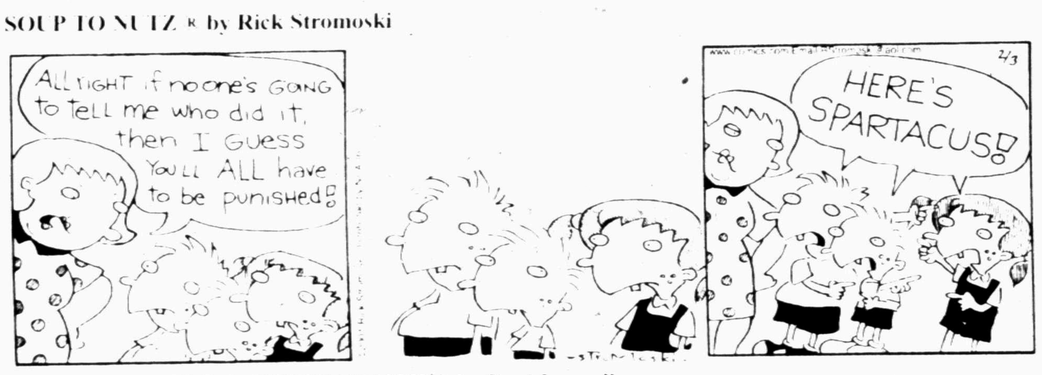
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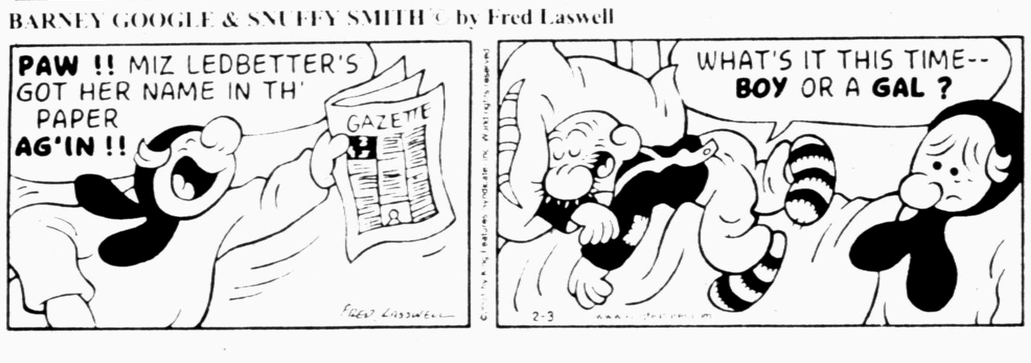
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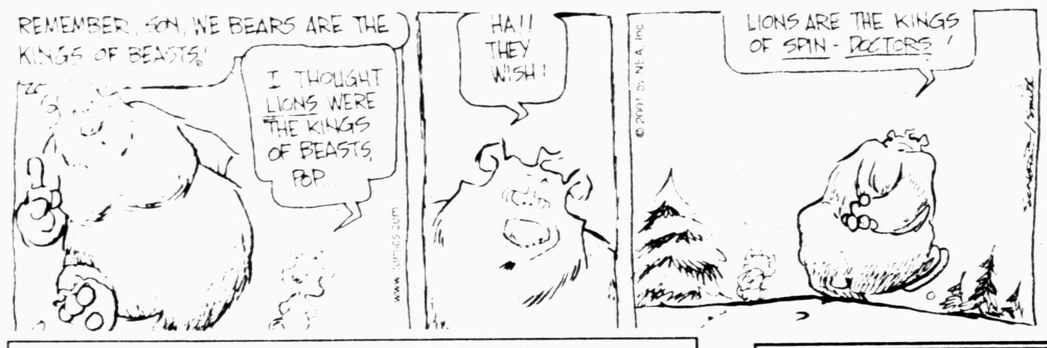
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10 Physician, e.g.
12 Like many sweaters
14 Actress Andress
15 One-celled critter
16 Burning
17 Brit. nobleman
19 Tide type
20 Supervise
23 Cousin's father
