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WEEKEND

Home of Jennifer Jaimes

At Senior Citizen's Center...

Hours add up

Things were lively at the Senior Citizens' Center Friday night as the 22nd annual recognition banquet honoring volunteers was held.

Among those recognized were the Top 15 in volunteer hours.Beginning with the top volunteer, the Top 15 includes Dorothy Duncan, Thadine Harless, Cary Patrick, Gloria Browning, Edna Laster, Veida Gage, Peggy Fowler, Juanita Ellington, Margaret Clevenger, Marie Armstrong, Peggy Eubank, Nate Pyburn, Texa Ball, Ruby Gregory, and Betty Boyd. These 15 volunteered over 22,000 hours last year.

Total hours of volunteer work at the center last year were 44,918.

Bernhard Bartels presented the Star Awards to Nate Pyburn and Margaret Clevenger who will have their names added to the 5,000 or more hours board.

Thadine Harless's name will be added to the 10,000 or more hours board and she also received an individual plaque for volunteering 11,000 accumulative hours.

Pins were also presented to persons who have logged 500 hours of service. They included Gloria Browning, Texa Ball, Thadine Harless, Dorothy Duncan, Cary Patrick, Betty Boyd, Edna Laster, Irene Hudgins, Betty Kellum, Margaret Clevenger, Nate Pyburn and Dot Stokes.

Others are Peggy Fowler, Mildred Pevehouse, Marie Armstrong, Odis Craig, Juanita Ellington, Jo Flynn, M.J. Merritt, Duke Ball, Veida Gage, Ruby Gregory, Pat Johnston, Emerson Armstrong, Velma Pickering, Jackie Adams, Alta Bavousett, Novella Benitez, Lucy Lopez, John Pickering and Sylvia Spivey.

Also Benny Benitez, Furman Branson, Geneva Burk, Peggy Eubank, Virginia Johnston, Jean McCommas, Una Orms, Bill Pollard, James Quinney, Juanita Raborn, Gradine Sterling and Viola Stone.

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THANK YOU — WTC president Dr. Harry Krenek and his wife, Marsha, received gifts of appreciation during Friday night's Senior Center banquet. Carla Thompson, center director, presented Dr. Krenek with a fishing pole and hat while Marsha looks on. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)



PAYING TRIBUTE — A large crowd attended the 22nd annual Senior Center Recognition Banquet. Seniors who had volunteered throughout last year were recognized, including the Top 15. Bluff Creek Edition provided the entertainment. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Sexual assault trial to begin

A Snyder man accused of aggravated sexual assault of a nine-year-old girl goes on trial Monday in 132nd District Court.

Jury selection starts at 8:30 a.m. in the trial of Joe Louis Hernandez III of 413 North Ave. U.

The alleged sexual assault occurred July 23 and Hernandez, 45, was indicted by a Scurry County grand jury in August. He has been free on a $20,000 bond.

Some 140 prospective jurors have been summoned in District Judge Ernie Armstrong's court. District Attorney Dana Cooley will present the state's case, and James Wilks of Sweetwater is the defense attorney.

Golden Apple...

Snyder ISD sets awards banquet

Snyder Independent School District will host its sixth annual Golden Apple Awards Banquet at 7 p.m.Tuesday at Snyder Country Club.

Honored will be SISD volunteers and Adopt-A-School partners for this school year.

The district has honored more that 1,000 volunteers since the inception of the first Golden Apple Awards.

Mary Ann Juarez, community liaison for SISD, said there is a big demand for families, schools and communities to interact in the educational success of children.

"Snyder ISD takes pride in its parent and community involvement programs," Juarez said. "Thanks to the efforts of all our volunteers, as a team we have shared a vision, and our children are showing more enthusiasm and do better in school."

Rosa Guerrero will be the guest speaker. She is described as a "tapestry of many cultures." As an artist, educator, consultant, humanitarian, dance historian, and promoter of understanding, she feels it is "her mission to share this tapestry of cultural diversity, and how it is woven with all people."

Guerrero's multi-faceted presentation, that features dance, music, poetry and lecture, will focus on the contributions made by everyone to the fabric of American life.

Guerrero served for 20 years in the El Paso public school system and taught multicultural education at the University of Texas at El Paso.

She was recently named to the Women's Hall of Fame and is the first living educator, artist and Hispanic woman in El Paso history to have a school named in her honor.

For more information, call Juarez at 574-6012.



Rosa Guerrero

Ira looks to improve on water service

Ira Water Supply Corporation is seeking federal grants to make improvements to its system.

As part of the application process, the water system must take a survey of its patrons and the survey is to begin within the next two weeks, said Jim Wilson, water system operator.

If the water supply company is successful in obtaining grant monies, the existing two water lines that feed Ira and Dunn, plus Round Top Acres, will be looped. A new 4.2-mile line will be installed from where the Round Top line ends, and it will connect with the Ira/Dunn line near FM 1606.

This work would increase the water pressure for the residences serviced by the lines.

Wilson said volunteers with the water supply will be either telephoning customers, or going door-to-door in the next two or three weeks.

"We will appreciate our customers' cooperation in answering the survey questions," said Wilson.

Friday's thunderstorm triggers lightning display

It didn't take long after the arrival of spring for Scurry County to get a taste of thunderstorms as citizens were treated Friday night to driving rain, lightning, thunder and pebble-size hail.

The official rain measurement at the Snyder water treatment plant was .6 of an inch.

Lighting strikes caused a tornado warning siren to activate around 11 p.m., causing numerous calls to dispatchers at the law enforcement center.

Lightning also set off burglar alarms across the city, and triggered the high water alarm on Deep Creek that is relayed to law enforcement dispatchers.

There was very little water running in the creek Saturday morning.

Cable TV lines, tree limbs and loose building material were also victims of the winds that accompanied Friday's rain.

However, there was no major damage reported.

Cable channel 2 was also a victim of the lightning as it was off Saturday morning.

Tickets now available for June western swing

Spring is here and it's just about time to be putting a spring in your step, or make that two-step, as plans are well underway for the 2001 West Texas Western Swing Festival.

The second year of the event, sponsored by the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, gets underway on June 5 with a reunion dinner and dance in the Scurry County Coliseum.

The actual festival starts on June 6 and will continue through Saturday, June 9.

Tickets are now available at the Snyder chamber offices, and RV reservations are also being taken.

Advance tickets will be sold until May 1 for $18 per event day. Tickets at the door will be $20 per day.

Many of the favorites from last year's festival will be here, including Dave Alexander, Jody Nix, Don Walser, Texas Sand, Playboys II, Fiddlin' Frenchie Burke and Curtis Potter.

Others include Ricky Boen and Texas Mud, Cindy Nix, Billy Mata, Jeremy Watkins, National Swing Band of Texas and Herb Remington.

Gene Watson is the featured performer this year.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Blessed are the flexible, for they will not be bent out of shape."

These came anonymously, but we're putting our wooden nickel on our friend Martha Gist, secretary at the Windham School at the Price Daniel Unit.

Martha is big into deep thoughts. Consider:

—The Dark Ages were caused by the Y1K problem.

—They call it PMS because Mad Cow Disease was already taken.

—If voting could really change things, Congress would make it illegal.

—When blondes have more fun, do they know it?

—What happens if you get scared half to death twice?

—Am I ambivalent? Well, yes and no.

—The statement below is true. The statement above is false.

—He who dies with the most toys is, nonetheless, dead.

—I like pitbulls too. Let's exchange recipes.

—Time is fun when you're having flies...Kermit.

—Toilet stolen from police station. Cops have nothing to go on.

—If you think there is good in everybody, then you obviously haven't met everybody.

—All power corrupts. Absolute power is kinda neat though.

—If your feet smell and your nose runs, you're built upside down.

—Here I am. What are your other two wishes?

—Taxation with representation ain't all that hot either.

—A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

—Confession is good for the soul, but bad for your career.

—Gargling is a good way to see if your throat leaks.

—Gun Control. Use both hands.

—To err is human. To forgive is against company policy.

—If at first you don't succeed, redefine success.

—Xerox and Wurlitzer will merge to market reproductive organs.

—Half the people in the world are below average.

—Failure is not an option. It's bundled with your software.

—Bingo is better than logic, if I can just prove it.

—A picture may be worth a thousand words, but it uses up a thousand times more memory.

—Ham and eggs. A day's work for a chicken and a lifetime for a pig.

—If a thing is worth doing, it would have already been done.

Times noted for Snyder transfers

Students who reside outside the Snyder Independent School District, but wish to attend school in Snyder during the 2001-2002 school year, must complete an application by May 1.

If the application is not completed by that date, a tuition fee may be assessed.

Parents of students may go by the school administration office at 2901 37th St. to file for student transfers anytime in April.

The office is open from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

ASK US

Q—Will the school, county and city have to redistrict due to the drop in population?

A—Redistricting is required if there is a 10 percent drop, or increase, in an area. Officials are awaiting more census data.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 78 degrees; low, 49; 7 a.m. Saturday, 51; .62 of an inch precipitation; total for 2001, 4.85 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday night, mostly cloudy, 20% rain chance, low around 40. Sunday, mostly cloudy, low mid 40s. Sunday night, mostly cloudy, low mid 40s.



Humberto Juarez-Cloudy

Sunset: 6:59 p.m.
Sunrise: 6:42 a.m.
Of 82 days in 2001, the sun has shone 73 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

The deepest craving of human nature is the need to feel appreciated.
—William James

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Students exposed to mercury

SHEFFIELD, Ohio (AP) — Nearly 50 students may have been exposed to mercury that authorities say a boy took from a classroom and divided up among friends on a school bus.

No students have shown signs of mercury contamination, but authorities said Friday they will recheck dozens of homes and offer blood and urine testing to parents and their children.

Investigators found a "significant level" of mercury in the home of the boy who took the metal, said Reginald Brown of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. He said it could take days to clean the house, which was evacuated.

The effects of exposure can range from dizziness and memory loss to damage to the kidneys and brain, depending on the amount of mercury and duration of exposure.

Sheffield schools Superintendent Ron Lindsey said the boy, whose age and name were not released, took a jar containing about five ounces of mercury Wednesday from the science room at Lorain County Joint Vocational School, which serves high school juniors and seniors.

On the bus, he gave some of the mercury to at least three other boys and the students played with it. Lindsey said school officials and parents didn't learn of the mercury exposure until Thursday.

The bus, which carried 47 students from kindergarten through high school from four schools, was cleaned Friday.

Jordan Hardin receives national academic award

Jordan Hardin, Snyder High School senior, has been named a national award winner in history and government by the U.S. Achievement Academy.

She was nominated by Kyle Smith, instructor at Western Texas College.

Miss Hardin is the daughter of Lorinda Hardin of Snyder and Joe Hardin of Midland. Grandparents are Bob Jordan of Fluvanna and the late Daisy Jordan, and Richard and Peggy Hardin of Snyder.

4-H members show winners

Scurry County 4-H members attended the San Angelo Livestock Show March 6-10.

Exhibitors placing in the livestock show were: Cody Beaver, championship steer in the British division; T'Leah Eicke, placed 7th in the heavy weight British division; and Corbin Smith, placed 13th in the middle weight Cross Swine division.

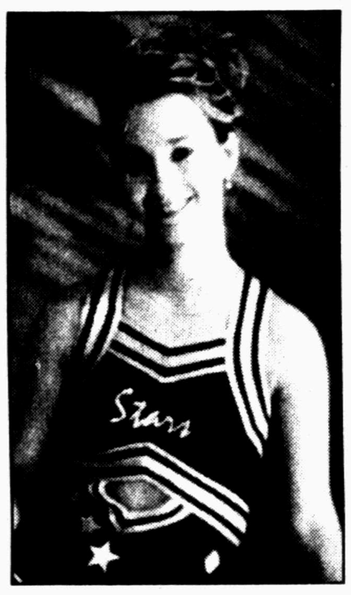
Four from Snyder on ACU honor roll

Four students from Snyder have been named to the dean's honor roll for the fall semester at Abilene Christian University.

The four include Christy Tomlinson, April Baker, Melanie Kidd and LaTrisha Lee. All are graduates of Snyder High School.

The dean's honor roll requires a grade point average of 3.4 or higher while completing at least 12 semester hours.

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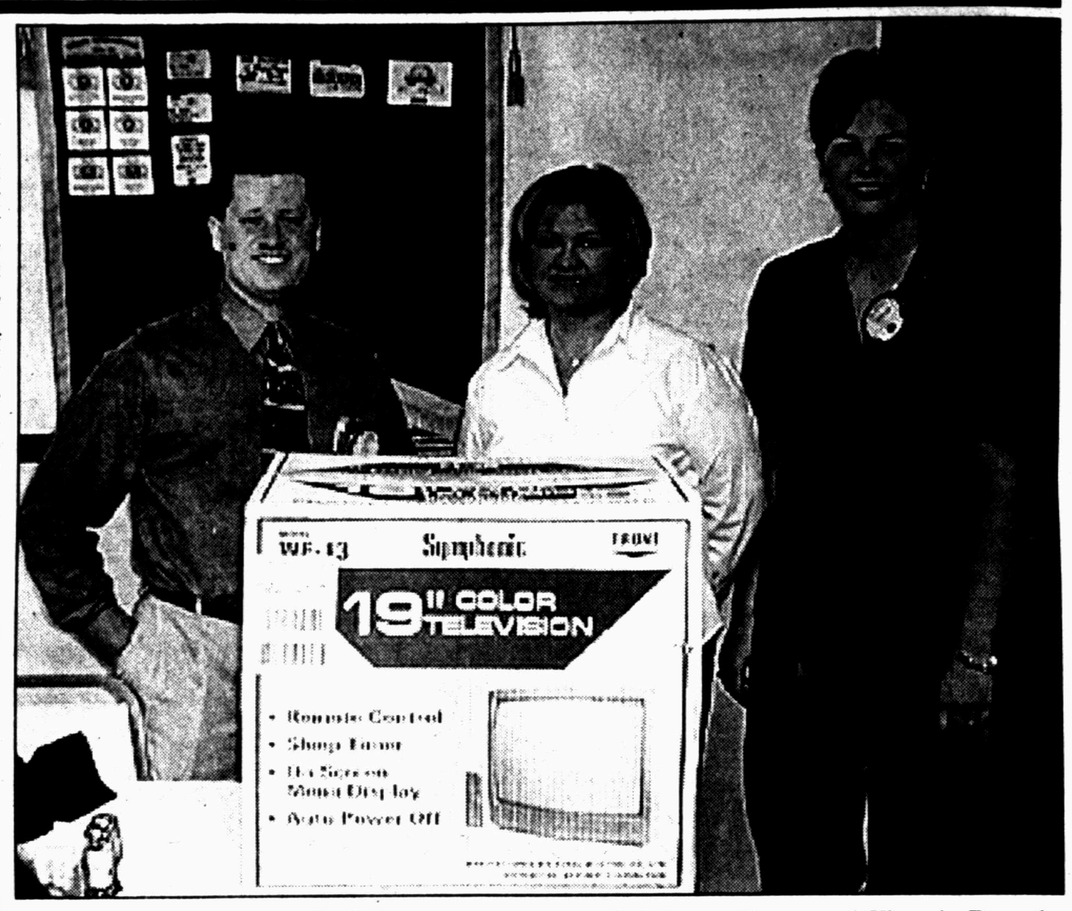


Tara Price

Tara Price wins recognition in cheerleading

Snyder High School's Tara Price has been named a United States National Award Winner in cheerleading, according to the United States Achievement Academy.

She is the daughter of Larry and Terri Price of Snyder. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Price of Snyder, Mary Jo Whitmire of Snyder and Jerry Dennis of Colorado.



WINS TELEVISION — Julie Odom, center, won a television at the annual Kiwanis Pancake Feast. Also pictured are RJ Youngclas, Wal-Mart manager, and Nicole Lomax, Kiwanis Club member. (Contributed Photo)

Campaign finance law mulled

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democratic sponsor of a campaign finance bill said Saturday the Senate battle is going well, but there are hints that some proposed amendments could fracture the fragile coalition supporting the overhaul.

Delivering the Democrats' weekly radio address, Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin said the critical debate would take place next week.

His bill, cosponsored by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., seeks to ban "soft money" — unlimited contributions that unions, corporations and individuals may donate to political parties for use other than the "express advocacy" of a candidate's election or defeat.

"With strong support from Democrats, and a small but hardy group of Republicans who have broken with their leadership and spoken out in favor of the bill, we have a strong coalition in the Senate to pass meaningful reform," Feingold said.

But Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said Friday that his support for the measure could falter if an amendment seeking to raise "hard money" contributions to candidates succeeds. The amendment would increase the current $1,000-a-year limit to $3,000.

Daschle said such a boost would unfairly help Republicans because they have more rich donors able to pay that amount.

"It goes to the fear that we have that Republicans legally will lock in an advantage that we will never be able to overcome," he told reporters. He didn't say if he would support a smaller increase in the limit.

Feingold said the possible amendments shouldn't cause the bill to fail.

"Wealthy interests have too much power in our political system, but we don't have to just shrug our shoulders and say that's the way politics has to be," he said.

Both McCain and Feingold have said it is inevitable that the $1,000 limit, in place since 1974, will be raised, but McCain said the two have yet to reach a common position.

Martinez finishes Marine boot camp

Marine Pvt. Mike Martinez Jr. of Snyder has completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

Martinez, a 2000 graduate of Snyder High School, completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new recruits both physically and mentally.

events

RESULTS

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Texas Million numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
42-44-59-72

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:
2-6-18-36-39

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
8-8-6

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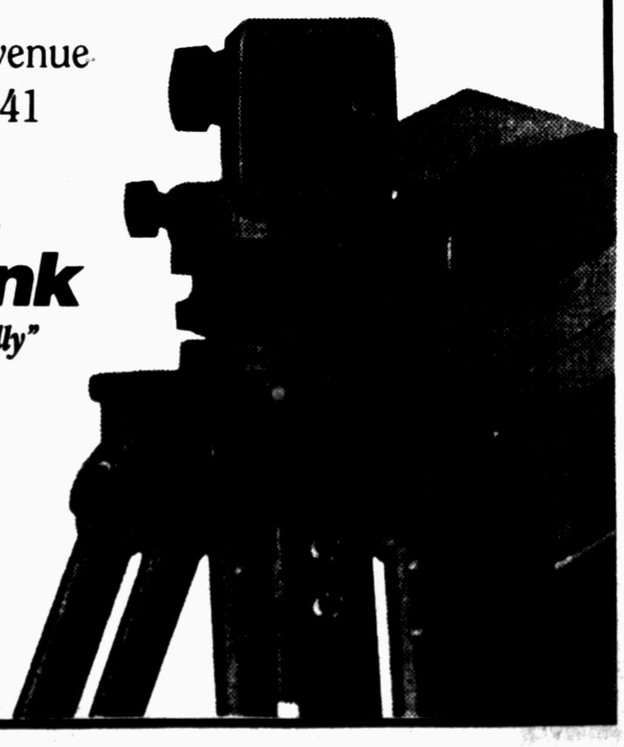
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DMT 030	0167	*DEV. MATH (INT)	M-F	9:00-12:20	3	2B-106	BEARD, J	
*PERMISSION OF INSTRUCTOR IS REQUIRED ON DMT 030 INTERNET CLASS.								
Government								
GOVT 2305	0280	US/ST/LOC GOV	M-F	9:00-12:20	3	2C-103	SMITH, K	
History								
HIST 1301	0281	US HIST TO 1865	M-TH	6:00-10:10pm	3	2C-105	AKERS, C	
Mathematics								
MATH 1314	0168	COLLEGE ALGEBRA	M-F	9:00-12:20	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX. S	$8
			LAB	TBA				
MATH 2313	0169	CALCULUS 1	M-F	1:00-4:20pm	3	2C-101	DUCHENEAUX. S	
			LAB	TBA				
Health/Physical Education								
PHED 2255	0423	LIFEGUARDING	M-TH	6:00-10:10pm	2	POOL	HARRISON, M	$24

New students must bring TASP scores
Placement testing May 14 at 9a.m. and 1:30p.m. Contact the counseling office at 573-8511 ext. 313



OAP WINNERS – Hermleigh High School's one-act play, ***Daddy's Dying (Who's Got The Will?)*** won zone competition Monday and advanced to the district contest Thursday at Dawson High School. From left, back row, Dustin Williamson, Brittainy Jones, Janet Eckert, Sabrina Terry, Terrel Culp. Zone acting awards were awarded to front row, from left, Justin Williamson, honorable mention all-star cast; Chris Bilberry, all-star cast; Lori Eckert, best actress; and Billy Lambaren, all-star cast. Sheena Callaway, not pictured, received honorable mention all-star cast. District acting awards were presented to Callaway, all-star cast; and Bilberry and Janet Eckert, honorable mention all-star cast. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

Injured girl testifies at man's trial

CHICAGO (AP) — She was raped, beaten, and had roach killer poured down her throat in an attack that left her 9-year-old body blind, crippled and mute.

Four years later, seated in a wheelchair with her arms useless in front of her, the now-13-year-old known as Girl X used head and eye movements to testify against the man accused of attacking her, Patrick Sykes.

"Did he pull out a knife?" prosecutor Anita Alvarez asked.

The girl looked upward to indicate "yes."