26 Play by —
27 Chum
30 Observing
32 Drink alcoholic beverages
34 Type of skirt
35 Young cat
36 October brew
37 "Velvet" finish
39 Has to have
40 Move aimlessly
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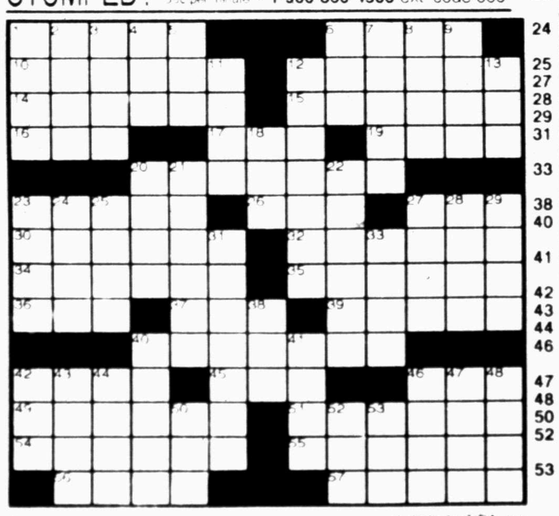
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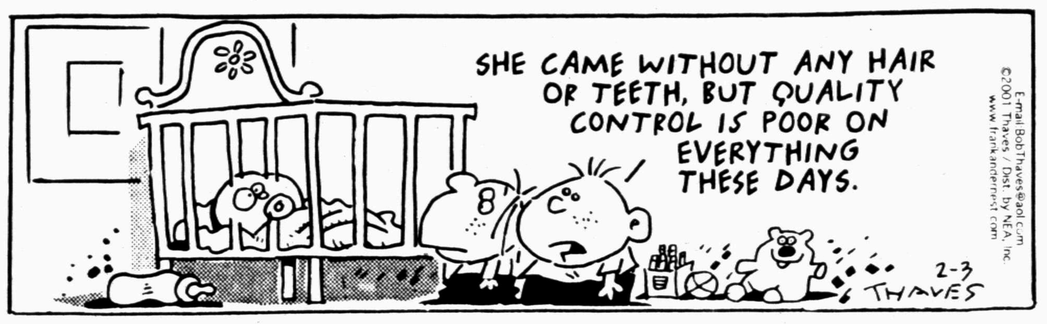
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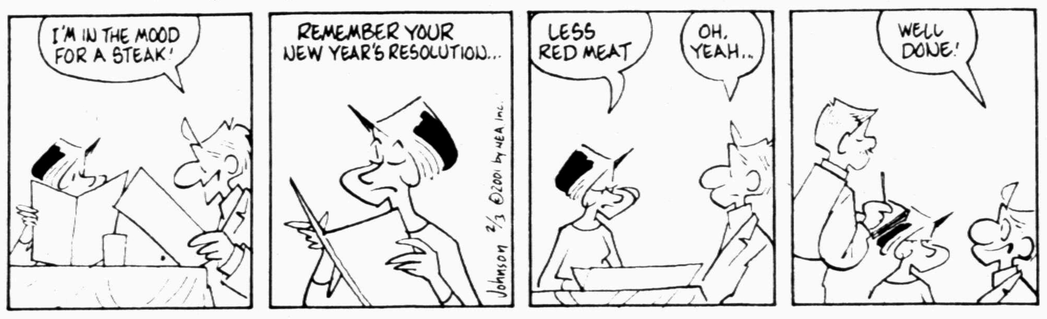