With the aid of a speech therapist, the victim indicated she had gone up a stairwell in one of the city's most notorious housing project and met a man on the fifth floor who lured her into an apartment by offering her a banana.

If the questions required more than a yes or no response, letters of the alphabet were read out until the girl responded.

Slowly, the girl told how her assailant forced her into a bedroom and on the bed. She indicated she had seen the man around the crime-ridden Cabrini-Green complex where she lived. The apartment was No. 504, the unit rented by the girlfriend of defendant, she said.

"The defendant grabbed her and the unspeakable horror was on — the acts that turned (her) into Girl X, a speechless, crippled and blind child," prosecutor William O'Brien said as the trial opened. "He took her dignity, he took her sight, he took her speech, he took her ability to move, to reach and to walk, and he almost took her life."

Sykes, 29, is charged with predatory criminal sexual assault, aggravated kidnapping and attempted murder in the Jan. 9, 1997 attack. Girl X was the third witness called at his trial. She did not identify Sykes by name.

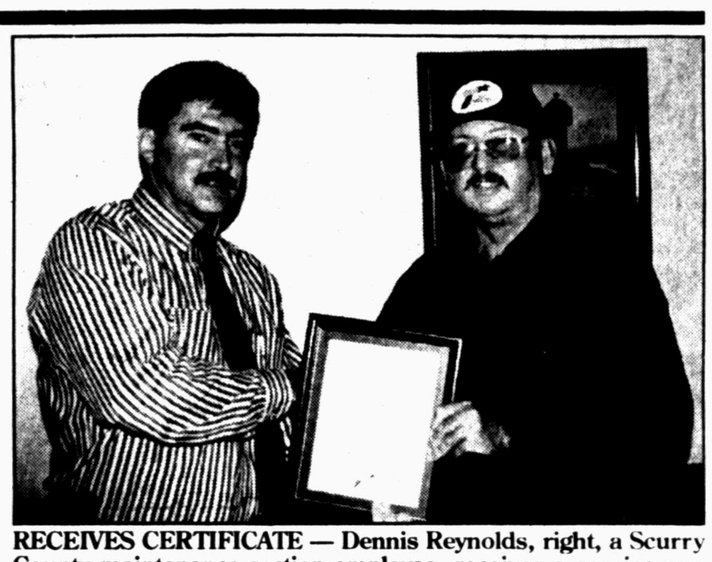
O'Brien acknowledged that police, who arrested Sykes nearly three months after the attack and following 21/2 days of interrogation, made "missteps" and that no physical evidence links Sykes to the girl.

O'Brien said Sykes confessed to detectives during the questioning.

But defense attorney Robert Byman told jurors his client suffered an epileptic seizure under interrogation and could remember nothing of any confession.

Byman acknowledged that what happened to the child was "a terrible, vicious and brutal attack." But he said 130 tests made by the police crime lab and others had failed to produce any physical evidence against Sykes.

He also noted that hairs found on the girl, who was left in a foul-smelling stairwell with graffiti scrawled on her body, were not those of Sykes.



RECEIVES CERTIFICATE — Dennis Reynolds, right, a Scurry County maintenance section employee, receives a service certificate from Bill Hale during a recent supervisors meeting in Abilene. Reynolds, a maintenance technician, was presented the award to honor his 20 years of service with the Texas Department of Transportation. Reynolds received a large belt buckle, old style pin and a certificate and frame. Hale is the Abilene district engineer. (TxDOT Photo by Mary Beth Kilgore.)

Couple sues Tailhook for alleged harassment

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A husband and wife have sued the Tailhook Association and a Nevada hotel for alleged sexual harassment during the naval aviators' convention last August.

Navy investigators have said they found no basis for the allegations, but the couple's lawyer said that would not hinder the suit filed Thursday in San Francisco Superior Court.

"The Navy's interested in performing an investigation that clears all their personnel," attorney Martin Glickfeld said.

The association had not been served Friday with the suit, executive director J.R. Davis said.

"We kind of thought this was all over and done with because of the investigations," he said.

Cynthia and Kenneth Ridenour claim they were verbally harassed and she was groped by convention participants when they returned to their Nugget Hotel room, which was on the same floor as the convention.

They said conventioneers pounded on their door and made countless phone calls to the room throughout the night. The couple said they reported the disturbances to the hotel, located in Sparks, but employees did nothing.

The couple is seeking $10 million in punitive damages.

Police have said the couple refused to sign a formal complaint or be interviewed after they learned the alleged incident had been caught by a security camera. Glickfeld said they have not yet seen it.

Mike Greenan, public relations manager for John Ascuaga's Nugget, said Friday that hotel security "responded quickly and appropriately" the night of the alleged incident.

The Tailhook Association is scheduled to return to the hotel for its annual convention this year and next. "They're a great group and we always look forward to having them back," he said.

A 1991 Tailhook convention was marred by drunken debauchery, property damage and sexual assaults. Afterward, the Navy severed its ties to the group. Last year, the Navy decided to resume sponsoring active-duty Navy and Marine Corps aviators' attendance at the annual gathering, which is a combination of aviation seminars, industry exhibits, parties, banquets and outdoor activities.

WTC to present guitar concert on Wednesday

Western Texas College will present Tre Guitarra and James Bogle in concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Fine Arts Theatre.

Admission is free, although contributions to the performers' travel fund are welcome.

The four guitarists will perform works by J.S. Bach, J.K. Merts, Isaac Albeniz, Leo Brouwer, Astor Piazzola, Nikita Koshkin and Jose Lezcano.Milen Parashkevov, born in Shumen, Bulgaria in 1973, began studying guitar in 1984.

He has performed at festivals throughout Europe and recently in the U.S. From 1992-1998 he was a scholarship student at the Mozarteum Conservatory in Salzburg, Austria, where he studied with Joaquin Clerch and Eliot Fisk.

In 1995, he met Dr. James Bogle at a festival in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, at which he as a winner in the international performance competition. Since 2000 he has been a graduate teaching assistant at Texas Tech.YueShiang Tang was born in Ipoh, Malaysia, in 1976 and began studying guitar in 1992.

He also studied in Kuala Lumpur from 1994-96. He moved to Corpus Christi in 1997 to study with Philip Hii and graduated cum laude from Texas A&M University Corpus Christi in 1999.

He has performed in master classes held by such notable artists as Pepe Romero, Eduardo Fernandez, and Ricardo Cobo.

He is presently a graduate teaching assistant at Tech.Rade Amanovic was born in Kujazevac, Yugoslavia in 1978. He studied guitar with Uros Dojinovi at theJosip Slovenski Conservatory in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

In May, 1996, he was a prize winner at an international performance competition in Russia, where he met Dr. James Bogle.

In July, 1996 he moved to Lubbock to continue his studies. He was a semi-finalist in the Manuel Ponce Guitar Competition in Mexico City in 1998. In January he became a graduate teaching assistant at Texas Tech.

James Bogle has performed professionally since 1960. He has won first prize in performance and composition competitions and since 1976 has been director of the guitar program at Tech.

His current and former students perform, teach, and have won top prizes in world-wide competitions.

In the summer of 1995 he and five of his students recorded a compact disc in Paris of the duets Fernando Sor composed while Sor resided in Paris. His doctoral dissertation was the first to deal with playing the music of J.S. Bach on guitar.

He has performed, taught master classes, lectured, judged competitions, and had his compositions performed in the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Russia, Italy, Canada, Mexico, Yugoslavia, and the U.S.

In 1995, Bogle became chair of the string division of the Texas Tech School of Music which includes violin, viola, violoncello, bass, harp, and guitar.

He was Festival Director of the Guitar Foundation of America Festival '89 and has held the position of Symposium Director, NationalChairman, and advisory board member with the American String Teachers Association guitar division.

'Variety' will charge for online access

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The venerable entertainment trade publication Variety has begun charging readers of its online edition.

The move to make Variety.com a subscription-driven service was months in the making. It went into effect Tuesday night, the same time Variety launched a redesigned version of its Web site.

"There is a lot of value in our content," said Henry Shapiro, vice president and general manager for Variety.com. "We believe customers should pay for our stories whether it's online or in print."

The site, which once allowed users to read stories for free, now charges $59 per year for unlimited access. Monthly subscriptions are available for $12.95, or people may buy daily access for $2.95.

Shapiro added that customers who subscribe to the print edition will also be able to access the online edition. He doesn't believe the magazine will lose any online readers.

"We are aware of that risk but think the audience will continue to view the stories at our site," he said Friday. "People willing to pay for access are the people we are seeking to reach."

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Gaylon Boyd, ER Tech & Medical III Ward Clerk Employee of the Month March 2001



Gaylon Boyd, ER Tech and Medical III Ward Clerk was nominated and selected as Cogdell Hospital's Employee of the Month for March 2001.

Gaylon graduated from Snyder High School and later attended classes at WTC. His wife Deborah is Scurry County Justice of the Peace, and they have four children: Samantha Campbell is 24 years old, Ben is 21, Matt is 19 and attends WTC, and April Beth, 12, is a student at West Elementary. Gaylon and Deborah also have one grandson, Shawn.

Gaylon is a busy man. Aside from his duties here at CMH and family responsibilities, he is also taking 17 hours of college. In May he will become a Licensed Paramedic and will receive an Associates Degree in Emergency Medicine. He is also completing his prerequisites to attend Physicians Assistant school next spring. When all that is out of the way, Gaylon plans to return to Snyder and practice here.

Believe it or not, Gaylon actually finds time for leisure activities. When not at work or college he enjoys golfing and horseback riding. He also enjoys listening to Christian music and watching action/adventure movies. His favorite TV show is, of course, ER.

Gaylon has been an employee at Cogdell since 1999, and he says the most rewarding aspect of his job is: "I get to work with wonderful people and help patients get the treatment they need in our ER and on Med. III."

A coworker stated that Gaylon is "one of the hardest workers at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. He's always helpful and willing to do more of his share without question or hesitation."

We salute Gaylon Boyd, our very own "action/adventure" hero.

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Stanfield jumps rope for heart

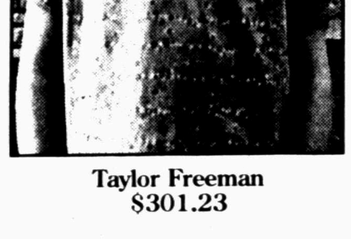
Stanfield Elementary students recently raised $4,700 for the American Heart Association through its annual Jump Rope For Heart fundraiser.

Taylor Freeman raised the most money, $301.23, and Jeffrey Stewart was a close second with $300.

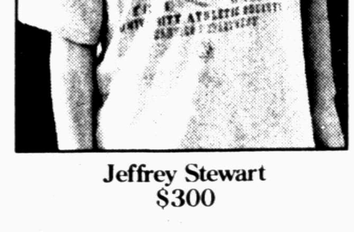
In third place is Audriana Rascon with $200; fourth went to Collin Parsons with $145. Others include Paden Kinney, fifth place with $135.10. Roman Romero was sixth with $130. Shawn Burns earned $95 for seventh place, followed by Tai Dean in eighth place with $87.30. Scott Smith brought in $87 for ninth place, and Lupe Garza was 10th place with $78.67.



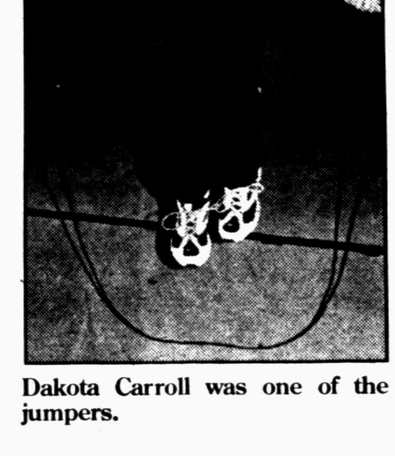
Top money makers



Taylor Freeman
$301.23



Jeffrey Stewart
$300



Dakota Carroll was one of the jumpers.



Jumpers included Laura Reigh (above) and Heather Crawford (left).



TOP TEN — The top ten money makers in Stanfield Elementary's Jump Rope For Heart are from left, front row, Taylor Freeman, Jeffrey Stewart, Audriana Rascon, Collin Parsons, Paden Kinney; back row, Roman Romero, Shawn Burns, Tai Dean, Scott Smith, Lupe Garza.

SDN Photos By Shirley A. Gorman

Census records growth

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Suburban areas near Seattle and Portland, Ore., and the popular San Juan Islands led the state in population growth over the last decade, according to census figures released Friday.

That Clark County topped the list didn't surprise Gary Tichenor, a middle school principal in Vancouver, just across the Columbia River from Portland. He can measure the county's 45 percent growth rate in the time he spends in traffic.

Freeways that used to be wide-open shortcuts are often gridlocked. A once-quiet intersection near his home is now crowded with hotels, minimarts and department stores.

"I suppose you don't have to drive as far to Hollywood Video, or to go to the movies, and there are more food options in terms of restaurants," Tichenor said. "But sometimes you'd trade those for peace and quiet."

Overall, the state population grew 21 percent during the 1990s to 5.9 million last year.

King County, the most populous and politically powerful county in Washington, grew by only 15 percent, but three counties north of the city all were in the top 10 in population growth. San Juan County, home to the islands popular with vacationers and retirees, swelled by 40 percent.

Eastern Washington did better in the 1990s than it did in the previous decade, state demographer Theresa Lowe said. In two counties, Franklin and Adams, people who identify themselves as Hispanic make up 47 percent of the population.

Overall, the number of Hispanics in the state doubled during the last decade as many, lured by jobs in agriculture and food processing plants, continue to flood the area.

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Bush defends tax cut plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush told Americans on Saturday that Congress will squander the nation's budget surpluses unless his tax-cutting, budget-tightening plans are adopted.

"If you send it, they will spend it," he said.

Bush has proposed limiting government growth by 4 percent and cutting taxes by at least $1.6 trillion over 10 years. Senate Republicans on Friday discussed adding $60 billion to Bush's tax-cut package, and the White House signaled its approval.

Bush used his weekly radio address, taped Friday, to promote an administration budget blueprint that includes increases in education and Medicare but would force cuts in agriculture, energy and other areas.

"Think about it: For the past few years, average hourly wages have risen at a rate of 4 percent. If the taxpayer can get by on a 4 percent raise, the tax collector ought to be able to make do with 4 percent as well," the president said.

He said federal discretionary spending grew by 8 percent a year ago. "If this spending spree were to continue, we would drain the surplus by funding a permanently larger government," he said. "This would be bad for the taxpayer, and bad for the economy."

Bush has traveled to more than a dozen key political states since unveiling his economic plan, hoping to push wavering lawmakers to his side. He visited Maine on Friday and plans to travel to Missouri, Montana and Michigan next week. Aides also were preparing for what they said may be a major economic address Tuesday.

In his travels, Bush tries to counter Democratic claims that his budget and tax policies favor the rich and jeopardize the surpluses.

"When money is left in Washington, there is a tremendous temptation for the government to use it," the president said. "The point is simple: If you send it, they will spend it. And this is why we need a balanced approach of moderate spending growth, debt reduction and meaningful tax relief."

With the economy faltering, congressional Democrats and Republicans are rallying around the idea of some tax relief this year. But they disagree on whether to pass cuts for 2001 as a stand-alone bill or attach them to Bush's 10-year, across-the-board income tax cuts.



BROWN HONORED — Western Texas College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Psi Zeta, was honored with several awards at the regional convention in El Paso. Donny Brown (left) received the Appreciation Award for A Friend of Texas Phi Theta Kappa from Dr. Mary Hood, regional PTK coordinator. Also pictured is PTK member Justin Guy. The local chapter also received awards for attaining the Texas Region Five-Star Status and Outstanding Achievement in the Service Hallmark. Individual honors included the Horizon Award to Jennifer Beard and a Members Hall of Honor medallion to Reid Johnson. (Contributed Photo)

Financial Focus

When Considering Stocks, Look Closely at Earnings

It seems logical to assume that those companies that actually earn money are good prospects for investors. But not everyone thinks that way.

For example, many people invested in the so-called "dot-com" stocks when they first came on the market. And as soon as some of these dot-coms were introduced their stock prices took off. Even while that was happening, however, these same companies were actually losing money, quarter after quarter. Yet, even more investors swarmed to them, attracted by their impressive sales and their very presence in a fast-growing market. The great interest in these stocks drove their prices up.

The end result was a group of stocks selling for extraordinarily high prices. That means investors were willing to pay ultra-high premiums for the privilege of owning these stocks.

When reality set in, and the high prices could not be sustained, Many investors realized the importance of earnings when evaluating stock performances. Like the race between the tortoise and the hare, an approach that's slow and steady will often provide better results than one that's fast and erratic.

The dot-com example illustrates that earnings — or lack thereof — are important to a stock's success. But the earnings issue may not be as clear-cut as you'd imagine. When looking at a company's earnings, keep two things in mind:

• Strong companies can still show poor earnings results. A company's earnings results can suffer from any of a variety of factors: an economic slowdown, product difficulties, etc. For strong companies, problems like these may often be temporary — and a solid company with strong fundamentals can usually overcome them. As an investor, you need the ability to look past a bad earnings report and see a company for what it truly is.

• The market may not immediately reward companies with strong earnings reports. Even if a company turns in a good earnings report, its stock price may not rise. Why? Because the market focuses its attention on tomorrow's earnings more than today's. The market typically looks ahead at the factors that may be affecting next quarter's — and next year's — earnings. Are the company's products well positioned for the future? Does its management have a clear sense of where it wants to go? Looking at the bigger picture, is the Federal Reserve likely to cut interest rates? And will consumer spending remain strong?

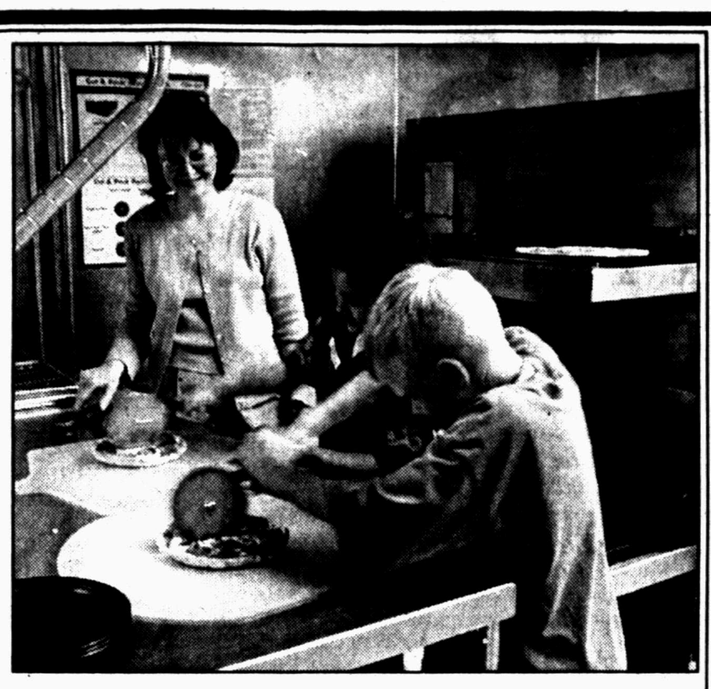
These are the sort of questions that the market needs answered before it expresses its confidence in stocks, in the form of higher prices. Nonetheless, you still need to look closely at a prospective stock's earnings. If they're weak, try to find out the cause. Is it temporary, or does the company have real, long-lasting problems? If earnings are strong, try to determine if they're going to stay that way.

You can learn a lot about a company by looking at its earnings. It may take a little time, but, if you want to be an informed investor, the extra effort is worth it.

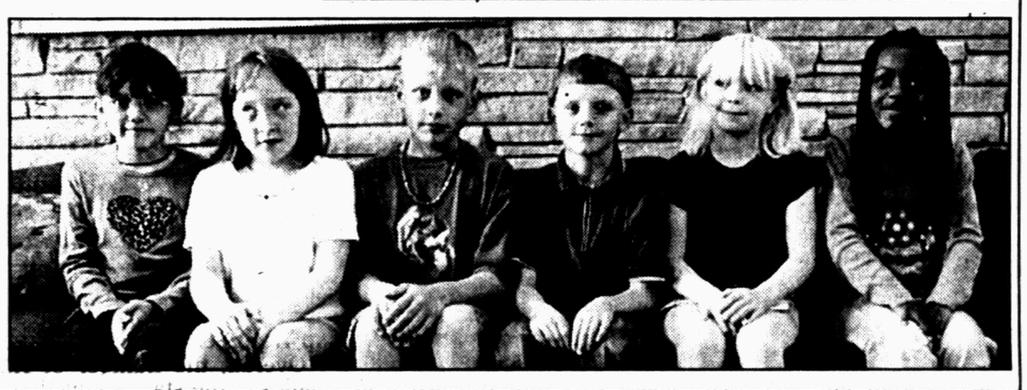
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Stanfield Accelerated Reader rewards







AR RECOGNITION – Stanfield students recently received recognition in the Accelerated Reader program. Students in the bottom photo who have 130 points are from left, Priscilla Molinar, Alexis Morgan, Dakota Carroll, Jacob Breedlove, Ally Cooper, Brianna Rose. Students with 120 points got a pizza treat at Pizza Inn. Brianna Rose, Ally Cooper, Lillianna Hernandez, Roxana Arellano, Jacob Breedlove, Dakota Carroll and Brandon Medrano (middle photo) listened attentively while Karen Herrley explained all about pizzas. Brandon Medrano, left, and Dakota Carroll (top photo) enjoyed cutting their pizzas under the supervision of Mrs. Herrley. Pizza Inn is one of Stanfield's adopt-a-school partners. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Feed mills still breaking mad cow rules, FDA official reports

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of feed mills are still breaking rules meant to control the spread of mad cow disease, although compliance has improved since the government began re-inspecting some plants in January, federal officials said Friday.