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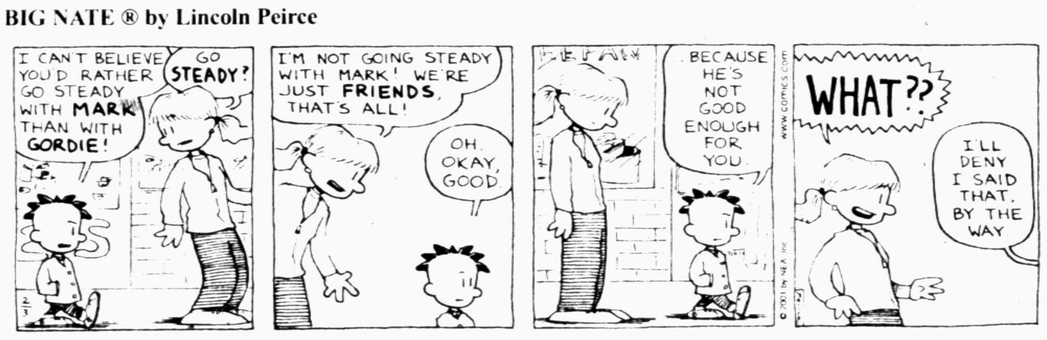
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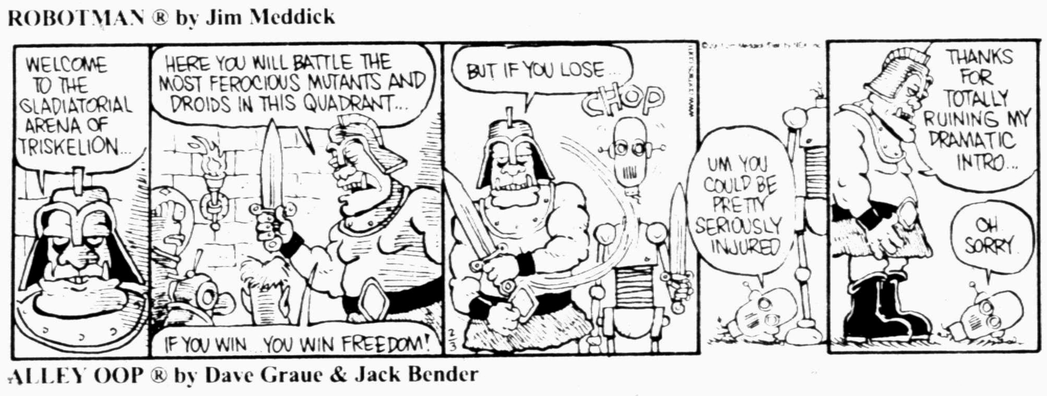
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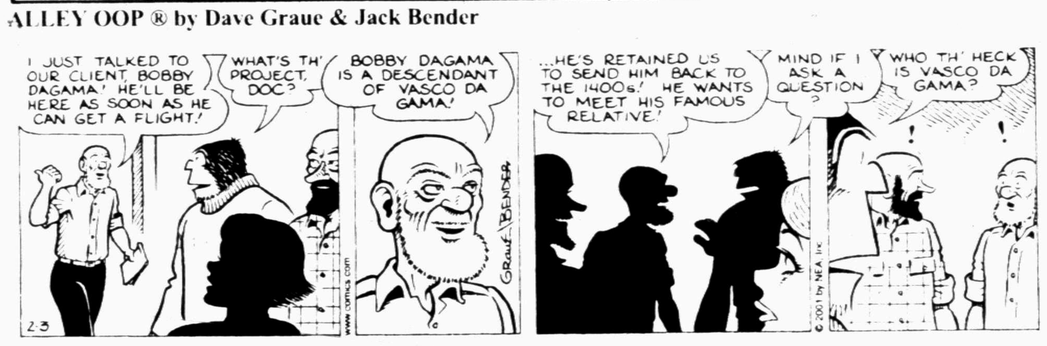
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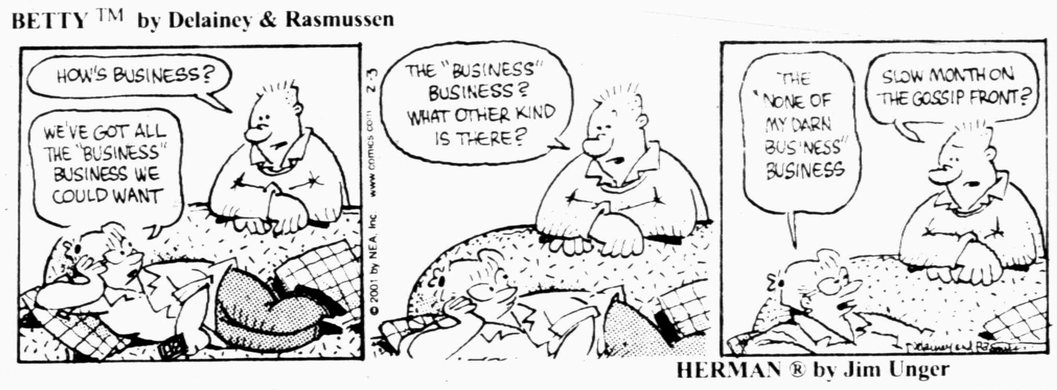
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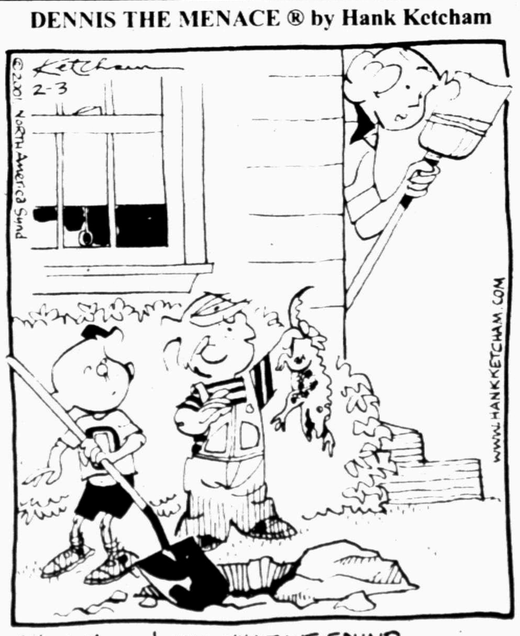
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Cattle auctions conducted over Internet