Growing pressure from the meatpacking and fast-food industries should help force feed companies into compliance, said George Mitchell, a senior official with the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Veterinary Association.

"It won't hurt. It's going to elevate awareness" of the regulations, Mitchell said.

McDonald's Corp. has given its meat suppliers until April 1 to certify that the cattle they buy were fed in accordance to FDA regulations. Now, meatpackers, cattle producers and feed mills are all developing certification programs designed to show they are compliance with the rules.

FDA outlawed the feeding of mammalian meat and bone meal to cattle, sheep and goats in 1997 and imposed a series of rules to ensure that feed mills comply with the ban. The feed regulations are designed to keep the brain-wasting disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy otherwise known as mad cow, from spreading if it ever reaches this country. The disease has devastated the beef industry in Europe but has not been found in the United States.

Thirteen percent of 397 feed mills that are licensed by FDA and also process meat and bone meal have no system for preventing those products from being mixed with other ingredients, the agency said Friday. Fifteen percent were not using required warning labels, the agency reported. Mills must be licensed by FDA if they add medications to feed.

There are another 1,829 unlicensed feed mills that handle meat and bone meal, and a third of them did not comply with the labeling requirement. Eighteen percent did not have systems to prevent mixups in feed ingredients, the agency said.

FDA found higher compliance rates among animal rendering plants, which supply meat and bone meal to feed mills.

Since January, the agency has re-inspected about 157 feed mills and rendering plants and one, a rendering facility, was still out of compliance, Mitchell said.

The feed industry has developed a voluntary certification program for mills that want to document for customers they are adhering to the FDA rules. Inspections of participating mills are expected to start next week, said David Bossman, president of the American Feed Industry Association.

"If all of the meat buyers demand certification, nearly all of the feed mills will have certification," Bossman said at a conference sponsored by the meatpacking industry.

The industry group also has adopted new voluntary safeguards for feed makers that include removing all cattle and sheep products from plants that make cattle feed.

That move was intended to prevent a repeat of an incident in January when 1,200 Texas cattle were quarantined after they ate animal feed containing the banned ingredients. The feed maker, Purina Mills, said it may have mistakenly mixed meat bone meal into a cow feed supplement.

Turner selling WCW to WWF

ATLANTA (AP) — The World Wrestling Federation is buying the ailing World Championship Wrestling business from AOL Time Warner Inc., ending an intense rivalry that has inflamed professional wrestling fans for nearly 20 years.

WCW, a division of AOL's Turner Broadcasting System Inc., had been planning to stop production after Monday night, but the deal announced Friday gives it new life. Terms were not disclosed.

WWF, whose Monday show is the top-rated program on cable TV, said it will produce new WCW programming to run on The National Network cable channel.

"This is a smart business decision and a good investment for us," said Linda McMahon, chief executive of World Wrestling Federation Entertainment Inc., which also owns the XFL in a partnership with NBC. "We're grabbing it because it is simply that kind of opportunity."

Fans of the two wrestling rivals have debated for years about which company's wrestlers were tougher, and WWF said they would start "cross-brand story lines" soon.

That means Goldberg, a wild-eyed, bald, goatee-wearing WCW star, could be matched against "Stone Cold" Steve Austin, a wild-eyed, bald, goatee-wearing wrestler for WWF.

McMahon declined to say which WCW performers would be offered work.

The sale eventually could lead to the return of Hulk Hogan, the biggest name in wrestling. Hogan rose to fame with the WWF and moved to Turner, which paid him more, in the 1990s. He has been off the air since July and has sued Turner, alleging defamation.

Turner had been looking for a buyer for the WCW, which lost an estimated $80 million in 2000, since last summer. A deal with Fusient Media Ventures, a New York media investment company, fell through after Turner decided to stop airing pro wrestling on its networks.

"We think the WCW has found its proper home now," Turner spokesman Jim Weiss said.

Wade Keller, editor of the Pro Wrestling Torch, a pro wrestling newsletter, said the deal will help the WWF freshen its story lines and inject new talent.

The WCW still has several other well-known names, including Rowdy Roddy Piper and Ric Flair as well as Hogan and Goldberg. WWF stars include The Rock, The Undertaker and Chyna, a Playboy centerfold and best-selling author.

On the Net:
http://www.wcw.com
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Comair, pilots resume talks

CINCINNATI (AP) — Negotiators for Comair and the pilots' union resumed contract talks Friday as pilots for the regional airline prepared for a possible walkout just after midnight Sunday.

The talks with a federal mediator in Washington were the first since Comair pilots overwhelmingly rejected a contract offer Monday that would have given them a company-funded retirement program, which was extended last year to Comair's other employees.

It also would have increased the pay of top-scale pilots from $66,000 to $96,000. That would have been the best pay offered to any pilots in the regional airline industry, Comair management said.

But Comair's 1,350 pilots say they want the retirement plan, more rest time between flights, higher pay and the right to be paid for all hours they are on the job, not just actual flying hours.

The airline serves 95 cities in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Bahamas and carries more than 8 million passengers annually.

Comair and its chapter of the Air Line Pilots Association have been in negotiations since June 1998.

Comair, the nation's second-largest regional carrier, began canceling some flights Thursday in order to make it easier to shut down flight operations if there is a strike, management officials said.

Delta Air Lines, which owns Comair, was helping to contact passengers booked on the canceled flights so they could make other arrangements. Northwest Airlines said Friday it will honor tickets for Comair.

The pilots could go on strike Monday when a 30-day cooling-off period ends. The White House is monitoring the situation, but President Bush hasn't decided if he would move to block a strike, spokesman Scott Stanzel said.

Comair, Delta and other airlines with labor troubles are under pressure to resolve the disputes before the peak summer traveling season, said Robert Milmore, an analyst with Arnhold and S. Bleichroeder in New York.

On the Net:
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SPORTS

Snyder in title hunt at SA Relays

SAN ANGELO — After one day of competition at the San Angelo Relays, it's still anybody's race.

Snyder and district foes Estacado and Lake View were separated by only six points heading into the second day of the meet at San Angelo Stadium.

With two field events, and the running preliminaries, completed on Friday, Estacado held the top spot with 16 points, followed by Lake View with 14, and Snyder with 10.

"We're in a good position," said Snyder coach Chad Rogers. "We qualified quite a few people for the finals, and we still have some of our best field events to compete in. It's going to be a great meet."

Snyder senior Mark Medley won the discus competition with a toss of 157 feet, 11 inches. Medley has won both the discus and shot put events at all four of the Tigers' meets.

The long jump was also held on Friday, with Estacado's Donald Kinney taking the top spot.

Pole vaulters Jared Thornhill and Jesse Haines were due up Saturday morning, as were Wade Pinson in the high jump, Corey Clay in the triple jump, and Medley in the shot put.

Snyder will have its share of runners in action also.

The Tigers qualified for the running finals in nine events, including all three relays.

Snyder's 4x100-meter relay posted the second-fastest time of the day at 43.40 seconds. Pinson, Matthew Grimmett, Josh Arizmendi and Thornhill handle the duties.

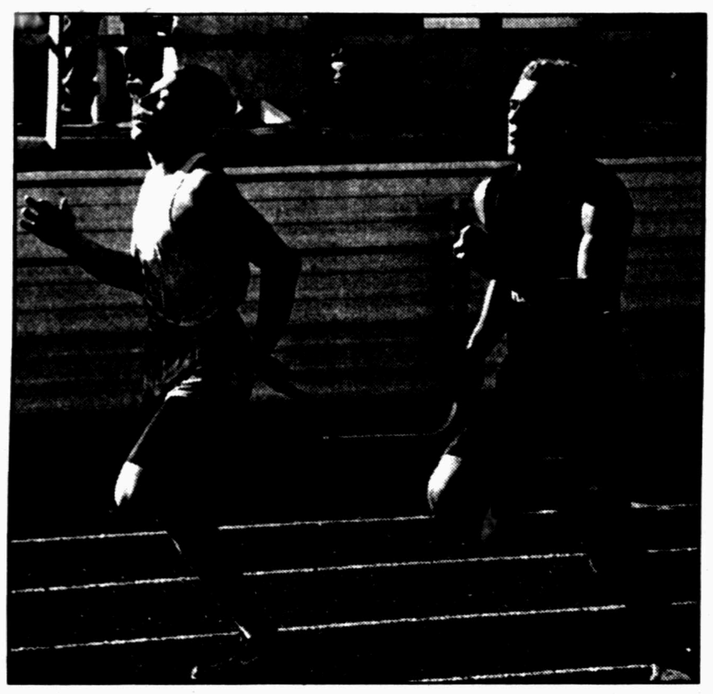
SHS advanced in the mile and two-mile relays as well.

Grimmett was clocked with the second best time in the 100 at 10.8. The SHS senior also advanced in the 200.

Pinson cruised into the finals in the 110 hurdles, as did Rudy Martinez and Charles Kerry in the mile and two mile runs. Sophomore Colby Driggers advanced in the 800.

The Tigers already have two meet titles under their belts. Snyder won Frenship's ABC Relays to start the year, then followed up with a first-place finish at the Canyon Reef Relays.

Snyder High School will host the District 4-4A meet April 12-13 at Tiger Stadium.



HEADED FOR THE WIRE — Snyder's Josh Arizmendi, right, tries to pass a Lamesa runner during the 400-meter event at the Canyon Reef Relays earlier this month. Arizmendi, and the rest of the Tiger track squad are in competition Saturday at the San Angelo Relays. (SDN Staff Photo)

Frenship tops Snyder for early district lead

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor

Heading into their district showdown with Frenship, the Snyder Tigers knew they would have to play a flawless game in the field.

As it turned out, Frenship pitcher Ken Bice made Snyder's error-free effort a moot point.

Bice registered 13 strikeouts and surrendered only four hits Friday night as Frenship toppled Snyder, 3-0, in a District 4-4A battle at Moffett Field.

The setback drops Snyder (10-5, 3-1) from the top of the standings. SHS trails Frenship (13-6, 4-0) and Andrews (12-3, 4-00 by one game.

"It's always a tight game when we play Frenship," said Snyder coach Roland Herrera. "I was real pleased with our defense, and I was proud of the way Tito (Alaniz) pitched.

"What I was disappointed in was our offensive production. I don't want to take anything away from Bice, because he threw a good game. But I don't think we were very smart at the plate."

Bice kept Snyder hitters off balance all night with a looping curveball and a fastball that seemed to overpower the SHS batters.

Snyder was retired in order in four of the seven innings and totalled only six base runners for the game.

"I don't think we were as selective as the plate as we have been in previous games," Herrera stated. "It looked like we swung at a lot of bad pitches, and watched the good ones go by. When we did get our hits, we always had one or two outs and couldn't keep it going."

Frenship wasn't much more productive at the plate, finishing with seven hits, but the visitors used their speed to make the most of their opportunities.

Frenship posted its first run in the opening frame after lead-off hitter Bryan Moore started things off with a single to left field. Moore moved to second on a sacrifice bunt, then scored on Matt Richburg's base hit up the middle.

Snyder ace Tito Alaniz threw a sparkling game, but suffered his first loss in district play. The left-hander didn't walk a batter and struck out nine.

Frenship stretched the gap to 2-0 in the second when Jeff Sutton tripled, then scored on a Josh Brazell single.

The final run of the night came in the fourth, despite only one hit in the inning. Bice led off with a single to center field, then stole second base. Following a strikeout, he moved to third on a fielder's choice. With two outs, Bice slid home on a passed ball.

Alaniz allowed only two hits over the final three innings, but Snyder got its offense on track.

Snyder left runners at second and third in the first inning, and left two more men aboard in the sixth.

In other action around the district, Andrews rolled over Big Spring, 13-5, and Plainview cruised past Estacado, 13-1. Lake View and Levelland were to have squared off Saturday afternoon.

Snyder will be back on the diamond at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Plainview.

The Tigers wrap up the first half of district play with games against Estacado and Andrews.

Frenship	ab	r	h	bi
Moore ss	4	1	1	0
Nesteby 2b	2	0	0	0
Rodriguez 1b	3	0	0	0
Richburg dh	3	0	2	1
Bice p	3	1	1	0
Callaway 3b	3	0	0	0
Sutton cf	3	1	2	0
Dunlap c	2	0	0	0
White ph	1	0	0	0
Brazell rf	3	0	1	1
Totals	**27**	**3**	**7**	**2**

Snyder	ab	r	h	bi
Mcleod cf	3	0	0	0
Pena ss	2	0	1	0
Ramon c	3	0	1	0
McGuire rf	3	0	1	0
Nunley 2b	3	0	0	0
Haines 3b	3	0	0	0
Pollard dh	3	0	0	0
Pendleton 1b	3	0	0	0
Alaniz p	2	0	1	0
Totals	**25**	**0**	**4**	**0**

Frenship	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	7	0
Snyder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0

LOB - Frenship 4, Snyder 5. 2B - Richburg. 3B - Sutton.

Frenship	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bice	7	4	0	0	1	13
Snyder	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**
Alaniz	7	7	3	3	0	9

District 4-4A Baseball

Team	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
Andrews	4	0	12	3
Frenship	4	0	13	6
Snyder	3	1	10	5
Plainview	2	2	6	8
Big Spring	1	3	7	9
Estacado	1	3	4	8
Lake View	0	3	2	10
Levelland	0	3	7	9

Friday's results: Frenship 3, Snyder 0; Andrews 13, Big Spring 5; Plainview 13, Estacado 1.

Saturday's game: Lake View at Levelland.

Knight takes Red Raiders' reins

LUBBOCK (AP) -- Bob Knight is returning to college basketball, ending his six-month exile to coach a Texas Tech team that hopes he can build a winner — and control his famous temper.

As the former Indiana University coach took the microphone Friday to make the announcement, the energy level among the 7,500 students and fans surrounding him neared the level five years ago when the Red Raiders made it to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament.

"It's the greatest thing that could happen to the program, ever," said sophomore Albert Lusky.

Knight appeared to stumble over the words "Red Raiders" a few times while referring to his new team, and he mispronounced school president David Schmidly's name several times.

But in a flash of his traditional self-confidence, Knight said: "I'm not right all of the time, but when it comes to this game, I'm right most of the time."

After missing his first college season since 1963, Knight signed a 5-year deal worth more than $4.5 million.

Athletic director Gerald Myers told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal that Knight's annual compensation will include $250,000 in base salary, $150,000 in deferred income and a minimum of $500,000 in guaranteed outside income, including speaking engagements and shoe and radio deals.

Myers said Knight offered to "work for nothing" the first year, but will receive $12,000 to qualify for university benefits. The other $238,000 of his base annual salary for 2000 will be deferred until after Knight leaves Texas Tech, Myers told the newspaper, increasing the total of deferred money over five years to $988,000.

Myers said unlike other Texas Tech coaches, Knight will receive no incentive-based bonuses because he felt "those things are things you're expected to do."

The announcement was not as enthusiastically received in Indiana, where some still bemoan Knight's departure.

The coach's well-known temper, outbursts and chair-throwing contributed to his firing in September from Indiana, where he had coached the Hoosiers to three national titles.

The fiery coach had asked fans to stay for the news conference and encouraged them to react to questions.

Knight said his first Red Raiders basketball practice would be at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Knight, 60, was Texas Tech's only serious candidate to replace James Dickey.

Ira falls to Cross Plains

ABILENE — The second-ranked Cross Plains Buffaloes got a scare from the Ira Bulldogs.

Cross Plains managed only six hits, but was able to hold off Ira, 5-3, in non-district baseball action at McMurry University.

Bulldog pitcher Eric Dickerhoff limited the Buffaloes offensive production, but Cross Plains made the most of it. Of the Buffaloes six hits, there were two triples and a double.

Both squads posted a run in the opening frame, before Cross Plains grabbed the lead with two more in the third.

The Bulldogs knotted the tally at 3-3 in the top of the fifth, before the Buffaloes grabbed the lead for good with a pair of runs in the bottom of the inning.

Ira managed just four hits on the day. Josh Gutierrez and Jerry Jamison doubled for the Bulldogs.

National Basketball Association

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Philadelphia	48	21	.696	—
Miami	41	27	.603	6½
New York	41	27	.603	6½
Orlando	37	32	.536	11
Boston	30	38	.441	17½
New Jersey	24	48	.333	25½
Washington	17	52	.246	31

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	43	25	.632	—
Charlotte	40	29	.580	3½
Toronto	37	32	.536	6½
Indiana	31	37	.456	12
Cleveland	25	43	.368	18
Detroit	25	44	.362	18½
Atlanta	21	49	.300	23
Chicago	12	56	.176	31

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	49	20	.710	—
Utah	46	21	.687	2
Dallas	43	25	.632	5½
Minnesota	41	28	.594	8
Houston	38	31	.551	11
Denver	33	36	.478	16
Vancouver	20	51	.282	30

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	46	21	.687	—
L.A. Lakers	46	23	.667	1
Portland	45	24	.652	2
Phoenix	41	27	.603	5½
Seattle	37	34	.521	11
L.A. Clippers	25	45	.357	22½
Golden State	16	52	.235	30½

x-clinched playoff spot

Thursday's Games

San Antonio 115, Atlanta 101
Cleveland 109, Vancouver 95
Boston 113, New Jersey 98
Portland 101, Utah 99
Phoenix 91, Seattle 88
Sacramento 103, Detroit 98
L.A. Clippers 97, Houston 92

Friday's Games

Toronto 112, Atlanta 86
Indiana 95, Vancouver 75
New Jersey 95, New York 86
Minnesota 101, Denver 90
Chicago 93, Charlotte 90, OT
Milwaukee 115, Orlando 103
Phoenix 84, Philadelphia 71
L.A. Lakers 104, Washington 91

Saturday's Games

Denver at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Washington at Utah, 9 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Detroit at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

San Antonio at Miami, 12 p.m.
Vancouver at Toronto, 12 p.m.
Indiana at Orlando, 12 p.m.
Chicago at Boston, 3 p.m.
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 2:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 6:30 p.m.

Men's NCAA Basketball Tournament

All Times EST
EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 15
At Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum
Uniondale, N.Y.
Kentucky 72, Holy Cross 68
Iowa 69, Creighton 56
Boston College 68, Southern Utah 65
Southern California 69, Oklahoma State 54
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Utah State 77, Ohio State 68, OT
UCLA 61, Hofstra 48
Duke 95, Monmouth, N.J. 52
Missouri 70, Georgia 68
Second Round
Saturday, March 17
At Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum
Uniondale, N.Y.
Southern California 74, Boston College 71
Kentucky 92, Iowa 79
At Greensboro Coliseum
Greensboro, N.C.
Duke 94, Missouri 81
UCLA 75, Utah State 50
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 22
At First Union Center
Philadelphia
Southern California 80, Kentucky 76
Duke 76, UCLA 63
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24
Southern California (24-9) vs. Duke (32-4), 7 p.m.

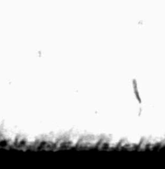
SOUTH REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 16
At The Pyramid
Memphis, Tenn.
Gonzaga 86, Virginia 65
Indiana State 70, Oklahoma 68
Michigan State 69, Alabama State 35
Fresno State 82, California 70
At The Louisiana Superdome
New Orleans
Temple 79, Texas 65
Florida 69, Western Kentucky 56
Penn State 69, Providence 59
North Carolina 70, Princeton 48
Second Round
Sunday, March 18
At The Pyramid
Memphis, Tenn.
Gonzaga 85, Indiana State 68
Michigan State 81, Fresno State 65
At The Louisiana Superdome
New Orleans
Temple 75, Florida 54
Penn State 82, North Carolina 74
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 23
At The Georgia Dome
Atlanta
Michigan State 77, Gonzaga 62
Temple 84, Penn State 72
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
Michigan State (27-4) vs. Temple (24-12), 2:40 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 16
At University of Dayton Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Illinois 96, Northwestern State 54
Charlotte 70, Tennessee 63
Kansas 99, Cal State Northridge 75
Syracuse 79, Hawaii 69
At Kemper Arena
Kansas City, Mo.
Butler 79, Wake Forest 63
Arizona 101, Eastern Illinois 76
Mississippi 72, Iona 70
Notre Dame 83, Xavier 71
Second Round
Sunday, March 18
At University of Dayton Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Kansas 87, Syracuse 58
Illinois 79, Charlotte 61
At Kemper Arena
Kansas City, Mo.
Arizona 73, Butler 52
Mississippi 59, Notre Dame 56
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 23
At The Alamodome
San Antonio
Illinois 80, Kansas 64
Arizona 66, Mississippi 56
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 25
Arizona (26-7) vs. Illinois (27-7), 5 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 15
At Cox Arena at Aztec Bowl
San Diego
St. Joseph's 66, Georgia Tech 62
Stanford 89, North Carolina-Greensboro 60
Kent State 77, Indiana 73
Cincinnati 84, Brigham Young 59
At BSU Pavilion
Boise, Idaho
Georgia State 50, Wisconsin 49
Maryland 83, George Mason 80
Georgetown 63, Arkansas 61
Hampton 58, Iowa State 57
Second Round
Saturday, March 17
At Cox Arena at Aztec Bowl
San Diego
Cincinnati 66, Kent State 43
Stanford 90, St. Joseph's 83
At BSU Pavilion
Boise, Idaho
Maryland 79, Georgia State 60
Georgetown 76, Hampton 57
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 22
At Arrowhead Pond
Anaheim, Calif.
Maryland 76, Georgetown 66
Stanford 78, Cincinnati 65
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 24
Maryland (24-10) vs. Stanford (31-2), 4:40 p.m.