FORT WORTH (AP) — From his office near the city's historic Stockyards, Paul Hicks watches ranchers and feedyard managers from across the nation bid on thousands of calves every other week.

But Hicks isn't peering through his second-floor window. He's studying his Web site, Cattlebuyers Online, which hosts the cattle auctions.

"Stockyards started about 100 years ago so ranchers could bring their cattle to one location, and we've just adapted that concept," he said. "We're a location in cyberspace. This is so much simpler and so much more efficient."

The online auctions are similar to those at sale barns. Herds of cattle are represented by professional agents working through bonded commission firms, which assure potential buyers of cattle quality.

The Web site provides pictures and detailed information, including color, breed, estimated weight and feeding program.

Buyers and sellers log on simultaneously to view bids. If no one places a bid within 15 seconds, that auction closes and the seller, through the commission company, decides whether to accept the offer.

"It's good for a feedyard manager who needs to know right then if his bid is accepted, because he's trying to fill his lot and might need to bid in the next auction," said Mike Felton, who works at Cattlebuyers Online.

Online auctions also limit travel stress on animals. Calves for sale usually are weaning and can suffer respiratory problems and other illnesses if their immune systems are compromised.

Ranchers, who lose money when calves don't recover, say they see advantages to online auctions.

"The seller has not had to stress the animals while selling them on a competitive bidding market," said Rick Hickenbottom, a spokesman for Southern States Cooperative Inc., a Richmond, Va.-based agribusiness co-op operating in 25 states. Its marketing division uses Cattlebuyers Online.

Cattlebuyers Online started several years ago as a project by Justin Gifford, who was working on his master's degree at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

Gifford traveled across Texas in the mid-1990s but got a mediocre response from ranchers, concerned about accessibility and security of Internet sites. They also were leery of buying cattle from unfamiliar sellers.