THE FINAL FOUR
At The Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome
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National Semifinals
Saturday, March 31
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National Championship
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SPORTS

SHS coach receives state honor...

Hard work built Glenn's success

By Eric Drennan
Sports Editor



JUST LIKE THAT — Snyder High School golf coach Matt Glenn works with Andra Lancaster on the driving range Friday in preparation for Saturday's opening leg of the district season. Glenn, was recently named Texas high school girls' golf coach of the year. (SDN Staff Photo)

For a small-town native, who had only one club when he picked up the game at age 11, Matt Glenn has come a long way in the golfing world.

Glenn, who heads up the golf program at Snyder High School, has been named Texas high school girls' golf coach of the year by the National Federation Coaches Association.

The federation, which is headquartered in Indianapolis, Ind., selects only one coach from each state in every sport, and voted Glenn to receive the honor based on "his contributions to high school athletics and the youth of Texas."

Glenn played in four state tournaments for Throckmorton, and has led the Lady Tigers to seven consecutive state appearances, but ranks this award as his highest honor.

"This is the biggest honor I've ever received," said Glenn, now in his 10th year at SHS. "I've always thought that hard work was the key to success, so we put a lot of effort into our golf program.

"At the start of every year, I tell the kids that I'm going to give them 100 percent, so I expect the same out of them."

There isn't much Glenn hasn't seen on the golf course, even though he didn't start playing until age 11. He grew up less than a 100 yards from Throckmorton Country Club, and played his first rounds with only a 7-iron.

"Throckmorton always had good high school teams back then, so all of my friends had older brothers who played," Glenn recalls. "My friends would ask me to go with them, but I didn't have any clubs. When my mother found out that all my friends were playing, she bought me a 7-iron.

"I enjoyed playing baseball more back then, so I started off by hitting golf balls off of home plate. I'd try to hit them over the fence like home runs. It just kind of grew from there."

Glenn blossomed into one of the state's best high school golfers, leading Throckmorton to three runner-up finishes in Austin and one state title.

Glenn played at South Plains College, followed by brief stints on the Texas Tech squad and on the Hogan Tour. After graduating from Tech, he was hired by Snyder to coach girls' golf, and junior high football and basketball.

Glenn now credits some of his success to the past coaching experience in football.

"My first job as a coach was in Coach (David) Baugh's football program, and I think it helped me a lot as a coach," Glenn stated. "I also did my student teaching under Bobby Moegle at Lubbock Monterey, and I learned a lot from him.

"Typically, a golf coach's mentality is different than that of a football or baseball coach, but I think my philosophy is very similar to Coach Baugh's and Coach Moegle's."

Baugh remembers hiring Glenn, and is glad he made the choice 10 years ago.

"I hired Matt at the Lubbock Plaza hotel during coaching school," Baugh remarked. "It turned out to be a good decision. He's very deserving of this award. He has built our golf program to compete on the highest possible level, and that's one of the best things you can say about a coach."

The SHS coach also lists his father, Jimmy Glenn, and his wife Kori as large influences.

"My dad doesn't say a whole lot," Glenn explained. "I'm the talkative one. But when he does say something, you'd better be listening.

"And Kori is the person who helps me keep a level head. She sees things with a different perspective, and has made a lot of good decisions that I've received credit for."

While his energy is focused on coaching these days, Glenn still hasn't lost his touch on the course, and says his playing experience has helped him relate to his team.

"I still love to play the game. I always have," Glenn said. "And it has helped me tremendously as a coach, because everything my players are going through, I can say I've been there.

"I know what it's like to struggle at times, and I know what it's like to play well. So anytime a player comes up with a problem, I think back to when I had the same problem."

Glenn, who now coaches the SHS boys as well as the girls, continues to work at building Snyder's program, rather than relying on past success.

"I'm more patient now than when I first started coaching," he said. "And I'm more goal oriented. We still have some goals that we haven't accomplished, so we're going to keep working until we achieve them.

"I care about my players, so I know how they feel when we don't win. It hurts. I don't want my players to feel that way, so I try to help them be the best golfers they can be."

It's that philosophy that has built Snyder into one of the most respected golf programs in the state.

Glenn could get caught up in all the success he's achieved, and great teams he's molded, but he doesn't.

Because deep inside, he's still that 11-year-old boy hitting golf balls off of home plate. Titles come and go, but it's the thrill of the game, and the friendships that are built that survive.

Lady Tigers pummel Lubbock Estacado

LUBBOCK — With Tuesday's showdown with Andrews looming on the horizon, the Snyder Lady Tigers used Friday's meeting with Lubbock Estacado as a tune-up.

Snyder hammered the Estacado Lady Matadors, 25-1, to stay in a second-place tie with Andrews in the district standings.

The Lady Tigers are 12-10 on the year and 5-1 in league competition. Tuesday's matchup with the Lady Mustangs is slated for 6 p.m. at Cates Field.

Against the Lady Matadors, Snyder pitcher Ashley Martinez overpowered the Estacado hitters.

At the plate, the Lady Tigers built a 14-0 lead in the first two innings and never looked back.

Snyder's offensive onslaught was fueled by senior center fielder Cameron Mackey, who blasted a home run for the third consecutive game.

Snyder's only district setback came at the hands of Big Spring, who remains undefeated in league action.

Tuesday's contest with Andrews marks the end of the first half of 4-4A play.

The Lady Tigers will host host Levelland on Friday.

Snyder's rematch with Big Sprring is scheduled for April 10 at Cates Field.

WTC riders shine in rodeo's first round

ODESSA — After an impressive performance in the first round, Western Texas College hopes to continue its success in the finals of the Odessa College Rodeo.

Western Texas sent nine men and four women to Saturday night's final round, giving both WTC squads a chance at the title.

The WTC men, who trail Tarleton in the overall regional standings, were spurred by their efforts in the bareback riding. Tyson Thompson won the first round with a score of 74, while teammate B.J. Scott took second with a 73.

In the saddle bronc event, Rawley McFarland's ride of 72 gave him the runner-up spot, followed by J.W. Todd in third. Todd also qualified seventh in the steer wrestling.

Bull riders Steven Turner and Wes Dinwiddie earned spots in the short round as well. Turner was second in the long round with a 73, while Dinwiddie was fifth with a score of 71.

Calf roper Dusty Arriot qualified third for the finals, and Joseph Gernantz was eighth in the team roping.

In the women's competition, barrel racer Jamie Standifer led the Lady Westerners' effort in the first round. Standifer posted a time of 16.01 seconds to finish third, while Shain Pickard was 10th.

In the goat tying, Margaret Jamison was sixth, and Jennifer Freeland was 10th.

Following Saturday night's final round, Western Texas will be in competition again Thursday at the Howard College rodeo in Big Spring.

Lady Raiders' coach will get new contract

LUBBOCK (AP) — A five-year, $4.5 million deal for Bobby Knight as the new men's basketball coach at Texas Tech means a likely pay boost for women's coach Marsha Sharp.

Sharp, Tech's coach since 1982, earns $200,000 in base salary and $200,000 in guaranteed outcome income, which was on par with what Knight's predecessor, James Dickey got.

"We'll be taking care of (Sharp's contract)," athletic director Gerald Myers said Friday.

"Marsha Sharp has done a fantastic job. She's been a coach we all can appreciate. We're going to show our appreciation. We'll be looking at her package. Definitely, we'll be taking a look at that," Myers told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal on Friday.

Knight, whose hiring was announced to 7,500 fans at United Spirit Arena late Friday afternoon, will make $250,000 in base pay, $150,000 in deferred annual income and $500,000 in guaranteed outside income through May 2006. Sharp is under contract through April 2005.

Her teams have routinely drawn more fans to games than the men's teams. They also have been more successful recently, including eight conference championships in the past 10 years.

Myers said Tech likely will re-evaluate her contract this spring after her team's appearance in the NCAA tournament. Texas Tech was playing Purdue Saturday afternoon in the Mideast regional semifinals in Birmingham, Ala.

National Hockey League

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
x-New Jersey	42	17	12	3	99	262	175
Philadelphia	40	22	10	2	92	223	188
Pittsburgh	36	27	9	2	83	249	234
N.Y. Rangers	28	39	5	1	62	225	261
N.Y. Islanders	20	45	6	3	49	164	239

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
x-Ottawa	43	20	8	3	97	244	182
Buffalo	40	27	5	1	86	192	168
Toronto	33	26	11	5	82	216	189
Boston	30	28	8	7	75	199	225
Montreal	24	38	7	5	60	183	215

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	37	25	10	2	86	209	194
Carolina	34	28	8	3	79	190	195
Florida	20	35	12	9	61	188	231
Tampa Bay	23	41	6	4	56	184	248
Atlanta	21	39	12	2	56	197	262

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
x-Detroit	44	18	9	4	101	231	193
St. Louis	40	19	10	5	95	230	178
Nashville	31	33	9	3	74	173	186
Chicago	29	33	7	4	69	193	211
Columbus	24	34	9	6	63	171	207

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
y-Colorado	48	13	9	4	109	251	172
Vancouver	35	24	9	7	86	227	220
Edmonton	36	25	10	3	85	215	195
Calgary	24	31	14	4	66	176	213
Minnesota	24	35	11	5	64	156	190

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	43	24	6	2	94	216	172
San Jose	35	26	11	2	83	191	175
Los Angeles	34	28	10	1	79	230	214
Phoenix	31	26	15	2	79	190	194
Anaheim	24	38	8	5	61	173	222

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Thursday's Games

Boston 3, Montreal 2, OT
Detroit 4, Minnesota 2
Atlanta 2, Tampa Bay 0
Colorado 3, St. Louis 1
Nashville 2, Chicago 1, OT
Calgary 3, Philadelphia 1
Ottawa 2, San Jose 1

Friday's Games

Carolina 5, Pittsburgh 3
New Jersey 4, Vancouver 0
Florida 4, Washington 1
Dallas 2, N.Y. Islanders 1

Saturday's Games

Colorado at Boston, 1 p.m.
Detroit at N.Y. Rangers, 1 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 3 p.m.
Calgary at Columbus, 3 p.m.
Anaheim at Los Angeles, 6 p.m.
Carolina at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Vancouver at Minnesota, 2 p.m.
Calgary at Chicago, 3 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Dallas, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Women's NCAA Tournament

All Times EST

EAST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 24
At Pittsburgh

Missouri (22-9) vs. Louisiana Tech (30-4), 11:37 a.m.
Connecticut (30-2) vs. N.C. State (22-10), 2:07 p.m.

Regional Championship
Monday, March 26
Semifinal winners, 7:07 p.m.

MIDEAST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 24
At Birmingham, Ala.

Tennessee (31-2) vs. Xavier (30-2), 12:07 p.m.
Texas Tech (25-6) vs. Purdue (28-6), 2:37 p.m.

Regional Championship
Monday, March 26
Semifinal winners, 8:07 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 24
At Denver

Notre Dame (30-2) vs. Utah (28-3), 8:07 p.m.
Iowa State (27-5) vs. Vanderbilt (23-9), 10:37 p.m.

Regional Championship
Monday, March 26
Semifinal winners, 9:07 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
Saturday, March 24
At Spokane, Wash.

Duke (30-3) vs. Southwest Missouri State (27-5), 10:07 p.m.
Oklahoma (28-5) vs. Washington (21-9), 12:37 a.m.

Regional Championship
Monday, March 26
Semifinal winners, 10:07 p.m.

Local Schedule

SATURDAY

Track

Snyder varsity boys at San Angelo Relays
Snyder varsity girls and JV boys and girls at Post's Caprock Relays

Tennis

Snyder at Odessa Invitational

Golf

Snyder varsity girls at Big Spring
Snyder hosts junior high invitational, girls at WTC golf course, boys at Snyder CC

XFL Glance

All Times EST

EAST CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Orlando	6	1	.857	161	126
NY/NJ	3	4	.429	80	105
Birmingham	2	5	.286	107	175
Chicago	2	5	.286	127	160

WEST CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Los Angeles	5	2	.714	164	113
Las Vegas	4	3	.571	131	78
Memphis	3	4	.429	112	130
San Francisco	3	4	.429	121	116

Saturday, March 24
Las Vegas at Los Angeles, 8 p.m.
Memphis at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

Sports Briefs

Lions Club tournament

The Snyder Lions Club Golf Scramble will be held April 28 at the Western Texas College golf course.

Entry fee for the four-person scramble is $50 per player, and includes green fee, golf cart and a hamburger lunch. Teams must have a combined handicap over 50.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four teams. Hole-in-one prizes will be a $5,000 CD and a 2001 Ford Focus. Entry forms can be picked up at the WTC pro shop.

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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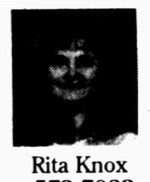
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Parents want to protect students

EL CAJON, Calif. (AP) — As new details emerge about the second school shooting in this area in a month, some frightened parents are demanding tighter security while others are seeking alternative ways to educate their children.

"Brick-and-mortar schools will cease to exist if this continues," said Mike Cook, who is considering home-schooling his 15-year-old daughter rather than allowing her to return to Granite Hills High School.

"If we can't stop it, home-schooling will start and Internet education will take over," he said.

Authorities say 18-year-old student Jason Hoffman opened fire at the school Thursday afternoon, wounding three students and two teachers, none seriously, before a campus officer felled him in an exchange of gunfire.

His father told the Los Angeles Times he hadn't been able to speak to his son since the shooting and didn't know what could have triggered the attack.

"I am sorry for what happened, but I do not know anything," Ralph Hoffman told the newspaper.

Authorities said Jason Hoffman skipped classes Thursday morning, then arrived at school just before 1 p.m. with a 12-gauge shotgun in his hand and a .22-caliber handgun in his waistband. Authorities said Friday that Hoffman was targeting the vice principal.

One shot was fired at Vice Principal Dan Barnes, who escaped injury by ducking into an office.

"All we can say about the motive is that, by the virtue of the charges, the focus of this individual was the vice principal," prosecutor Paul Pfingst said.

The teen-ager will likely be charged with attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon, authorities said. Police said they were trying to determine who owned the two weapons and a pistol found at Hoffman's home.

Earlier this year, Hoffman allegedly made a reference to the 1999 massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., where two students killed 12 students and a teacher before killing themselves.

Bernadette Roberts, 18, said girls were making noise in a classroom in January when Hoffman appeared to become frustrated, put his hands in the shape of guns and said: "I wish I could do Columbine all over again."

"When he said it, it really shook me up," Roberts said.

Roberts said she told a teacher and later met with Barnes, who asked if she needed protection. She said she declined and didn't know what steps the district took.

Officials of Grossmont Union High School District, which includes both Granite Hills High and Santana High School, where two students were killed in a shooting March 5, did not return phone calls seeking comment Friday. Police Chief James Davis said investigators were aware of the report but declined further comment.

Hoffman, a 6-foot-1, 210-pound, senior who some students described as an angry loner, remained hospitalized with a broken jaw and a wound to his buttocks.

The Associated Press learned Friday that Hoffman assaulted a middle-school classmate several years ago and was ordered to attend an anger management class. Hoffman was 14 when he struck the student in the head with a racquetball racket, according to a source familiar with the case who spoke on condition of anonymity. The victim was not seriously injured.

Records in that case are sealed because Hoffman was a juvenile at the time, but the source said a charge of assault with a deadly weapon was reduced to a misdemeanor and Hoffman was given probation and ordered to attend the anger management class.

Classes were canceled Friday at Granite Hills, only a few miles from Santana High School.

Senior Center Menu

Monday
German sausage, potato pancakes, green beans, tossed salad, sugar cookies

Tuesday
Meat loaf, butter beans, fried okra, tomato wedges, coconut pudding, cornbread

Wednesday
Country fried steak w/cream gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, pickled beets and onions, pineapple flop cake

Thursday
King Ranch chicken, potato rounds, tossed salad, Jello w/whipped topping, tortilla chips

Friday
Fried fish, baked beans, macaroni and tomatoes, coleslaw, peach cobbler

Senior Center News

A 55-Alive Defensive Driving Class will be held April 16-17. Hours are 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and cost is $10. Attendance is required both days.

Some insurance companies allow a discount for completion of the course, but it is suggested that seniors check with their individual company. This class does not excuse a ticket.

Seniors are reminded that Western Texas College offers several computer classes at a cost of $15 per course. Call the center at 573-4035 or WTC at 573-8511, ext. 390, for more information.

Our inventory of folding chairs is low, so we are asking for penny donations to replenish our supply of chairs. Please help as every penny counts.

The April-May newsletter will be mailed soon. There are extra meals in April, holiday activities and Mayday. Please make plans to participate.

Monday
Bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m., the eight-ball tournament at 10 a.m. and daily exercise at 11 a.m. Seniors may enjoy swimnastics at WTC from 10-11 a.m.

Tuesday
Eighty-eight play starts at 10 a.m. The Local Yokels will entertain at 11 a.m. in the dining room. The Golden K meets at noon. The center will open at 6:30 p.m. for games and a dance at 7 p.m. Music will be provided by The Ranch Hands. Cost for the dance is a suggested donation of $4 per person.

Wednesday
Volunteer Bernhard Bartels will be available from 9 until noon and from 1-3 p.m. to assist individuals with income tax filing forms. The Kitchen Band will entertain at 11 a.m. Line dancers practice at 1 p.m., followed by cloggers at 2. Newcomers are welcome.

Thursday
Join us for daily activities of quilting, dominoes, pool and exercise or enjoy a walk in the gym. Walk on our treadmills or ride the stationary bike. There also are books, puzzles and magazines. Swimnastics for seniors is at WTC from 1-2 p.m.

Friday
Blood pressure clinic and bridge play begins at 9:30 a.m., 88 play at 11 and sing-a-long at 11:30.

Ashcroft: Video games help teach 'ethic of violence'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John Ashcroft said Friday that violent entertainment aimed at kids contributes to an "ethic of violence," and he urged the media to help steer young people to a safer path.

Commenting on Thursday's high school shooting near San Diego, the second in less than a month, Ashcroft said parents, school officials, law enforcement agencies, students and the media all need to promote a "culture of responsibility" that discourages children from lashing out with violence when they're angry or disenchanted.

He cited violent video games as part of the problem.

"The entertainment industry, with it's video games and the like, which sometimes literally teach shooting and all, we've got to ask ourselves how do we as a culture respond to be more responsible," Ashcroft said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"Even the news industry can report incidents like this in ways that maybe don't promote copycat replications," Ashcroft said on CBS' "The Early Show."

Lawmakers have scolded video game makers for marketing violent games to children. Mindy Tucker, Ashcroft's spokeswoman, said the attorney general recently saw a clip of a video game in which players take on the roles of drug dealers shooting at police.

She said he wasn't singling out specific industries, though and believes that everyone has a responsibility to discourage violence in American culture.

Officials at the Interactive Digital Software Association, which represents video game makers, were not immediately available for comment.

Ashcroft's comments drew fire from antigun advocates.

"Even if one were to accept the premise that the entertainment culture or bullying are at the root of what motivates kids to do this, you can't drain those images out of kids," said Kristen Rand, legislative director at the Violence Policy Center. "It's obvious the only way we can prevent this in the short term is to prevent access to firearms."

On his round of morning talk shows, Ashcroft was asked whether the government should do more to curtail kids' access to guns. In Thursday's shooting in El Cajon, Calif., and the March 5 shooting at Santana High School in nearby Santee, the accused students both were alleged to have used guns that came from their homes.

Ashcroft said there is money in President Bush's budget for trigger locks and to help communities put police officers in schools.

Bush has said he would sign legislation requiring mandatory trigger locks on all new handguns if Congress passes such a bill. Ashcroft and the Bush administration contend that the answer to gun violence is not more laws but tougher enforcement of existing ones.

Ashcroft said gun laws alone won't solve the problems of school shootings.

"We have to exhibit responsibility in other ways, so that the culture inhibits or restrains this impulse," said Ashcroft on NBC's "Today Show."

Mike Beard, president of the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, a national lobbying group, said, "Kids all over the world see the same videos, watch the same shows and it doesn't happen in countries where you have a strong national gun control policy."

Weaver is a fan

NEW YORK (AP) — Even a star like Sigourney Weaver can act like a fan.

"The most embarrassing moment of my life was ... I saw someone who looked a lot like Tom Cruise buying something," she told ABC's "PrimeTime Thursday," which airs Thursday night.