"It's a business that's been built on handshakes and trust," Gifford said. "It's hard to accept changes. Just because you can bring more cattle to a site doesn't mean all of them are good."

But as commission companies' satellite video auctions started gaining popularity in recent years, more ranchers began accepting nontraditional ways of cattle trading, Gifford said.

Gifford dissolved the corporation in 1999 but was approached last year by Hicks, an acquaintance who is president of Producers Trading Co.

Cattlebuyers Online restarted as a partnership last summer. Hicks owns the company with Gifford, who lives in Amarillo and is vice president of the livestock division of Tejon Ranch and manages its Champion Feeders.

Cattlebuyers Online differs from some other Internet sites run by individual commission firms that trade cattle, Hicks said. Cattlebuyers does not own, sell or buy cattle; it simply provides a format for multiple commission companies to auction to approved buyers.

The Internet company charges commission firms a fee per animal being sold, and buyers pay nothing to use the auction service. Hicks declined to say how much money the company has made.

Cattlebuyers Online now works with only two commission companies but hopes to expand, officials said.

"It's every company bringing their set of buyers and sellers, feeding off each other's momentum to create the best national market," Felton said.

It's just a coincidence that Cattlebuyers Online is based in a city dubbed "Cowtown" and a few blocks from the Fort Worth Stockyards, a former livestock center.

Hicks, who returned to his native Fort Worth in the mid-1980s to work in livestock commodities, said office space in that area was more reasonably priced than downtown.

In the mid-1800s, Fort Worth became a frequent stop for cattlemen traveling along the Chisholm Trail. The city prospered as a leader in the cattle business until the 1960s.

The Fort Worth Stockyards District became a historical landmark in 1976 and, as a result, a popular tourist attraction. The area features the Cowtown Coliseum, home of the world's first indoor rodeo, and the Stockyards Station, 30 shops and restaurants in what were hog and sheep pens.

The Livestock Exchange, built in 1904 as offices for livestock traders and once considered the "Wall Street of the West," houses the Stockyards Collection Museum.

But Hicks has no plans to use the company's proximity to the Stockyards District in any advertising because it would not influence customers, he said.

"We just happen to be in Fort Worth," Hicks said. "We could run the business from New York City or anywhere else." —

On the Net:
Cattle Buyers Online: http://www.cattlebuyers.net
City of Fort Worth: http://bbis.org
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Comptroller commends TSU's progress

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Southern University has followed most recommendations aimed at fixing financial and administrative problems that could have forced it to merge with another college, state Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said Thursday.

She said TSU should save more than $5 million by 2004 for implementing or planning to implement most of the 124 recommendations she offered in a 12-month audit completed two years ago.

"Texas Southern University should be congratulated on clearly making substantial progress and taking steps to ensure its progress can be sustained," Rylander said.

TSU officials were pleased by Rylander's comments.

"We are no longer suffering to keep TSU on sound financial and administrative ground. We are doing good things and our university will be better for it," said Quintin Wiggins, senior vice president of the university's business and finance department.

In 1998 TSU's financial troubles prompted the university to ask lawmakers for a $3.5 million bailout. Lawmakers responded with a demand to fix the problems or be forced to join another university system.

Problems included lack of a university-wide computer system; failure to permanently fill key faculty positions, particularly academic department heads; lack of accurate and timely annual financial reports; and lack of plans to improve enrollment and student retention.

Rylander said plans are either in the works or in place to address those concerns. But she said TSU has yet to address the need to renovate and maintain facilities on schedule.

"TSU officials should be proud of what the school has accomplished since it was reviewed, but there is still work to be done," she said.

Wiggins said TSU is working to improve its facilities, citing a university initiative to build a new dormitory and student center, ongoing renovations of existing dormitories and the hiring of an architect to oversee all facility and infrastructure improvements and renovations.

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Judge: Woman can sue because she was called Lewinsky

NEW PALTZ, N.Y. (AP) — A woman who claims she was sexually harassed when her professor referred to her as "Monica Lewinsky" is entitled to sue, a federal judge ruled.

Inbal Hayut filed suit last May against the State University of New York at New Paltz and professor Alex Young, claiming Young created a "sexually hostile environment" by repeatedly calling her by the name of the former White House intern.

"Young observed that (Hayut) wore the same color lipstick as Monica Lewinsky, and made comments such as, 'How was your weekend with Bill,' and 'Shut up, Monica. I'll give you a cigar later.' All these comments were made in front of the entire class," Northern District Judge David Hurd wrote in his Dec. 18 decision that allowed the suit to continue.

Young's lawyer, Kenneth J. Kelly, called the charges "ridiculous."

"This is not sexual harassment," Kelly said Friday.

In his ruling, Hurd granted defense motions to dismiss parts of the lawsuit, including the allegations of intentional infliction of emotional pain and discrimination based on origin. But he denied a defense motion to dismiss the sexual harassment charges.

Hayut, now 23, said the professor, who taught two of her classes in 1998, ignored her pleas to stop the name-calling and that the school refused to take any action. She said the humiliation eventually affected her grades, and she left the school in the spring.

"She's a sweet, shy girl and this was very difficult for her," said her lawyer, William Martin. "Some of the students didn't know her by any other name but Monica."

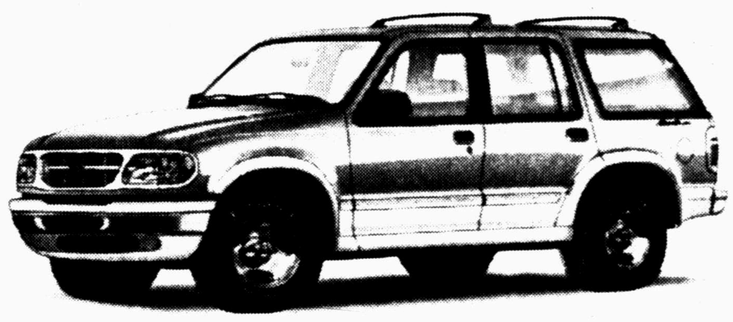
Lewinsky's spokeswoman, Juli Nadler, said Lewinsky is dismayed, "but that was in 1998, when her name was linked to presidential scandal." Nowadays, she added, people think of Lewinsky as "handbag designer, e-commerce entrepreneur, Yahoo Internet Life 'cover girl. ... Clearly, she has moved on and taken her good name with her."

Young, 72, has retired from the school. He could not be reached for comment; his lawyer declined to give out his phone number or say where he lives.

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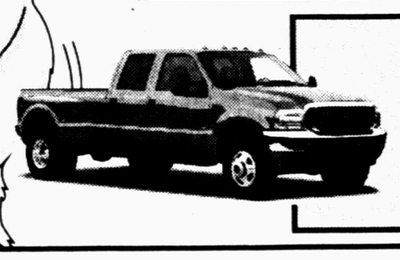
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Book chronicles women's part in history

HOUSTON — On Jan. 2, 1839, the Rufus Putnam landed at the foot of Houston's Main Street after a hazardous journey up Buffalo Bayou.

Among the passengers were Millie Gray and her six children, traveling from the more civilized state of Virginia to a small, primitive town.

Gray was not happy.

This is how the pioneer woman recorded her feelings in her diary that day: "Although everything looks better than I had expected, my heart feels oppressed and it requires an effort to wear the appearance of cheerfulness. I could (if I were a weeping character) sit down and fairly weep. ... "

Luckily, Gray was not the weepy type, according to historian Betty Trapp Chapman. In Houston Women: Invisible Threads in the Tapestry (Donning Company Publishers, $34.95), Chapman writes that Gray went on to become a mainstay of the young community.

As secretary of Christ Church Cathedral's Sewing Circle, she wrote the ladies' "not so gentle" requests to the vestry. Her diary, according to Chapman, is a treasure trove of life in early Houston, from the perspective of wife, mother, neighbor, churchwoman and citizen.