So she let out a scream.

"And he turned around and it was Tom Cruise.

And she screamed again.

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At least two die in SW Japan quake

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP) — A strong earthquake struck a wide area in southwestern Japan on today, killing at least two people, injuring dozens, damaging buildings and shaking windows as far away as South Korea.

In Hiroshima city, buildings swayed violently and people had trouble standing when the temblor struck in the middle of the afternoon with a preliminary magnitude of 6.4. Debris from roof tiles and broken windows littered streets.

"There was a terrible shaking and some products fell on to the floor," said Takuya Ueda, a cashier at a convenience store in Hiroshima. "It lasted a long time, about 30 seconds, but there was no panic inside the store."

An 80-year-old woman was killed under a collapsing concrete wall, said Yoshinobu Tanimoto, a fire department official in Hiroshima state.

In neighboring Ehime state, a 50-year-old woman fleeing her home died after roof tiles crashed down on her head, said national Police Agency official Tsuyoshi Iwashita.

Police said at least 61 people suffered injuries, including several teen-agers who were hit by fragments of a wall that crumbled in a high-school gymnasium.

The quake, centered some 40 miles below ground, struck at 3:28 p.m. near Hiroshima state, about 430 miles southwest of Tokyo, the Meteorological Agency said. The agency said there was no danger of tsunami, the waves caused by undersea disturbances such as earthquakes and volcanic activity.

In Hiroshima city, the quake set off a fire that burned down one home, said municipal official Akira Otao. Sixteen other homes in the city were partially destroyed. Dozens of schools and other public facilities were also damaged.

Train service was stopped, and the airport in Hiroshima closed for inspection. Telephone service was also disrupted, but there was no report of electrical blackouts. NHK said no nuclear reactors in quake-hit areas were affected.

Television footage taken from inside NHK's Hiroshima office showed hanging lights shaking and employees leaving their desks to head for the exits. Telephone service in the area was also interrupted briefly.

The temblor was also felt in South Korea, more than 150 miles northwest of the epicenter. Windows shook in towns along the nation's eastern and southern coasts.

Japan is one of the world's most earthquake-prone countries, and straddles three tectonic plates, the huge slabs of land that cover the surface of the Earth.

A magnitude-6 quake can seriously damage houses and buildings in a populated area. today's quake was located offshore and relatively deep, which may have lightened its impact.

Some Texas cattle facing euthanasia

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture says at least 21 cattle held under quarantine in Texas will soon be euthanized as part of a plan to ease concerns that some might be infected with mad cow disease.

The cows, imported four years ago from Germany for breeding, were isolated when the outbreak of mad cow disease erupted in Europe, officials said. Soon after, the U.S. banned the import of cattle and meat products from the European Union.

Animals already in the United States were quarantined.

Contaminated feed is believed to cause the illness in cattle. None of the cattle in Texas has shown any symptoms of the disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).

Originally, 29 cows were shipped to Texas, and USDA officials said none of those that died had the disease.

Within the next few weeks, the rest will no longer be a concern, an official with the Texas Animal Health Commission said.

"They will be euthanized, there is no question of that," agency spokeswoman Carla Everett told the Bryan-College Station Eagle. "The only question is when. It will be this spring."

Many of the cattle brought to Texas are exotic and expensive, she said, and owners did not want to sell them for the $2,000-a-head price offered by the USDA.

Because the cattle showed no symptoms of illness, they were not seized. Subsequently, the National Cattlemans Beef Association has raised funds to meet fair market value, which was determined by a professional appraiser.

"They have raised somewhere around $57,000, so between that and the $2,000 each, the deal (to destroy the cattle) is nearly done," Everett said.

Brain tissue from each animal will be sent for testing to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa.

At the time when the cattle arrived in Texas four years ago, eight were imported to Colorado and one in California. They were destroyed and tested. All had negative results for BSE. The cattle are owned by several people in Texas, but officials would not specify where in the state.

Obituaries

Martha Crosson

1935-2001

Martha Gayle McCarver Crosson, a native of Scurry County, died Friday, March 23, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene after a brief illness.

Funeral service for Mrs. Crosson, 66, is set for 10 a.m. Monday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Snyder Cemetery.



Martha Crosson

Born March 22, 1935 in Snyder, she was married to Jerry McCarver who died in 1993. A resident of Santa Anna, Calif., she was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by a brother, David Hilton Cary, in 1956.

Survivors include a son, Cary Coffee of Snyder; three daughters, Debra Jones of Odessa, Kim Phillips of Dumfries, Va., and Penni Coffee of Brady; her mother, Mary Belle Cary of Brownwood; two sisters, Mary Lou Taylor of Tempe, Ariz., and Pat Cloud of Austin; Jimmy Crosson of Santa Anna; and seven grandchildren.

Nevil Stevenson

1942-2001

ROBY – Nevil Gene Stevenson, the brother of Nomi Almquist of Dunn, died Thursday, March 22, in an Abilene hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Stevenson, 58, is set for 2 p.m. Sunday in the First United Methodist Church in Roby. The Revs. Jerry Williams, Norman Burgess and Brandon Young will officiate. Burial will follow in the McCaulley Cemetery under the direction of Weathersbee Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 4, 1942 in Rotan, he married Sarah Young on May 7, 1962 in Snyder.

A longtime resident of Fisher County, Mr. Stevenson worked in the oilfields and in agriculture and was a member of the Sylvester Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Curtis and Sibyl Stevenson; and a sister, Bonnie Bailey.

Survivors include his wife, Sarah Stevenson of Roby; two daughters, Marci Mayes of Coleman and Gena Stevenson of Roby; two sons, Scott Stevenson of Roby and Todd Stevenson of McCaulley; two other sisters, Jo Rogers of Odessa and Ritzy Hodges of Abilene; and eight grandchildren.

Dessie Harvel

1919-2001

MIDLAND - Dessie Lucile Harvel, a Snyder resident for 26 years before moving to Midland in 1999, died Saturday, March 24 in Midland.

Visitation for Mrs. Harvel, 81, will be from 6-7 p.m. Sunday at 2303 Camarie in Midland.

Funeral service for Mrs. Harvel will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Midland.

Rev. C. Lane Boyd of the First United Methodist Church will officiate.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Monday in Brownfield officiated by the Brownfield American Legion.

Born Dec. 7, 1919 in Eastland, she was maried to John Blackburn on Sept. 5, 1942 in El Paso.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a brother, Vernon Huntington and a sister, Bonnie Tamora.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include her son, John Blackburn of Austin; a daughter, Deanna Salmon of Midland; a brother, James Huntington of Arlington; a sister, Alona Gilbert of Austin; a step-daughter, Frances Dupuy of Austin.

Honorary pallbearers will be her grandchildren.

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Others are Ronda Anderson, Delores Ayala, Joyce Cooper, Evelyn Fields, Doug Flynn, Faydean Hart, James Patrick, Sandra Robinson, Doris Self, Gladys Smith, Connie Stom and Etta Wilson.

Special recognition was given to Dr. Harry Krenek and his wife, Marsha. Dr. Krenek is retiring as president of Western Texas College and Marsha helped organize the center. She has also worked with the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program.

Entertainment was provided by Bluff Creek Edition. Members include Ross and D'Ann Preston and Ken Robinson.

Carla Thompson, center director, welcomed everyone and recognized special guests. Olin Bunch, president of the advisory board, gave the invocation.

Pamela Fenton, activities director, and staff presented volunteer awards and pins.

Valerie Drum and staff presented the Top 15 volunteers.

Kids take lumber from vacant house

• ***Kids take lumber***

A woman called police at 4:54 p.m. Friday to report that children were taking lumber from a vacant house in the 3800 block of Muriel. Officers spoke with the mother of the children, and she advised she would have the children return the lumber.

• ***Reckless driver***

At 9:25 p.m. Friday, a man requested an officer in the MD Laundry parking lot in reference to a driver of a pickup spinning "donuts" in the parking lot. The man reported that a rock had flown through his window and hit him in the eye. An officer spoke with the driver and advised him of the complaint.

• ***Gas drive-off***

A clerk with Town & Country on North College reported at 11:54 a.m. Friday that someone had driven off without paying for $14.25 worth of gasoline.

• ***Arrests***

A 29-year-old woman was taken into custody at 2:02 p.m. Friday at the driver's license office on Ector County warrants for theft, criminal trespass and no liability insurance.

At 4:51 p.m. Friday, a 22-year-old man was arrested at the driver's license office on a misdemeanor Taylor County warrant for theft by check and Abilene Department of Public Safety warrants for speeding.

A DPS trooper took a 30-year-old man into custody at 7:33 p.m. Friday for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

A 76-year-old man was arrested for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated at 8:15 p.m. Friday.

Alcohol-related offenses landed three subjects in jail at 1:18 a.m. Saturday. A 25-year-old man was arrested for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated while two other males, ages 20 and 18, were jailed for public intoxication.

Rainfall reports

Snyder	.62
North of city	.20
East of city	.50
West of city	.60
Lake Thomas	.20
Hermleigh	.70
Fluvanna	.20
Loyd Mountain	.50
Camp Springs	.40
Dunn	.30
Ira	.30
Dermott	.35
Union	.60
Gail	.30

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ONGOINGS

Lucky 13 bake sale

Lucky 13 is conducting a bake sale from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at Wal-mart.

Revival services

The public is invited to revival services at Faith Baptist Church beginning Sunday. Services will be held Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., and at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Jerry Reed is the evangelist.

Calvary Baptist special services

Calvary Baptist Church will have evangelist Clark Bosher speaking at 9:45 and 10:50 a.m. Sunday. There will be a barbecue dinner served after the morning service. Rev. Bosher will also speak at 1:30 p.m. Special music will be provided by the adult choir and men's group in the morning, and the children's choir in the afternoon. For transportation to the church at 2405 35th St., call 573-2191.

Ave. D Baptist concert

The Robert Haynie Family from Lubbock will be in concert at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Avenue D Baptist Church, 324 30th St. Everyone is invited. For additional information, call 573-0971.

Math and science night

Snyder Junior High School will host a math and science fun night for 8th graders and their parents at 6 p.m. Monday in the school cafeteria.

Ira Masonic Lodge

The Ira Masonic Lodge will have a stated meeting and work in the EA Degree at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the lodge.

Bible study tapes

Bible study videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "The Wisdom of Solomon"} followed by "Role of Miracles in New Testament."

Weigh Down Workshop

An orientation for a Weigh Down Workshop will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the Word is Life Church. For more information, call Donna Nehring at 573-7471

CPR certification classes

CPR certification classes for health-care providers will be held from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in Room 7C at Western Texas College. To preregister and for more information, call 573-8511, ex. 390.

Golden Apple Awards banquet

SISD's sixth annual Golden Apple Awards banquet will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Snyder Country Club.

C.H.I.P. signup

Children's Health Insurance Program signup will held from 2-7 p.m. Tuesday at Northeast Elementary.

Cancer Society board meeting

Directors of the Scurry County unit of the American Cancer Society will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Cogdell Hospital board room.

Genealogical society

The Scurry County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Scurry County Library's children's room. Jo Thrower will present a program on "The Hidden Half of the Family." Anyone searching for females in their families should attend. Membership dues are $12 a person, or $15 a couple.

Alzheimer support group

The Alzheimer family support group meets at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at Snyder Oaks Care Center.

MAWC game day and luncheon

Martha Ann Woman's Club game day and luncheon will be held Wednesday. Cost is $7.50 with serving to begin at 11:30 a.m. Games of choice will follow. Reservations are needed by 5 p.m. Tuesday by calling 573-3427.

Income tax help

An IRS-approved program for elderly and low-income persons of any age is held from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. every Wednesday at the Snyder Senior Citizens Center.

GED testing dates

Testing for GED (high school equivalency) will be Friday. For more information call Molly Kattes, 573-2919, or Emily Hataway, 574-2112 at home, or 573-8511, ext. 297 at WTC between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Bible College choir

The Apostolic Faith Church, 2506 25th St., will host The Apostolic Faith Bible College Choir from Baxter Springs, Kan., at 7 p.m. Friday.

Rabies vaccination day

The yearly rabies vaccination day will be held from 1-7 p.m. next Saturday at the Snyder Fire Department. Cost is $6 for the vaccination and city tags will be free. Patrons are asked to park behind Texas Savings Bank.

Spring revival services

North College Avenue Baptist Church will host a spring revival April 1-4. Next Sunday, the church will try to set a record for Sunday School and Sunday night. Monday is "blues night" with everyone encouraged to wear blue. Tuesday is music night with special choir music. Wednesday is children and youth night. There will be a dessert fellowship each evening, with Sunday being ice cream, Monday is pie and Tuesday is cake night. A hot dog social will follow the Wednesday meeting.

Gateway fundraiser

Gateway Family Services will present the Flying J Wrangers from Ruidoso at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 7, in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center. Tickets are $25 and include an evening of food and entertainment.

Experiencing God, The Musical

The combined choirs of Colonial Hill Baptist Church and First Baptist Church will present Experiencing God, The Musical, at 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday, April 8 at the First Baptist Church Worship Center. There is no admission charge and everyone is welcome.

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ATTEND SYMPOSIUM — Jackson and Cindy Brewster, owners of Beard Van Lines in Snyder, attended Cendant Mobility's annual Moving Services Symposium on March 16-17 in Ponte Verda Beach, Fla. Beard Van Lines received the Gold Award for Commitment to Outstanding Service, an award given to moving companies who receive a customer Q-rating below a 1.5 on a scale of one to five. Beard Van Lines' Q-rating is a 1. Pictured from left are Cindy Salter, Cendant senior vice president; Jackson Brewster and Cindy Brewster; Mike Robinson, Cendant director; and Dan Mack, Cendant vice president. (Contributed Photo)

Californians could see 50 percent hike in power bills

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The state's power purchases for two struggling utilities could cost $23 billion by the end of next year, leaving customers paying as much as 50 percent more for electricity, The Associated Press has learned.

State officials told several key legislators Friday that the state's efforts to help credit-poor Southern California Edison and Pacific Gas and Electric Co. could hit $23 billion by 2003, a legislative source told the AP on condition of anonymity.

That's far more than lawmakers and Gov. Gray Davis estimated when they approved legislation authorizing the state's power purchases.

At the time, they projected they would need $10 billion in revenue bonds to buy power for the two utilities over a decade. The bonds would be repaid by the utilities' customers over several years.

Davis has said repeatedly he is confident the state's power crisis can be resolved without further rate hikes, but the source said cabinet secretary Susan Kennedy, Finance Director Tim Gage and Deputy Chief of Staff John Stevens all warned lawmakers that customers' rates would have to be raised at least 50 percent to cover the new projections.

That increase would come on top of a 9 percent to 15 percent increase the Public Utilities Commission approved in January, as well as an additional 10 percent increase already scheduled for next year.

Davis spokesman Steve Maviglio confirmed that Kennedy spoke with top Democrats on Friday but declined to elaborate.

The source said the calculations were by the administration, not the PUC, which would have to implement any rate increases. Lawmakers weren't told over what time frame such an increase would need to be implemented, the source said.

Consumer advocate Harvey Rosenfield of the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights promised a rebellion at the ballot box in 2002 if rates continued to rise.

"If this goes through, this is the beginning of the ratepayers' revolt," he said.

The PUC is expected on Tuesday to address how customer rates will be divided between the state and the utilities.

SoCal Edison and PG&E both have pushed for rate increases, and PG&E has said its current rates would be insufficient to cover its bills and the state's. Both say they've lost more than $13 billion since summer due to high wholesale electricity costs that California's 1996 deregulation law prevents them from collecting from their customers.

PG&E's and Edison's credit was cut off by electricity wholesalers in January, and the state has been spending $40 million to $50 million a day since then to keep the lights on for their customers — about $4.2 billion in taxpayer money so far.

State Controller Kathleen Connell warned this week that the state's power-buying is gutting California's budget surplus and putting the state at financial risk. Wall Street has also been wary. The Standard & Poor's credit-rating agency put the state on a credit watch "with negative implications" when the power purchases began.

California has faced an energy crunch for months, fueled by high natural gas prices, soaring wholesale electricity costs and a tight power supply due in part to California plant maintenance and scarce hydroelectric power in the Pacific Northwest.

The Assembly on Friday opened hearings into the skyrocketing natural gas costs that will include an investigation into whether market manipulation helped drive up prices.

Bush favors Annan's reelection

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Friday endorsed Kofi Annan's bid for a second term as U.N. secretary-general, saying the Ghanian diplomat would help "keep the peace" if given another five years in office.

Bush's endorsement provided a boost to a campaign that was already off to a good start.

In their first meeting of Bush's presidency, the pair planned to discuss tensions in the Balkans and other global issues, but the first order of business was Annan's candidacy.

"We heartedly endorse his second term as the secretary-general," Bush told reporters in a brief photo session outside the Oval Office.

Annan, who announced his candidacy Thursday, needs the approval of the United Nations' member nations to keep his job.

During his first term, Annan focused global attention on Africa's conflicts, poverty and AIDS epidemic, trimmed the U.N. bureaucracy and spearheaded an overhaul of peacekeeping operations.

While winning praise for those initiatives, he was criticized in other areas, including a divisive debate over "humanitarian intervention," the end of U.N. inspections in Iraq and the U.N. peacekeeping mission in Sierra Leone.

Bush told the diplomat, "I appreciate your willingness to serve a second term, Mr. Secretary-General, and we look forward to working not only to make sure you serve a second term but, once that's done, to work closely with you to keep the peace and make the world more prosperous."

Annan said he was "very happy to be here."

Annan's chances of winning a second term are good by most accounts, although Asian countries may spoil an unchallenged bid if they put forward a candidate of their own.

The United States was quick to praise Annan's leadership after he delivered his long-anticipated announcement Thursday and the European Union followed suit welcoming his decision to run.

African countries had already endorsed Annan's candidacy.

Annan, who turns 63 next month, met with Secretary of State Colin Powell during his Washington visit.

Support from the United States — as well as Russia, France, China and Britain — is key since any of the five Security Council members can veto a candidate before sending nominations on to the General Assembly for a final vote. A decision is expected sometime before Dec. 31, when Annan's term expires.

The United States blocked Annan's predecessor, Boutros Boutros-Ghali of Egypt from getting a second term.

Publishers asked to cover foreign policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell urged newspaper publishers Friday to tell the story of U.S. diplomats and the work they do so Americans will support a foreign policy that "has us engaged" in the world.

Powell said one of his major missions will be fighting for better salaries, more secure embassies and more recognition for the men and women who work for the State Department.

"I hope as you do your work back home you will from time to time say a good word about these men and women — I hope that you will recognize them," he said in a speech to the National Newspaper Association's annual government affairs conference.

"It is important for us to take the message of what we do in the State Department not just to foreign capitals, but to every hamlet, every town, every city in America so that we can get the kind of support we need for a foreign policy that has us engaged, that has us pursuing realistic objectives."

The newspaper association is a 116-year-old non-profit trade organization representing owners, publishers and editors of non-daily and daily community newspapers. With 3,600 members, it is the largest newspaper association in the country.

Powell drew applause when told the group that regardless of the Internet and broadcast news, there will always be a need for newspapers.

Illegal immigrants must apply for visa by April 30

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eligible illegal immigrants wanting to attain legal resident status by paying a fine and staying in the country must apply for immigrant visas by April 30, officials said Friday.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service released official rules for a law signed in December by former President Clinton. The law has made it easier for certain illegal immigrants to become legal by allowing them to apply in the United States.

Previously, immigrants had to return to their home countries to apply. That risked a 10-year ban from returning if they were found to have been in the United States illegally.

By applying for the visa under the new law, immigrants preserve their chances to apply for legal residency. Their immigrant visas must be approved before they are eligible to apply for the change in legal status.

"It is not necessary to apply for adjustment of status by the deadline," said William Yates, INS executive associate commissioner. "But to preserve adjustment-of-status eligibility, they must be the beneficiary of an immigrant visa petition filed on or before April 30."

Spouses, children, parents and siblings of U.S. citizens can apply for the visas. Spouses or unmarried children of legal permanent residents also are eligible. Applicants must show they were in the United States on Dec. 21, the day Clinton signed the bill.

Also eligible are immigrant laborers whose employers can demonstrate they are unable to find legal workers.

To apply for legal status, immigrants with visas will be required to pay $225 in application and fingerprinting fees and a $1,000 fine for entering the country illegally.

The new law has caused some confusion among immigrants, some of whom thought it provided general amnesty. Yates said the law does not provide amnesty.

The INS has been accepting applications since the law was signed but will accept none after April 30.

Yates said the law has other provisions for which regulations are being drafted. Elaine Komis, an INS spokeswoman, said the agency expects 640,000 people to be eligible to benefit from it.

The INS already has backlogs for immigrant visa and status adjustment applications.

"We are committed to do everything possible to ensure that this new workload does not deter our agency in our efforts to meet our production goals in other application areas," Yates said.

Yates said application forms also are available on the INS Web site, or applicants can call a toll-free service line at 1-800-375-5283.

On the Net: Immigration and Naturalization Service Web site: http://www.ins.usdoj.gov

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Internet companies hurt by slowing economy

By BRIAN BERGSTEIN
AP Business Writer

CAMPBELL, Calif. (AP) — CDworld.com folded last week after six years in business. The company's 11 workers have been let go and the small offices in a strip mall are nearly bare.