Gray is one of more than 300 women and groups whose lives Chapman documents in her latest book. Except for a few famous firsts — like former Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire, the Rev. Helen Havens, former City Councilwoman Eleanor Tinsley and U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison — she focuses on women from Houston's past.

"I decided early on that I would not use living women, though I did break that with about seven or eight women who were 'firsts,' " Chapman said. "You need time to analyze before you can really assess the contribution people made in their lives."

Instead, she looks at the famous and not so famous who helped make Houston the city it is today — known for its oil and business successes, but also for its rich arts scene.

From the beginning, as Chapman documents with letters and diaries, men concentrated on making money and little else. It was left to their wives and daughters to fight for libraries, schools and equal rights, as well as early versions of the symphony and the Museum of Fine Arts.

But the public knows little of their contributions.

"When I ask people what famous women they know about, they say: 'Oh, Bonnie Parker (of Bonnie and Clyde fame), Jane Long (the early pioneer) and Ma Ferguson (the former governor of Texas),' " Chapman said. "Long's story has been written about a lot and very romanticized. That is a concern, and the women people know about are famous or infamous."

When Chapman was asked to do a book on Houston women, she considered the best way to approach it. Her decision: focus on different areas in which women were involved.

So the book is divided into chapters: settling Texas, defining women's sphere, building community institutions, going to work, expanding education, cultivating the arts, enriching the community and opening new doors. Women not mentioned in the text are included in photos.

"This is not intended to be a scholarly book," Chapman said. "It's really for the general public."

It's also not a comprehensive survey. But it is a fascinating look at a side of Houston history that has been largely ignored. The 275 pictures that illustrate the book are particularly special.

Chapman begins with the first women believed to be indigenous to the area — the Karankawas. Though the individual lives and names of these American Indian women have been lost to history, their roles were not. A Spanish explorer described their strictly defined, gender-related division of labor, Chapman said.

"Their women toil incessantly," noted Alvar Munez Cabeza de Vaca, the earliest of the Spanish explorers to interact with the Karankawas.

Most land grants were given to men, but exceptions were made by Stephen F. Austin to women who were heads of households. One was Amy White, a widowed mother of 10, who was given land along the San Jacinto River in 1824. Another was Jane Wilkins, who owned land where the George R. Brown Convention Center is now located.

Pioneer women had no schools or churches to support them. Household duties, including family health, rested on their shoulders and was time-consuming. It took two weeks of steady labor to spin enough thread for a dress.

What women did was not deemed worthy enough to document, Chapman said.

One of her favorite women from that time is Obedience Fort Smith, a 64-year-old widow who immigrated to Texas in 1835. She was granted 3,370 acres of land in Houston that encompasses much of the present-day Fourth Ward, Montrose and Rice University. It's still called Obedience Smith's survey.

Smith's descendants still live in Houston, and Chapman recently met one of them at a book signing.

"In the first chapter, I really talk more about women's experiences and the fact that they were in such a supportive role," Chapman said. "The second chapter is very interesting to me. It's when middle-class women move from home to work and start building community institutions. I would love to do something just on that period."

Outside home, churches were the only other places of activity for women. But the Civil War got them involved in nursing and fund-raising activities. Margaret Bremond Rice, married to the wealthiest man in the community, died in 1863, possibly because of an infection caught nursing a soldier.

The Civil War, Chapman writes, radically changed the lives of African-American women by giving them freedom and legalizing their marriages.

After the Civil War, more women got into teaching, the only profession open to black women at that time. Pinky Yates, daughter of the Rev. Jack Yates, began teaching in public schools in the 1890s.

In the last quarter of the 19th century, Houston women started clubs such as the Ladies Reading Club (still in existence). Kezia Depelchin founded a home for children in need. When she died in 1893, club women, friends and church members got together and continued her work. The board was all-female for 40 years.

In 1904, women's efforts resulted in Houston's first public library. In 1900, the Public School Art League was founded, and artist Emma Richardson Cherry provided strong leadership. Its mission was completed in 1924, when the Museum of Fine Arts opened.

Independent report blasts election coverage

NEW YORK (AP) — An independent report released Friday labeled CNN's election night coverage "a debacle" and said all the television networks confused the public and interfered with the electoral process.

The report, by three journalists commissioned by CNN, is the toughest look yet at the networks' role in prematurely declaring George W. Bush the winner on election night.

"Television news organizations staged a collective drag race on the crowded highway of democracy, recklessly endangering the electoral process, the political life of the country and their own credibility, all for reasons that may be conceptually flawed and commercially questionable," the report said.

"The final judgment of news quality is that CNN's election night coverage was a debacle," it said.

CNN responded with several steps, including a promise not to use exit poll information to declare winners in close races.

CNN joined ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox and MSNBC in twice making wrong calls in Florida election night — once for Al Gore, and later giving the entire election to Bush by saying he won Florida. Each network retracted both calls and Bush's election wasn't assured for several weeks.

The Associated Press wrongly called Florida for Gore early in the evening, but did not declare Bush the winner that night.

The CNN-commissioned report said television networks were guilty of "an abuse of power" for interfering with the electoral process and the election result.

Network calls for Bush created a premature impression that he was the winner, a characterization that carried through the post-election challenge, it said.

The networks' excessive speed, combined with an overconfidence in experts and polls, "produced a powerful collision between the public interest and the private competitive interests of the television news operations and the corporations that own them," the journalists said.

The competition ultimately was foolish since few viewers knew which organization called races first, and because each network essentially funded the others' work, the report said.

The networks and the AP are members of Voter News Service, which provided exit polling data and voter tabulations. VNS data has been criticized as flawed, and the report said VNS used outmoded technology that the networks failed to upgrade.

Like other networks have in recent weeks, CNN promised that it would not project a winner in states where the polls are still open. Networks initially called Florida for Gore before some polls in that state had closed.

While the report recommended networks stop using exit polls entirely to project winners, CNN resisted that step. It said only that it wouldn't use exit polls in states with close races.

The report also recommended networks stop using returns from key precincts to project a winner. Instead, CNN said it would fund its own new system to sample key precincts in close states.

The report was written by James Risser, former director of the Knight Fellowship Program at Stanford University; Joan Konner, former dean of the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism; and Ben Wattenberg, senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute.

Other networks have released their own internal reports with similar recommendations for improvements, but none provided such a damning overview of television's performance as a whole.

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August 4, 2000

Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Sir:

This letter is to commend some of your medical center staff for the excellent care and services they provided me on July 7, 2000.

During the early morning hours of July 7, 2000, I developed a need for emergent care and reported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Emergency Room. I was promptly sent to the nurse by the clerk since my need for care was emergent in nature. The male nurse on duty was very courteous and provided excellent care. Although I was never seen by a physician until shortly before my transfer to Midland Memorial at approximately noon on the same day, I felt that I received excellent nursing care.

The main reason for my letter is to commend the nursing staff on the floor where I was hospitalized. Although there for only a short period of time, I observed on each shift some of the most courteous and efficient nursing care I have ever observed. On each shift each nursing employee individually entered my room and introduced him or herself to me. Each was very courteous and friendly and each advised that if I needed anything at all that I should contact them. They also advised that they would be checking on me regularly during their shift. This was done in a manner that was believable and made me feel that they truly cared for my well being. After receiving care at other medical centers and after 29 years of experience of working in medical centers, I believe that the level of service and quality of the guest relations exhibited by your nursing staff was truly remarkable.

The following day I requested a transfer to Midland Memorial so that I could be seen by a specialist. I can tell you firsthand that the level of courtesy and timely nursing care at Scenic Mountain Medical Center far exceeds that which I observed in Midland. Your nursing staff should be commended for the excellent care provided!

Sincerely,

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