But the music, video and games e-tailer is still hoping to unload some valuable merchandise — namely, the nuts and bolts of the Web site itself: a Cisco Systems device that directs Internet traffic, a refrigerator-sized server by Sun Microsystems and smaller ones from Sun, Hewlett-Packard, IBM and Compaq.

"I'm sure we will sell it," said Annette Martin, who ran CDworld.com with her husband, Bruce Pettyjohn. "We've got good equipment."

It happens that Martin also is a psychic adviser who has appeared on television, but it doesn't take a sixth sense to know that the used pieces of her Web site will find buyers.

Like ants swarming over remnants of a summer picnic, obscure equipment resellers all over the country are reaching out for the wealth of inventory becoming available from dismantled dot-coms. Almost all those parts can be sold again — to another startup chasing a dot-com dream, perhaps, or an equipment-leasing company looking for a good deal.

"There's a lot of used equipment on the market right now," said Ben Nelson, who handles online sales for UsedRouter.com, a 17-employee company in Las Lunas, N.M. He said the slowing economy has "encouraged companies to go out and search for used equipment."

The dot-com meltdown ripples through the rest of the high-tech economy. Hardware companies are moaning that demand for everything from personal computers to telecommunications equipment has all but vanished, and the availability of tons of inexpensive used equipment makes it that much harder to dig out.

Secondhand equipment generally doesn't appeal to large businesses that want custom-built networks, service contracts and warranties. But smaller companies or service providers with technical know-how can do well digging into the scrap heap. This isn't like buying a used car — the switches and hubs that make up networks, for example, generally don't suffer from wear and tear.

Gary Sapp, president and CEO of Tangent Communications Inc., an electronic equipment reseller in Des Plaines, Ill., says a quarter of his inventory comes from dead dot-coms that defaulted on equipment leases or declared bankruptcy. The rest comes mostly from large companies that have scaled back or changed their technology.

Not surprisingly, economic conditions are lowering prices. For example, one Cisco router — which directs traffic on a network — that a year ago cost between $3,500 and $4,000 on the secondary market today goes for $2,500 to $3,000. New, it sold for $10,200.

"It's definitely increasing the ability to buy inventory," Sapp said. "We had some holes in our inventory — we filled those."

Tangent isn't immune to the high-tech demand slowdown, but Sapp believes that when the economy revives, he will be waiting with some very good deals. Another Cisco router that sold new for $2,495 can be had used from Tangent's site for $595.

"It's just a matter of time before there will be demand, and there probably will be pent-up demand," Sapp said. "It could pay dividends nine to 12 months from now."

At Excess Solutions, a seven-employee electronic parts broker working out of a ramshackle white building in a San Jose industrial zone, owner Mike Giordano is buying up as much as he can while prices are low.

The strategy isn't guaranteed to work, especially if manufacturers come out with significantly better products by the time the economy turns around.

"I'm afraid when the market does turn back, the technology will be so far past what's sitting on the shelf," he said.

Cisco spokesman Tom Galvin said dot-coms have accounted for only a fraction of sales, so his company won't be hurt by the hand-me-downs. "This phenomenon is more interesting than impactful to Cisco," he said.

Cisco will likely be safe because most of its sales are to high-end network infrastructure providers, agreed Seth Spalding, an analyst at Epoch Partners. Companies such as 3Com Corp. that sell easier-to-use network gear for small businesses are more likely to get pinched.

"It will eat up some of the revenue base," Spalding said. "It's part of anticipated demand that's just not going to be there."

When asked about the resale market Wednesday, 3Com CEO Bruce Claflin did not address the subject directly, though he acknowledged that the dot-com collapse and overall high-tech slowdown are causing serious inventory problems.

Students write own books at Hermleigh

By Shirley A. Gorman
SDN News Editor

Hermleigh third and fifth grade students now have something new to read.

They are books written by them that have recently been published in hardback.

"We just received our books," fifth grade teacher Cathy Beckman said. "The students are so excited and proud. Hopefully, this will inspire them to become better writers and want to read more," she added.

Beckman said the writing project has helped to build the students' self-esteem and given them a greater appreciation of books.

Topics of the stories ranged from *Dinosaurs, A Trip With My Mom, My Trip To San Antonio,* to *Spiderman* and *Pokemon.*

Beckman said the students will also create Accelerated Reading tests for their books. A set of the books will be kept in the school's library for students to check out.

Beckman said she hopes her 2001-2002 class will be able to take part in a similar exercise. Perhaps, the students could research an animal or country, she said, and then write a story.

Topics for third grade books included *My Favorite Day, Pet,* and *My First Glasses* to fishing trips, vacations, and little sisters.





AUTHORS — Hermleigh's authors include fifth graders (top photo) from left, Brett McClure, Robert Ritch, Tyler Etheridge, J.D. Mireles, Willie Berkley, Johnathan Hernandez. Third graders (bottom photo) are from left, back row, Melanie Kariainen, Caroline Granados, J.P. Smith, Shawn Shankles, Dustin Dacus, Vincent Mireles; front row, Shaye Williams, Naomi Arellano, Anthony Jones, Jacob Sanchez. (Staff Photos by Shirley A. Gorman)

Joyce Lionberger, third grade teacher, said, "Both classes worked extremely hard and felt very proud upon receiving the finished products."

This school year's writing project was sponsored by Commercial Body Corp. and Hermleigh Masonic Lodge.

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JUNE MARRIAGE PLANNED —Mr. and Mrs. Steve Rich announce the engagement and approaching wedding of their daughter, Amber Rich, to Cody Stewart. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hatfield and Robert Stewart of Fort Worth. Their nuptials are planned for 2 p.m., June 23 in the First Baptist Church. (Photo by Wadleigh Studio)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



	North	03-24-01
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	♥ K Q 6	
	♦ A 7 5 4	
	♣ Q 8 5 2	
West		**East**
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♥ 9 4 2		♥ 10 5 3
♦ 6		♦ K 10 9 8
♣ K 10 7 6		♣ A 9 3
	South	
	♠ A K 2	
	♥ A J 8 7	
	♦ Q J 3 2	
	♣ J 4	

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

Saturday, March 24, 2001

Another one to defeat the unwary

By Phillip Alder

Jean Cocteau, a French author and filmmaker, wrote, "What is line? It is life. A line must live at each point along its course in such a way that the artist's presence makes itself felt above that of the model. ... With the writer, line takes precedence over form and content. It runs through the words he assembles. It strikes a continuous note unperceived by ear or eye. It is, in a way, the soul's style, and if the line ceases to have a life of its own, if it only describes an arabesque, the soul is missing and the writing dies."

We have lines in bridge too, which can give a contract life. Yesterday's deal featured a card combination of Q-x opposite A-J-x-x. You had to play either low to the jack or low to the queen, depending on which opponent you thought held the king.

In this deal, there is another combination that catches out the inexperienced. How would you try to make three no-trump after West leads the spade queen?

In no-trump, always count your top tricks first. Here, there are seven: two spades, four hearts and one diamond. So, if you can collect three diamond tricks, you will have a lifeline to your contract.

Some would start by leading the queen from hand, thinking it is a finessing position. However, if either West covers with a singleton king or East holds king-fourth (as in the diagram), the contract will fail.

The right approach is to lead low to the ace, then low back toward the queen-jack. This generates three diamond tricks whenever East has the king, or West has his majesty singleton, doubleton or tripleton.

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — John and Shannon Hardin of Montgomery, Tex., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Michelle Daneé Hardin, to Scott Allen Sanders. He is the son of Mike and Cindy Sanders of Conroe, formerly of Snyder. They are planning their wedding at 4 p.m., July 7 in the Conroe First Baptist Church. (Contributed Photo)

SC Library News & Views

BOOK FEATURE

"Mayo Clinic on Healthy Weight"

Weight is an issue of health as well as appearance. Following the tips in this book will help you achieve and maintain the weight that's healthiest for you. It can also reduce the risk of weight-related diseases. A workable fitness plan to help keep the pounds off can be fine-tuned to fit your personal needs.

NEW NON-FICTION

"The Lance Armstrong Performance Program," by Lance Armstrong.

"Superior Nutrition: Eat Better, Live Longer!" by Herbert M. Shelton.

Drink to Your Health: Delicious, Easy-to-prepare Juices, Smoothies, Teas, Soups, and Other Beverages...," by Anita Hirsch.

"Stretching & Flexibility," by Kit Laughlin.

NEW FICTION

"The Bonesetter's Daughter," by Amy Tan.

"Evan Can Wait: A Constable Evans Mystery," by Rhys Bowen.

"Aiding and Abetting," by Muriel Spark.

"Cold Water Burning," by John Straley.

NEW JUNIOR BOOKS

"It's Not Easy Being Bad," by Cynthia Voight.

"Lunch at the Zoo; What Zoo Animals Eat and Why," by Joyce Altman.

"There's a Zoo On You!" by Kathy Darling.

"Parachuting Hamsters and Andy Russell," by David A. Adler.

"Teeth That Stab and Grind," by Diane Swanson.

"Something Wicked's in Those Woods," by Marisa Montes.

"Austere Academy," by Lemony Snicket.

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Melissa Hicks and Brodie Harris
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Friday, March 16

Monte West directed.

1. Barbara Yorgesen, Margaret Birdwell.
2. Tizzy Hall, ElWanda Nall tied with Billisue Stuard, Monte West.
3. Nina Nesbit, Dora Blakey.

Sunday, March 18

Teams

1. Margaret Birdwell, Billisue Stuard, Barbara Yorgesen and Nona Morrison.
2. Peggy Hardin, LaVerne Hood, Louise Thompson and Dot Casey.

Tuesday, March 20

1. Maribeth Vestal, Martha Fagin.
2. Barbara Yorgesen, Dora Blakey.
3. Billisue Stuard, Margaret Birdwell.

Margarine is winner over the butter in heart-health debate

For consumers who have agonized over whether to select margarine or butter, the debate is finally over. A revolutionary study published recently in the prestigious Journal of the American Medical Association proves that switching to margarine from butter can lower your entire family's cholesterol.

The study's 46 families (including 92 parents and 134 children, some as young as six years old) followed either a butter-based or margarine-based diet for five weeks-then switched to the other diet. Blood cholesterol was checked periodically along with other important criteria.

The result? Compared to butter, the margarine diet significantly lowered LDL ("bad") cholesterol by 11 percent in adults and 9 percent in children. In some cases, the margarine diets lowered cholesterol levels as much as medication.

It's a well-established fact that reductions in blood cholesterol result in a reduced risk of heart disease. Studies also confirm that risk factors for heart disease begin developing in childhood. So, diet and exercise do matter throughout all stages of life.

"These findings support the advice from leading health professional organizations to substitute softer margarines for butter as part of a heart-healthy diet," says Beth Hubrich, a dietitian with the National Association of Margarine Manufacturers.

To learn more, visit www.margarine.org.

LEMON DIJON PASTA TOSS

½ cup margarine or vegetable oil spread
¼ cup Dijon mustard
2 cloves garlic, chopped
1 tablespoon lemon juice3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
Dash black pepper
12 ounces pasta, cooked

In saucepan, heat margarine, mustard, garlic, lemon juice, parsley and pepper until margarine melts and mixture is hot. To serve, toss hot pasta with mustard mixture. Makes 4 servings.

GARLIC ROSEMARY POTATOES

4 large potatoes, cut into wedges
1½ teaspoons dried rosemary leaves
1 teaspoon garlic powder
2 tablespoons margarine or vegetable oil spread, melted (or liquid margarine)

In large bowl, toss potatoes with rosemary and garlic. On lightly greased baking pan, arrange potatoes in single layer; drizzle with melted margarine. Broil 4-inches from heat for 25 to 30 minutes or until tender, turning potatoes once. Makes 4 servings.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

American Cancer Society; boardroom of Cogdell Memorial Hospital; 5 p.m.

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.

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

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

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

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.

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

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.

Katie Holmes attracts autograph seekers

NEW YORK (AP) — Striding across the lobby of Grand Central Station, Katie Holmes could be mistaken for a commuter — except for the knot of a dozen autograph seekers who mysteriously appear when she does.

The co-star of the WB's "Dawson's Creek" was in the train station recently to film scenes for an upcoming episode.

Holmes' character, Joey Potter, travels to New York to visit colleges with Jen, played by Michelle Williams. It marks a change for the series as the aging actors — Holmes is 22 — leave high school.

The series has returned to form in its fourth season after a critical and commercial slump. Holmes, whose character lost her virginity for the February ratings "sweeps," said it's a better place to work.

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J.W. and Voncyle Warren
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In Midland...

J.W. and Vonnie honored on golden wedding anniversary

The children of J.W. and Voncyle "Vonnie" Warren honored their parents on their golden wedding anniversary March 17 at West Side Church of Christ in Midland.

J.W. and Vonnie were married in Longview, N.M., on Feb. 17, 1951.

They have two children, Jay Warren of Midland and Candy Tarter of Llano, and three grandchildren, Wayland Warren of Midland, and Clay and Kyle Tarter of Llano.

Living in several states including Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and North Dakota, they settled in Midland in 1957. Warren worked for C.C. Smith Drilling Co. for 23 years, was a machinist for Drilco until its closing, but continued to work as a machinist until his retirement.

Vonnie worked for the Midland ISD school cafeterias for 20 years. Warren recently began volunteering for Meals on Wheels.

J.W. graduated from Fluvanna High School and served in the Navy during World War II. Vonnie graduated from Comanche High School and worked in Big Lake where the couple met.

Friends and relatives attended from Amarillo, Fort Worth, Longview, Hamilton, Snyder, Abilene, Merkel, Llano, Fluvanna, Lubbock and Midland.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Donald and Marsha Kubena of Hermleigh announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Alicia Dawn Kubena of Plano, to Shane Maxwell Guldbransen, also of Plano. He is the son of Max and Doris Guldbransen of Toogoolawah, Australia. The wedding is planned for June 23 in the St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Snyder. (Contributed Photo)

School Menus

Snyder

All meals are served with choice of milk.

CLASSROOM BREAKFAST MENU
(East, Northeast, Stanfield)

Monday
Cereal
Graham Crackers
Juice

Tuesday
Breakfast Pocket
Juice

Wednesday
Grilled Cheese Sandwich

Thursday
Pigs in a Blanket
Juice

Friday
Strawberry Toaster Pastry

BREAKFAST OTHER SCHOOLS

Monday
Cinnamon Toast
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

Tuesday
Hot Breakfast Pocket or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

Wednesday
Soft Taco or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

Thursday
Pancakes w/Syrup Sausage or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

Friday
Biscuit w/Gravy or
Assorted Dry Cereal
Toast w/Jelly
Juice

LUNCH

Monday
Barbecue on a Bun
Beef Lasagna
Tossed Salad w/Ranch
Tater Tots
Pudding

Tuesday
Hamburger on a Bun or
Crunchy Corn Dog
French Fries
Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle
Applesauce

Wednesday
Pizza or
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Garlic Toast
Cucumber w/Dip
Pineapple Tidbits
Chocolate Cake w/White Icing

Thursday
Beef Soft Taco or
Chicken Quesadilas
Spanish Rice
Refined Beans
Corn Bread

Friday
Chicken Nuggets or
Fish Wedge w/Tarter Sauce
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy
Seasoned Green Beans
Hot Roll

Hermleigh

All meals are served with milk.

BREAKFAST

Monday
Juice
Toast & Jelly

Tuesday
Fruit
Blueberry Muffins

Wednesday
Juice
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast

Thursday
Fruit
Scrambled Eggs
Toast

Friday
Out of School Holiday

LUNCH

Monday
Pinto Beans/Ham
Buttered Cabbage
Fried Cabbage
Fried Okra
Corn Bread
Pink Applesauce

Tuesday
Oven Fried Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Hot Rolls
Fruit Jell-O

Wednesday
Steak Fingers/Gravy
Potato wedges
Hot Rolls
Pineapple Slices

Thursday
Chopped Barbecue on a Bun
French Fries
Relish Cup
Rice Krispie Bars

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Breakfast

Monday
Cereal
Toast
Juice

Tuesday
Pancakes
Sausage
Juice

Wednesday
Breakfast pizza
Juice

Thursday
Biscuits, Gravy
Sausage
Juice

Friday
French Toast
Juice

Lunch

Monday
Pigs in Blanket
French Fries
Pork & Beans
Peaches

Tuesday
Spaghetti
Corn
Vegetable Salad
Chocolate Cake

Wednesday
Patti Melts
Parsley Potatoes
Ranch Style Beans
Brownies

Thursday
Chicken Strips
Mashed Potatoes
Sweet Peas
Hot Rolls
Peach Cups

Friday
Ham Sandwich
Chips
Cookies
Oranges

Births

Jeffery and Pamela Hogan of Chattanooga, Tenn., formerly of Snyder, are the parents of a baby girl, Autumn Lee Hogan. Autumn was born at 12:36 a.m., Feb. 28 in Woman's East Pavilion in Chattanooga. She weighed 6 pounds and 7 ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. And Mrs. Eddie Hogan of Decatur, Tenn; Mr. And Mrs. Barrie Bowlin, of Snyder; and Judy Taylor of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor and Bill Bowlin all of Snyder.

Courtney and Greg Jones announce the birth of their son, Spence Caine Jones, on Feb. 12 in Odessa Regional Hospital. He weighed six pounds, eight ounces and was welcomed home by a brother, Zarek Jones.

Grandparents are Barrie and Debbie Bowlin of Snyder and Curtis and Traci Landon of San Angelo. Paternal great-grandparents are Rosemary and Howard Jones of Snyder, Virgie Howard and Charles and Joyce Landon of Snyder; and step-great-grandparents are Bill Bowlin of Snyder and Tina Martin of Odessa.

Eli and Emma Grace Peterson announce the birth of their brother, Elliott Winston Peterson. Elliot was born in a San Angelo hospital on March 8. He weighed six pounds, eight ounces. His parents are Chad and Allison of San Angelo.

Grandparents are Marvin and Darrell Ann Hall of San Angelo and Eddie and Nancy Peterson of Snyder.

Wedding remembered

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia (AP) — This was one wedding the bride won't soon forget.

The bride and groom had just said their "I do's" at their cowboy-themed wedding when three well-wishers fired a celebratory round from their pistols and a bullet went awry.

Reporting on the Wednesday wedding in the western town of Stupava, TV Markiza said a shot lodged in the ankle of the bride.

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U.S. schools are educating record numbers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sit in on a PTA meeting anywhere in America and you might hear the English proceedings augmented by Spanish — or Hindi, Korean, Swahili, Laotian.

The record 49 million students in the nation's schools are the most since 1971 and also the most diverse, the Census Bureau said Friday. It reported that one student in five has at least one foreign-born parent, and 5 percent of students were born abroad.

As families from abroad immigrate, U.S. schools are adapting to an increasingly diverse student body.

Juli Kwikkel, principal of East and West elementary schools in Storm Lake, Iowa, said her small school district of under 2,000 students has more than 700 pupils from various ethnic groups, who account for 45 percent of enrollment. They account for nearly 60 percent of the city's kindergarten and first-grade enrollment.

In the 1970s and 1980s, local churches sponsored refugee families from Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. Now the area's meat processing plants bring in families from throughout Latin America.

These days, Kwikkel said, she sends out the school newsletter in three languages and routinely conducts PTA meetings simultaneously in English, Spanish and Laotian. Soccer is slowly replacing baseball on the playground.

In Dearborn, Mich., school officials this spring will begin testing halal food, required by Islam, in several city school cafeterias. About 35 percent of Dearborn's 17,000 students are Muslim, and in a few Dearborn grade schools, the pupil population is more than 90 percent Muslim. Dearborn, a Detroit suburb, has the highest concentration of ethnic Arabs outside the Middle East, according to the Arab American Institute.

In Kentucky, the state's largest school district is struggling to keep pace with an influx of immigrant students from Bosnia, Rwanda, Sudan, Somalia, Cuba, Mexico and elsewhere.

In California, half the school children are either foreign-born or first-generation Americans. California voters have cut allocations for bilingual programs, but the state also was among the first to create standards for its English-as-a-second-language programs.

Bruce Hunter of the American Association of School Administrators said school districts throughout the nation are struggling to help such students.

"They're actually doing pretty well, but they're scrambling to find people, to find materials, to fill in children's previous education records to get a sense of what the kids know and don't know," he said. "Unfortunately, there was no way of really preparing folks for that."

Experts say the sheer number of students is drawing attention to the need for substantial outlays for school construction and teacher-training programs, as 30-year-old buildings deteriorate and a generation of teachers nears retirement after decades in the classroom.

"We have a series of perverse incentives that encourage people to get out just as we need them to stay in," said Hunter.

He said large numbers of teachers who began teaching during the last wave in the late 1960s and 1970s are being encouraged to retire, even though many are in their productive 50s.

The census data show that 48.7 million students, in public and private schools, were enrolled in first through 12th grades — slightly more than in 1971, when enrollment last peaked.

An additional 3.8 million students were in kindergarten in 1999, for a total of about 52.5 million.

The Education Department predicts elementary and secondary school enrollment will reach 53.2 million this fall, and the number will peak in 2005 at about 53.5 million. That total covers public students from prekindergarten through high school, and private school students from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Baby boomers — people born between 1946 and 1964 — enrolled in unprecedented numbers in schools beginning in the 1950s.

The new figures showed the number of Asian students grew 47 percent between 1993 and 1997, while the number of Hispanic students grew 28 percent.

The school census figures were the first to collect information on the national origin of students' families, said the Census Bureau's Amie Jamieson. Researchers have asked such questions since 1994, but have never gathered the results in a report, she said.

Sharon Lewis of the Council of Great City Schools said teacher shortages and problems with instructors teaching outside their specialty will worsen, as will the problems of aging buildings.

"With the influx of students, that means we'll have to continue to use those buildings that are in bad shape and should be torn down," Lewis said.

On the Net: Census Bureau: http://www.census.gov

Comatose surgeon dies

HOUSTON (AP) — A comatose surgeon at the center of a battle between his nephew and a Houston hospital over whether to take him off of life support died early Thursday.

Despite life-sustaining equipment and drugs, Dr. Joseph Ndiyob died shortly before 1 a.m. at Memorial Hermann Hospital, spokeswoman Beth Sartori said.

Ndiyob's heart stopped five times in December as Hermann doctors tried to resuscitate him after he suffered a heart attack. Hospital officials said the heart stoppages left him brain dead in mid-January and machines were needed to keep his organs alive.

The hospital's lawyer, Craig Smyser, said hospital officials concluded that Ndiyob would not recover and the machines should be turned off so he would be allowed to die.

The hospital cited a 1999 law signed by then-Gov. George W. Bush that allows attending physicians and hospital ethics boards in Texas to supersede patient or family wishes in some decisions involving life support.

Ndiyob's relatives, who are Cameroon immigrants, said they wanted the life support systems left on because they believed a chance remained for Ndiyob to recover.

This week the surgeon's nephew, Joseph Tanifor, testified before state District Judge Levi Benton in Houston that he and Ndiyob's other relatives believe only God should take away human life.

Family attorney Ken Okorie, who called Ndiyob an "extraordinary human being," said relatives were grieving the doctor's loss Thursday. Okorie added there would be no further litigation.

The relatives had tried to move Ndiyob but had been unable to find another hospital willing to admit the surgeon, who lacked health insurance.

On Wednesday, Benton summoned a priest to help mediate the dispute. Benton had been prepared to intervene Friday if the two sides couldn't reach a settlement.

Public Records

Marriage License

John Michael Duddleston and Patricia Evelyn Cooper, both of Snyder.

Doug Orba Wilkinson and Jennifer Lynn Northcott, both of Snyder.

Malcolm Randall Rainwater of Midland and Miranda Dawn Hancock of Snyder.

Robert Keith Ainsworth and Grace Blthe Hildebrand, both of Snyder.

Cameron S. Clinton and Tara Renee DelaGarza, both of Big Spring.

Filed in District Court

Pamela Black vs. Davidson Food Inc., suit for injuries.

Action in District Court

Providian National Bank vs. Lilian Campos, order of dismissal without prejudice.

Deed Records

Gloria Rivera to Gloria Amanda Ortiz, Lots 6-8 in Block 10 of the Andress Heights Addition.

Donna Fortenberry to Ruben Capps, the south 50 feet of Lots 13 and 14 and the south 50 feet of the west 40 feet of Lot 12, all in Block 19 of the Wilmeth Addition.

Griffey E. and Gayla S. Leary to Byron K. and Kathy Ann Herrley, an 0.999-acre tract in the northeast one-quarter of Section207, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Ross Wesley Cornett to Tresa Kay Cornett, all the northwest one-quarter of Section 212, Block 97, H&TC survey.

Kerry L. and Angela D. Hatley to Freddie L. and Janie Bruton, Lot 7 in Block 2 of the Wall Addition.

Tresa Kay Cornett to Ross Wesley Cornett, the west 156 feet of the north 244 feet of Block 10 of the Westside Heights Addition.

Eunice J. Goodlett and Edith Goodlett, individually and as Trustees of the Eunice J. and Edith Goodlett Revocable Living Trust, to Thomas J. and Sherry Danice Statham, all the west one-half of the southwest one-quarter of Section 65, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Sue E. Walker, individually and as attorney-in-fact for Raymon J. "Red" Walker, to Antonio Stelluti and Pamela Kerr, tract one being the east 20 feet of Lot 14 in Block I of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition; tract two being all of Lot 15 in Block I of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition; tract three being an 0.09-acre tract out of the west part of Lot 15 in Block I of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Glena Belle Roggenstein to Jess and Lynda Hite, 1.74 acres in the northwest one-quarter of Section 94,Block 2, H&TC survey.

Gwendolyn Sue Thompson to Robbie and Sarah Jamison, Lot 18 in Block 1 of the Scott and Browning Addition.

J.T. and Faye Guynes to Melody Esther Martinez, Lot 9 in Block 1 of the Glenn Huffman Addition.

Kevin Curtis and Leslie N. Rinehart to Jody and Shelly E. Duggan, 2.642 acres in the southeast one-quarter of Section 187, Block 97, H&TC survey.

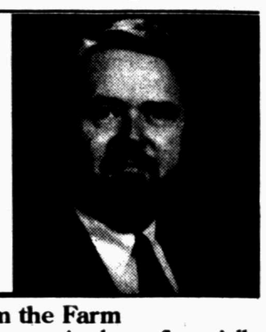
Don A. Jones to Ray Herring, the south one-half of Block 147 of the Original Town of Fluvanna.

West Texas State Bank to Dennis K. and Rajana J. Young, an 0.62-acre tract in Tract 46 of the Dallas Trust and Savings Bank Subdivision of the Grimes Ranch Lands in Section 13, Block 1, J.P. Smith survey.

Juanita Fennell to Tony Keigm Fennell, the north 50 feet of Lot 4 in Bock 25 of the Lundy Park Addition.

Minding Your Own Business

By Don Taylor



Advertising Lessons from the Farm

Most of you regular readers know that I was raised as a financially challenged, person of the soil — that's the politically correct way of saying dirt poor, farm boy. However, since we've added more than 100,000 readers since last year, I need to mention it to establish the groundwork - no pun intended — for this column.

Most of my formative years were spent caring for livestock, putting in field crops and hating chickens. I often see parallels between the lessons I learned in those 21 years and sound business practice today.

In previous columns, I've written about some of those lessons. I've discussed the fact that you always reap what you sow; you can shear a sheep many times, but can only skin it once; grease is cheaper than parts and sometimes you have to go out on a limb to find the fruit.

I'm comfortable using farm analogies in my business presentations. Recently, I stated in a seminar that advertising was a lot like farming. Later I was asked to explain the statement. I explained you have to plant the seed before you raise a crop. That is, you have to make an investment before you can reap the harvest.

I decided this week to expand a little on this concept with you. My hope is that you will turn up an idea or two that will germinate in your fertile minds and grow into something really profitable.

Reaping a bumper crop

* **It starts with a plan.** On the farm you must evaluate your fields, decide what to plant and where to plant it. For promotion to be effective, you must decide what to say and who to say it to.

* **Then you must get ready.** On the farm the next step is to prepare the soil. Unless you're a trash farmer, you're going to stir it up good and work it until you have a good seedbed. Advertising takes some preparation as well. You need to work your product selection and prices over, select your target customers and line out the media you will use to carry the message.

* **Next you plant your seed.** In the field you've got to plant the seed before you reap the harvest. Profitable farmers — and there are still a few out there — select the best variety of seed, adjust the seed count per acre and apply the right balance of nutrients to get a bumper crop.

Effective promotion works the same way. You've got to select the right media, purchase enough ads or space to carry the message and then apply the extras like adequate inventory, good merchandising, customer service and follow-up.

How much do I spend?

The question I'm asked more than any other is: "How much should I spend on advertising?" The answer is now as it has always been: it depends.

Actually, there is no easy answer to how much a business should spend on promotion. You should consider several factors, such as: current success level, competition, size of market, target customers, pricing strategies, business location, past promotion success and the type of business.

Since so many business owners struggle with this concept, I've created a new tool. It's called the "Promotion Spending Guide." It asks 20 questions about your business and gives you a "spending range" based on your answers.

For a free copy, send a self-addressed envelope with a 34 cent stamp on it - no postage meters - to: Don Taylor/Promotion Spending Guide, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105. Because of our present volume of mail, if you do not follow the above instructions, we will not be able to respond.

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.

Animal rights group drops lawsuit

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — An animal rights group dropped its defamation lawsuit against talk-show host Rosie O'Donnell after she clarified comments she made on her show about the group's opposition to leather.

Norfolk-based People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals sued for defamation after O'Donnell said on a show last year that certain types of leather pants sold at The Gap were PETA-approved.

What O'Donnell was apparently referring to was a decision by The Gap to stop using Indian and Chinese leather after a PETA campaign highlighting alleged industry abuses in those countries.

PETA opposes all use of leather. When the show refused to retract O'Donnell's statement, the group sued in Arlington County Circuit Court for $350,000.

On "The Rosie O'Donnell Show," she clarified her earlier statement, saying "PETA feels no one needs to wear any leather apparel at all."

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Q & A

Inhalants

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.

The Brain's Response to nhalants

Hi, my name's Sara Bellum. Welcome to my series exploring the brain's response to drugs. In this issue, we'll investigate the fascinating facts about inhalants. Some of this information was only recently discovered by leading scientists.

Maybe you haven't heard of inhalants, but you probably come across them pretty often. Hair spray, gasoline, spray paint — they are all inhalants, and so are lots of other everyday products. Many inhalants have a strong smell. That's why they're called inhalants: Some people inhale the vapors on purpose. Why would anyone do this? Because the chemicals in these vapors can change the way the brain works, and those changes can make people feel very happy for a short time. But inhalants can also do harm.

They Don't Go Away When You Exhale

Inhalant vapors often contain more than one chemical. Some leave the body quickly, but others are absorbed by fatty tissues in the brain and nervous system. They can stay there for a long time. One of these fatty tissues is myelin — a protective cover that surrounds many of the body's nerve cells (neurons). Nerve cells in your brain and spinal cord are sort of like "Command Central" for your body. They send and receive messages that control just about everything you think and do. If you picture nerve cells as your body's electrical wiring, then think of myelin as the rubber insulation that protects an electrical cord.

One problem with inhalant use over the long term is that the chemicals can break down myelin. And if myelin breaks down, nerve cells may not be able to transmit messages.

Beyond the Brain

One reason scientists are so interested in inhalants is that these chemicals affect the body in lots of ways. While some effects are due to changes in the brain, others are direct actions on other parts of the body, such as the circulatory system. Did you know that some inhalants directly increase the size of blood vessels, allowing more blood to flow through? And some inhalants can make the heart beat faster. This can be a serious problem, especially if someone inhales butane gas.

Butane, found in cigarette lighters and refills, makes the heart extra sensitive to a chemical that carries messages from the nervous system to the heart. This chemical, noradrenalin, tells the heart to beat faster when you're in a stressful situation — like if something suddenly scares you. If the heart becomes too sensitive to noradrenalin, a normal jolt of it may cause the heart to temporarily lose its rhythm and stop pumping blood through the body. Some inhalant users die this way.

Changes in the Brain

Damage from long term use of inhalants can slow or stop nerve cell activity in some parts of the brain. This might happen in the frontal cortex, the part of the brain that solves complex problems and plans ahead. Or if inhalants get into the brain's cerebellum, which controls movement and coordination, they can make someone move slowly or clumsily. Studies show that neurons in a part of the brain called the hippocampus can also be damaged by inhalants. The damage occurs because the cells don't get enough oxygen. Since the hippocampus helps control memory, someone who repeatedly uses inhalants may lose the ability to learn new things, may not recognize familiar things, or may have a hard time keeping track of simple conversations.

The Search Continues

The truth is, there's still a whole lot that scientists do not know about the effects of inhalants on the brain. When scientists learn more about how various inhalants affect the brain, they may be able to develop treatments that prevent the damage inhalants can cause. Maybe someday you'll make the next major breakthrough.

The above information was provided by *The National Institute on Drug Abuse.*

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Becoming fanatic

NEW YORK (AP) — Actor Hugh Jackman has a new passion, thanks to his "Kate & Leopold" co-star Meg Ryan.

"Meg's really turned me on to yoga," Jackman told People magazine in its April 2 issue. "I'm becoming a fanatic. I may end up like Sting."

Jackman explained that a friend was seated behind the yoga-obsessed rock star on a recent flight to London. "All (my friend) could see was two legs sticking up in the air.

Man lived for 3 hours

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — A Texas man severed at the waist by an 18-wheeler lived for more than three hours, as paramedics rushed his torso by air and his lower body by ground to the hospital where he died.

Herbert Lee Grossman, 59, of Quitman, Texas, was crushed while walking in a truck-stop parking lot. The tractor, which was moving at less than 5 mph, was pulling out of a parking space.

"We got the call as a signal seven (dead person), and then a few minutes later, I heard (paramedics) saying, 'We've got breath,'" said Florida Highway Patrol trooper Melissa Pestana.

Grossman raised his arms to the paramedics, who decided to airlift Grossman's upper body to West Florida Regional Medical Center by helicopter, while an ambulance carried his lower body.

He was pronounced dead at 1:32 p.m.

The driver of the truck, Eddie Patterson, 55, of Lake Providence, La., had been talking to Grossman moments prior to moving his truck. The two had been checking the air pressure on Grossman's truck.

"The driver said he rolled out, looked in his rearview mirror and all he saw was legs," said truck driver Don Leggett, 53. "He just figured there would be a body attached. If you're cut in half, wouldn't you die instantly?"

Patterson was not charged, Pestana said, calling the event a "freak accident."

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The prophet Mohammed died in A.D. 632.

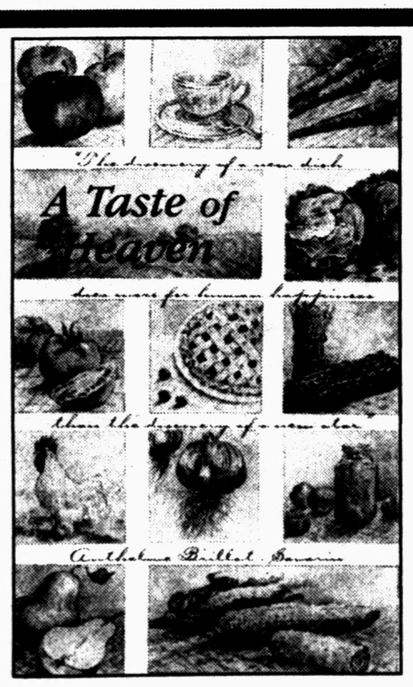


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Nearly 80, cable executive's wife takes on senior issues

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Suzanne Roberts enjoyed a privileged childhood and an equally comfortable life as an executive's wife, socialite and mother of five.

Don't ask her to serve on any party planning committees. She limits her time to a few hand-selected boards. Besides, at 79, Roberts has a full-time job, albeit an unpaid one, in her husband's cable TV empire.

About a year ago, Roberts took on the challenge as host of a five-minute TV spot on senior issues called "Seeking Solutions with Suzanne." The show, produced by Comcast Corp., airs three times a day during local access time provided by CNN's Headline News network.

"Suzanne is breaking new ground with the kinds of topics she deals with, and the fact she's targeting it toward what will be the largest segment of our population — the graying of the boomers," Comcast spokesman Vic Skowronski said.

True to her audience, the show addresses health topics, from a three-part look at prostate cancer to osteoarthritis to exercise.

Roberts, a longtime local actress and inveterate ham, is far from squeamish on the air. She freely discusses the steps involved in a colorectal screening and asks experts about safe sex for seniors re-entering the dating scene.

Nor is she squeamish about her age.

"I'm going to be 80 in May. I think that for the show, it's very important that they know that I'm 80, or going to be," Roberts said.

Other topics have ranged from financial planning to belly dancing to bereavement.

"I see so many people my age, and every one of them says, 'Don't stop working. This is one of the most exciting things, to see somebody our age on TV,'" Roberts said recently, sitting in a conference room at a production office in downtown Philadelphia.

Comcast, the nation's third-largest cable operator, reported net income of $2.02 billion on revenue of $8.22 billion last year. The booming QVC shopping network, which Comcast owns, accounted for nearly half the revenue.

Ralph J. Roberts, Suzanne's husband of 59 years, is Comcast's founder and chairman, their son Brian its president.

"Until this show, I've always, naturally, thought of Ralph and Brian as kings. Now, people who I don't know from Adam say, 'Oh hello, Suzanne,'" Roberts said.

In recent years, Roberts retired from the local stage as she found it increasingly difficult to remember her lines. She came up with the idea for the show, and pitched it to her husband. She envisioned a 10- or 15-minute production.

Ralph Roberts liked the idea, but left the decision to other company executives. They suggested the five-minute segments.

Roberts, ever blunt, said she initially questioned that strategy.

"When I first heard about it, I thought, 'What the hell can you do in five minutes?'" she said. "But I've come around to it. You can do an awful lot in five minutes."

The show made its debut with three new segments a week, and now airs new spots each day, at 11:55 a.m., 4:55 p.m., and 9:55 p.m.

Typically, Roberts introduces a topic, squeezes in a few questions with an expert, and signs off. About half the shows are produced in the field, and feature Roberts swimming with senior Olympians, learning tai chi, or gamely attempting some other activity.

A staff of six, all women, produce the show, which is filmed on a handsome set at a QVC facility in West Chester, a Philadelphia suburb.

The show's budget is $1.2 million a year, about what Comcast takes in from sponsors, including local hospitals and medical providers. Comcast could sell its local access time to advertisers, but instead splits it between Roberts' show and interviews with local newsmakers.

"Seeking Solutions" reaches 8.4 million Comcast subscribers in 19 states, and airs once a day on the GoodLife TV Network.

Roberts spends four days a week preparing and taping the show.

Ralph Roberts, who is 80, also works four days a week. The couple stay in a Center City hotel during the week, then spend long weekends in Chester County at their 150-acre horse farm, complete with an 18th century farmhouse once featured in Architectural Digest.

"I recommend you do something you love, or find something. I don't know how you necessarily find something, but it's wonderful if you can," Roberts said.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



In-laws' unsafe old house worries new mother-to-be

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are expecting our first child in two months. I have been reading parent and child safety books, and several topics have come up that concern me.

My in-laws live in an old house that appears to be structurally unsafe. It has unusually steep stairwells, peeling paint on the walls that I fear may be lead-based — and over all, the place is filthy. They also have a dog who has a history of biting people — myself and my husband included.

Once, a few years ago, my husband and I stayed in a motel rather than with them, and we still haven't heard the end of it!

I am concerned for our child's safety. Is there a nice way of telling my in-laws that we will not be bringing our new baby to their home for visits? (Please don't use my name or location. I have enough grief from my mother-in-law as it is.) — **DISTRESSED FIRST-TIME MOM**

DEAR DISTRESSED: There is no "nice" way to tell your in-laws that their house is a health hazard and their beloved pet is a menace. Express your concerns, advise them of your decision, and don't back down.

Your baby's welfare must come first — and it's your responsibility as parents to protect your child. Invite them to visit the baby in YOUR home — sans the dog.

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DEAR ABBY: Last year, my husband went into business with a close friend. Since then, he refuses to let me see any financial statements, including the 1099 form used for filing income taxes. He says my wanting to see these records proves I don't trust him.

I love him and want to believe him, but I have my doubts. His partner's wife told me my husband is lying. She says he earns far more than he tells me. I've never seen a payroll stub.

Every week, he gives me money to pay the bills and buy groceries. In turn, I give him "pocket money" for the week — usually $5 to $10 a day. He says he's glad I take the money because I manage it well.

Abby, why would he lie to me? Shouldn't married people know each other's incomes? — **FEELING UNEASY IN NEW ENGLAND**

DEAR FEELING UNEASY: Your husband's reluctance to show you financial statements indicates that he doesn't trust YOU with the knowledge of his true financial status. Of course married couples should know where they stand financially.

Refuse to sign any tax forms unless you have reviewed them and understand them completely. You are as liable as your husband is for any inaccuracies or misinformation. If your husband gives you an argument, consult a lawyer.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been sworn to secrecy by my husband's 70-year-old grandmother. She was recently diagnosed with emphysema, and she doesn't want me to tell the family.

I am torn because I think my husband and his family should be emotionally and financially prepared. On the other hand, she swore me to secrecy because she doesn't want to be a burden to the family. Please help. — **PERPLEXED IN COLORADO**

DEAR PERPLEXED: It's unfair for you to carry this burden of secrecy. Talk to her doctor and ask him or her to encourage Grandma to tell her family the whole truth now.

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DEAR ABBY: I am writing to apologize to the man I cut off in merging traffic on the interstate the other day.

I'm sorry. I didn't mean to cut you off. I saw your mouth moving 100 miles a minute and the anger contorting your face. I got back in the other lane as quickly as I could, and I want you to know I was scared to death when you pulled up beside me and started honking the horn. We were approaching a slow-moving semi, and I was terrified you might run me off the road.

You honked for quite a while. I didn't look over because I knew it wouldn't do any good. I knew I had cut you off, and I'm sorry for that, but your forcing me into a dangerous path on the interstate was not safe for either of us. I was afraid if I turned to look at you, you would pull a gun on me or run me into the ditch. I wanted to focus on driving, but instead, I had to concentrate on a car locking me into a lane, honking at me, swearing at me. I was afraid you would damage my car or maybe follow me home.

Both of our actions were dangerous to other people, but there is a difference between them. I cut you off by accident; your reaction was reckless and intentional. The next time you are in a similar situation, I hope you'll extend a little mercy. It would be beneficial not only to the person in my position, but to the rest of the people trying to travel safely on the road. — **GIRL IN THE BLUE CAR**

DEAR GIRL: Your letter carries an important message. Incidents of road rage are all too common, and the guilty parties are both male and female. Rudeness on the roadway, overreaction to the careless driving habits of others, immaturity and sheer recklessness are invitations to tragedy. I sometimes think it wouldn't hurt if reciting the Golden Rule were mandatory before being allowed to pass the driving test. That way people would be driving "under the influence" of something positive.

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DEAR ABBY: This may top the letter about the couple who invited friends to their anniversary party and used the cash the guests put on their money tree to finance their divorce.

I was recently invited to a bridal shower. The mother wrote on all the invitations, "I have purchased ALL the gifts my daughter would like. So please come to my house to purchase the gifts from me."

How is that for nerve? All of the gifts were expensive. Most of the invitees felt obligated to buy them and did so with great resentment.

The daughter is a spoiled, pretentious brat — but mother and daughter got what they wanted. I dare anyone to top this one. — **TICKED OFF IN CONNECTICUT**

DEAR TICKED OFF: Feeling as you do about the bride and her mother, why did you attend the shower? Are these people you plan on having anything to do with in the future? I'm surprised you allowed yourself to be used that way when you could have "round-filed" the invitation.

P.S. Be careful when you toss down the gauntlet and ask if anyone can top a social gaffe. Someone is usually able to do it.

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Southern Baptist Convention halts talks with U.S. Catholics

NEW YORK (AP) — The Southern Baptist Convention is halting 30 years of official doctrinal talks with the U.S. Roman Catholic Church.

The two denominations, America's biggest with 78 million members between them, share belief in central Christian doctrines but ecumenical contacts have been a sore point for some Southern Baptists.

"We're not ecumenists. We're evangelicals committed to sharing the Gospel," explained the Rev. R. Philip Roberts, president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Mo., who formerly handled interfaith relations with the North American Mission Board.

Though the denomination's 1994 meeting endorsed talks with the Catholics, Roberts said "many Southern Baptists became suspicious of these discussions."

When the talks began in 1971, both sides saw them as an opportunity to understand agreements and differences, though there was never any prospect of organizational union.

The Rev. Timothy George, like Roberts a participant in the talks on the Baptist side, noted that a small faction of Baptists had "a strong and somewhat strident reaction against this."

George, dean of Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Ala., said "ecumenism is not a high priority for most Southern Baptists."

Baptist officials notified Bishop J. Kendrick Williams of Lexington, Ky., Catholic co-chair of the dialogue, of the decision in a Feb. 7 letter but no public announcement was made.

Brother Jeffrey Gros, the bishops' liaison to the Southern Baptist dialogue, said the Catholic side would have no comment.

Before contacts end, two previously scheduled meetings of the 14-member panel will be held, one Sept. 6-8 at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., and a final session in 2002. The negotiators hope to issue a document on salvation and a summary report on their contacts.

The Southern Baptist-Catholic dialogue is one of eight official conversations with U.S. Christian branches that the Catholic bishops have established, carrying out the world hierarchy's decree on ecumenism at the Second Vatican Council (1962-65).

The Baptist dialogue produced three joint papers in the 1980s, then stalled for several years while Baptists focused on an internal political battle over the Bible. Since talks resumed in 1994 the group has issued only a 1999 statement defining different terms used concerning the Bible.

George said the discussions were significant because they were an official contact between two major groups. "I hope there will be open doors in the future," he said.

Murder charge dropped in earprint case

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — Prosecutors dropped their case against a murder suspect who was linked to the crime by an earprint found on a door at the scene of the crime.

In documents filed Thursday in Clark County Superior Court, prosecutors said they did not have enough evidence to go to trial a third time against David Wayne Kunze, 50, of Vancouver. A second trial had ended in a mistrial last week.

James W. McCann, the fiance of Kunze's ex-wife, was beaten to death in December 1994 and his 17-year-old son was severely injured. Investigators said Kunze entered McCann's home and paused to listen at the bedroom door before the attack, leaving a telltale earprint.

Prosecutors had contended an earprint could be reliably used as evidence, like a fingerprint. Kunze was convicted in 1997 of aggravated first-degree murder, the second person nationwide to be convicted partly on the basis of earprint evidence, and was sentenced to life in prison without possibility of release.

But a three-judge panel of the state Court of Appeals overturned the conviction in 1999, returning the case to the trial court with instructions that witnesses could assert only that the earprint did not rule out Kunze as the perpetrator, not that it was 100 percent reliable.

The FBI does not use earprint identification, the judges noted.

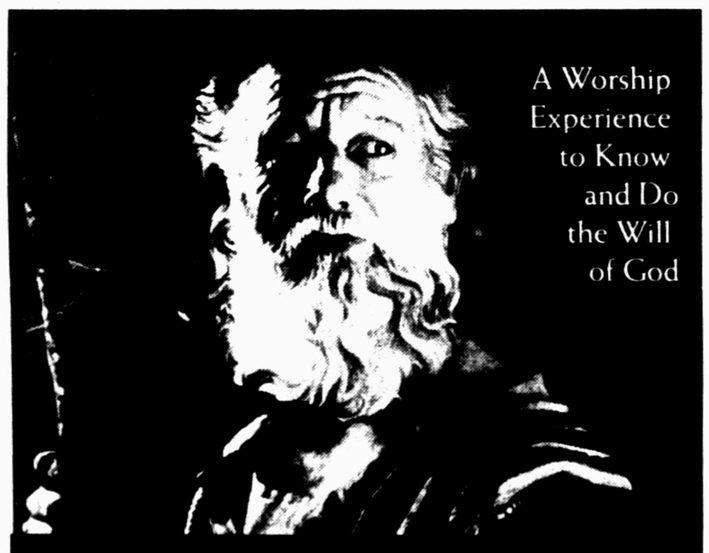
Other states also have rejected earprint evidence.

During the second trial, a prosecutor mentioned the word "appeal" while testifying March 14 and Judge Robert L. Harris declared a mistrial. Harris had directed lawyers not to mention the previous trial or Kunze's successful appeal.

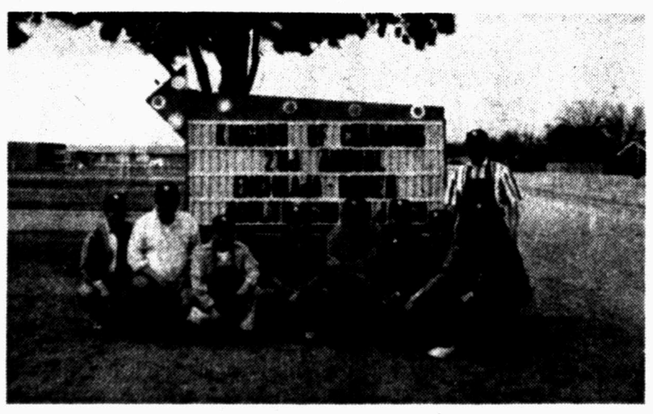
The first conviction involving earprint evidence, in California, had more additional evidence than the Kunze case had.

A new murder charge against Kunze could still be filed, but deputy prosecutor Thomas Duffy indicated that would not happen without new evidence. Defense lawyer, John Henry Browne said he would ask the state Supreme Court to rule out the possibility of bringing another murder charge.

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Nail hemorrhages may be serious

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have red streaks under my nails. Could this be caused by liver damage? Should I be tested?

DEAR READER: Red streaks under the nails do not ordinarily indicate liver disease. However, they can be the result of serious health problems, such as certain bloodstream and heart infections. Also, small hemorrhages under the nails may signal a clotting deficiency.

Show the streaks to your doctor. If further tests are necessary, she can order them. In my opinion, you should have a complete blood count (CBC), as well as tests for clotting and blood cultures.

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

DEAR DR. GOTT: I received a treadmill with a pulse monitor for Christmas and, since I am in my late 60's, decided to use the devices to lose some weight and improve cardiovascular fitness. However, I am puzzled by what happens when I exercise. For the first 20 minutes, my pulse rate stays at about 135; then, with continued exercise, it drops to 120 or below. Is there something wrong with my heart?

DEAR READER: When healthy people engage in progressively strenuous exercise, their pulse rates rise in conjunction with the level of activity. This phenomenon is the basis for the stress test, which monitors a patient's cardiovascular system during increasingly demanding exertion. Under these circumstances, the heart rate will gradually accelerate until it reaches a peak — beyond which the pulse will not increase — and the person experiences exhaustion.

In your case, you are probably not pushing yourself to the limit. If you're like most home exercisers, you're backing off before exhaustion sets in by exercising at a comfortable level and then stopping. Your drop in heart rate may be due to adaptation. As your body becomes adjusted to a certain level of activity, your muscles are warmed up, your metabolic needs are being met, and your heart — paradoxically — has to work less hard than it did at the beginning. This is a normal physiological response; your pulse decrease may reflect healthy cardiac muscle.

On the other hand, it is possible that you are overdoing it. When an unhealthy heart is stressed by exertion, both the pulse and blood pressure may fall. This could be an early indication of inadequate coronary circulation, especially if you experience concomitant feelings of chest pain or pressure.

Based on the limited information you have provided, I cannot judge the situation. Therefore, I believe that you should have a formal stress test under medical supervision. During the examination, your heart's reaction to exercise can be measured by frequent pulse/blood pressure recordings coupled with a cardiogram readout while you're on the treadmill.

Ask your physician to examine you and perform the necessary tests to make sure that your workout is appropriate. In addition, you might consider a diet, rather then strenuous exercise, to lose excess weight. A pound of fat contains 3,500 calories. In order to burn off this amount, you would have to play two hours of tennis singles on a hot day. It makes more sense to reduce your caloric intake and not rely solely on exercise to shed pounds.

Keep me informed about your progress.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I read your column on useless medications and would like to share some of my experiences — all of which are absolutely true.

For over 20 years, I worked as a senior inspector with the U.S. Customs Service in a major aircraft port of entry.

My colleagues and I often were astounded when we read the ingredients of many Chinese pills and potions. Invariably, there would be the claim of antelope or seal penis. Our reaction was: "Ugh, you actually use this stuff?" I will never forget the phone call one of my fellow workers received from a man asking about the importation of deer penis. When asked what he intended to do with it, the gentleman answered: "Put it in soup!" When my colleague told me about this, I fell out of my chair laughing.

We would also see deer antlers that had been shaved into very thin slices, which were supposed to be boiled and eaten. Such a recipe was claimed to cure many ailments. We also saw heavy-duty plastic packets of deer blood that was supposed to be drunk for medicinal purposes.

In most cases, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife inspectors gave us training about what to look for because the importers would lie through their teeth to get the restricted material past customs.

In one instance, our inspectors stopped a Korean man, examined his carry-on baggage and discovered a large number of "bear gall bladders." The Fish and Wildlife inspectors were summoned and began laughing. The tissue didn't come from bears at all. Upon close questioning, the man admitted that he had bought a large number of hog gall bladders that he planned eventually to sell in Korea in hopes that the purchasers would be fooled.

When it came to the body parts of endangered species, we were constantly amazed at what people would pay for these organs and tissue. One U.S. citizen trained in Asian medicine freely admitted that he would gladly pay $25,000 per pound for powdered rhino horn.

In another case, another customs employee (who read and spoke Chinese) and I happened upon a scene in the airline terminal and were asked to assist. An ethnic Chinese man from Laos had been searched for narcotics, and our inspectors had found a small ice chest containing what appeared to be a chicken drumstick with flesh on it, and Chinese characters on the plastic wrap. The Chinese man would tell our inspectors only that it was very important medicine. Subsequently, our Chinese employee translated the characters as "tiger penis." The passenger later told us that this item would have been used to make soup, and that each bowl would cost $200. The Fish and Wildlife inspectors told us that almost all the Chinese products certified to contain tiger tissue were, in fact, simple herbal remedies.

In other situations, our inspectors found dried elephant and rhino penises hidden in shipments of clothing from some African countries; in most cases these shipments were destined for a Chinese medicine company in California.

For decades, I have shaken my head in disbelief when I realize that a country with thousands of years of medical history still exhibits such primitive beliefs. Really, does eating dried penis really make a man a tiger in bed?

Actually, we shouldn't laugh too loudly at such outrageous thoughts. It's been only 150 years since a large number of Europeans were eating powdered Egyptian mummies in hopes of greater longevity. Perhaps we smug Americans are lucky that we're not given the completely accurate ingredients in that "all-beef" hotdog!

DEAR READER: Every once in a while, I receive a letter so compelling that it must be shared in its (edited) entirety with my readers. Yours gets the prize.

First, your perceptions as an in-the-trenches customs inspector are fascinating. Your experiences should be shared because they are valid and insightful.

Second, your comments about Asian medicine are right on target. Civilizations with thousands of years of medical dogma certainly can show us a whole new vista of healthcare. Yet, many of these cultures seem locked into bizarre, traditional practices that are, by our criteria, impossible to accept. Change is important, and the Western emphasis on scientific doctrine is certainly preferable to unthinking and unproved loyalty to incorrect concepts that have achieved the false status of fact.

Third, you are correct that American medicine is still at a primitive level of efficiency. We have, really, progressed only in the last 50 years. Less that a century ago, perfectly reputable physicians treated tuberculosis with flaxseed poultices.

Fourth, the eating of any genital organ has no health benefit.

Finally, I'm not sure I want to know all the ingredients in the American frankfurters. But that's the subject for another column.

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Motorola Inc. set to cut more jobs

SCHAUMBURG, Ill. (AP) — Motorola Inc. said Friday it is cutting 4,000 more jobs, or about 3.1 percent of its work force, bringing to 22,000 the number of job cuts announced since December.

The latest cuts are in Motorola's networks sector, which was created in January to provide broadband and wireless communications products.

"Motorola is making tough but deliberate and strategic business decisions in order to remain competitive in the slowing economy," Edward D. Breen, president of Motorola's Networks Sector, said in a statement.

"Unfortunately, reductions have been necessary for us to improve financial performance, and this is something that we will have to continually evaluate as we monitor market and economic conditions," Breen said.

Motorola's stock was up 8 cents to $15.76 in midday trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Its 52-week high is $56.25.

The latest job cuts at Motorola come a day after consumer product giant Procter & Gamble Co. disclosed plans to cut about 9,600 jobs worldwide, or about 9 percent of its work force.

Other large corporations such as DaimlerChrysler AG, Compaq Computer Corp. and Lucent Technologies have also announced big job cuts recently as the economy has slowed.

Jobless claims have surged. The four-week moving average of new jobless claims climbed last week to 377,000, the highest level in nearly five years, the Labor Department said Thursday. The nation's unemployment rate climbed from 4 percent in December to 4.2 percent in January, then held at 4.2 in February.

The Motorola cuts will come mostly from two businesses in its networks sector: the Commercial, Government and Industrial Solutions Sector; and the Global Telecommunications Solutions Sector.

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Hastert pressed for vote on U.N. dues bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a show of bipartisanship, one of the House's more liberal members is pressing Speaker Dennis Hastert to rush action on a bill written by one of the most conservative senators, a measure authorizing payment of U.S. debts to the United Nations.

"Delay could seriously undermine U.S. leadership at the United Nations and in the international community at large," wrote Rep. Eliot Engel, D-N.Y. The letter also was signed by Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., and Reps. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., Christopher Shays, R-Conn., Marge Roukema, R-N.J., and Sherwood Boehlert, R-N.Y.

The Senate voted 99-0 on Feb. 7 for the bill by Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and longtime U.N. nemesis. Helms pushed the bill after the world body satisfied him that it was streamlining its operations and reducing America's share of the U.N. budget.

The bill would release $582 million in back dues owed the United Nations for its operations and peacekeeping costs. That represents the bulk of the $926 million Congress promised in a 1999 law on condition that the organization reform its huge bureaucracy and reduce the financial burden on the United States.

Hastert's office had no comment on the letter Friday.

The letter said that although the Bush administration's proposed State Department authorization bill contains the Senate bill's provisions, "We are concerned that this bill could take substantial time to enact."

Secretary of State Colin Powell called for quick action on the bill during testimony before the House International Relations Committee, saying, "If we do not deliver on our end of this commitment, we will halt the momentum for U.N. reform and accumulate new arrears."

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She began teaching at Ira for the 1954-55 school year, and over the course of her career, she taught business education, fourth grade, third grade, first grade, and fifth grade. She also served as school secretary from March through May one year.

Mrs. Burrow married Manley Burrow one year after she began teaching. In 1988, she was named the Outstanding Educator of the Year by District 18 PTA.

She was born in Longview and moved to South Texas after completing the third grade. She graduated from Bloomington High School, Victoria Junior College and Southwest Texas State University.

Mrs. Burrow passed away July 13, 1992.

At the time of the endowment, she said that she had the "deepest appreciation for the scholarship set up at WTC."

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Letters to the editor

Good meeting

Dear Editor:

We want to thank the citizens of Scurry County that attended the Community Coalition Meeting Tuesday evening.

A special thank you goes to those who spoke on behalf of the coalition. It was obvious that our hearts have been touched by the problems facing our youth and as a community we are ready to stand up and say — "These are our kids!" and reclaim them from the horrifying effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs!

We look forward to watching this coalition grow in making Scurry County a truly drug free community!

Thanks again,
Krista Maddox

Thank you

Dear Editor:

Recently, the fifth graders at Northeast Elementary participated in Jump Rope for Heart.

The money that the students raised benefitted the Snyder American Heart Association. The students raised $3,199. This was a great achievement for the 100 students who participated.

The faculty, students and myself would like to thank all the businesses and people for their help in making this event a success and a rewarding experience for the students.

With funds donated by these institutions, we were able to purchase three bicycles and four scooters to be given away during our awards ceremony.

Numerous merchants donated coupons for various products such as food, CDs, bowling, video rentals, etc.

A big thank you goes to Shirley Scifres for all her help in making the event a success. And last but not least, thank you to all the people who gave donations in the form of money to benefit the AHA. Without you, the students would not have experienced what it was like to become a volunteer and to help out our community in the fight against heart disease.

Sincerely,
Chris Porter
Northeast Elementary
Physical Education teacher

Guest Editorial By Dolph Tillotson

Public notice bills threaten tradition

Texas has for decades worked to fully inform its citizens by requiring that public notices be printed in local newspapers.

Several bills now before the Legislature threaten that tradition of publishing important notices while allowing exclusive publication on the Internet, at the option of state and local governments.

There is nothing wrong with using the Internet to expand public notice. That's already happening without much prompting by the state. However, for the foreseeable future, newspapers remain vital to the process of public notice.

The bills are SB 872 by Jon Lindsay (R-Houston) and SB 853 by Sen. Chris Harris (R-Arlington). Lindsay's bill would allow for Internet posting of public bid notices. Harris' bill is more sweeping and would allow publication on the Internet of all public notices required by state law.

In both bills, electronic publication could be instead of, not in addition to, publication in newspapers.

Let's say up front that newspaper publishers likely would lose revenue because of the change. However, for most daily newspapers, legal advertising represents a small percentage of revenue, usually much less than 5 percent. The percentage for weekly newspapers is higher.

The real losers if this legislation passes would be the public.

In this debate, it is essential for all to understand the underlying purpose of such advertising; it is not just functional, aimed only at public officials and contractors who do business with the government. It is for everyone.

All citizens have a right to information about public bidding, meetings, tax foreclosure sales, adoption of new tax rates and budgets.

The fact is, not enough Texans have Internet access or use what they do have — at least not yet. A 1998 U.S. Department of Commerce study sets Texas' statewide rate of access at only about 24.5 percent. Admittedly, that likely is somewhat higher today.

However, there remains an undeniable digital divide between those who have access to the Internet and those who don't. It appears obvious that those without Internet access are the most economically disadvantaged among us. Access also is much lower in rural than in urban areas.

The best data available seems to be a June 2000 report titled "Government Services and Computers and Internet Use in Texas," compiled by the University of Texas. It concludes that about half of all Texans have at least limited Internet access, but fully half the polling sample agreed "the Internet is insufficiently available across the state to rely on it for providing government services.

Simply put, allowing Internet only posting would put such information off-limits to all those who do not possess the money, the skills and training, the hardware or software to surf the net. That's a bad idea.

It's an even worse idea when one considers how newspapers still may serve this area.

Habit is an important part of what newspapers offer. The state of Texas has invested millions over the years in training citizens to look for public notices in their local newspaper. We should not toss this aside without a great amount of planning and thought.

Further, a majority of Texas newspapers already have their own Internet presence. The Texas Press Association reports that more than half of the state's 550 newspapers have Internet editions. Of those, 111 Texas newspapers currently are posting legal notices to the Internet.

In many cases (including The Galveston County Daily News), legal posting on the Internet is a free service offered to enhance the value and reach of legal advertising published in the paper.

Surely, there is a way to harness the power of a print-Internet partnership to serve the people of Texas better.

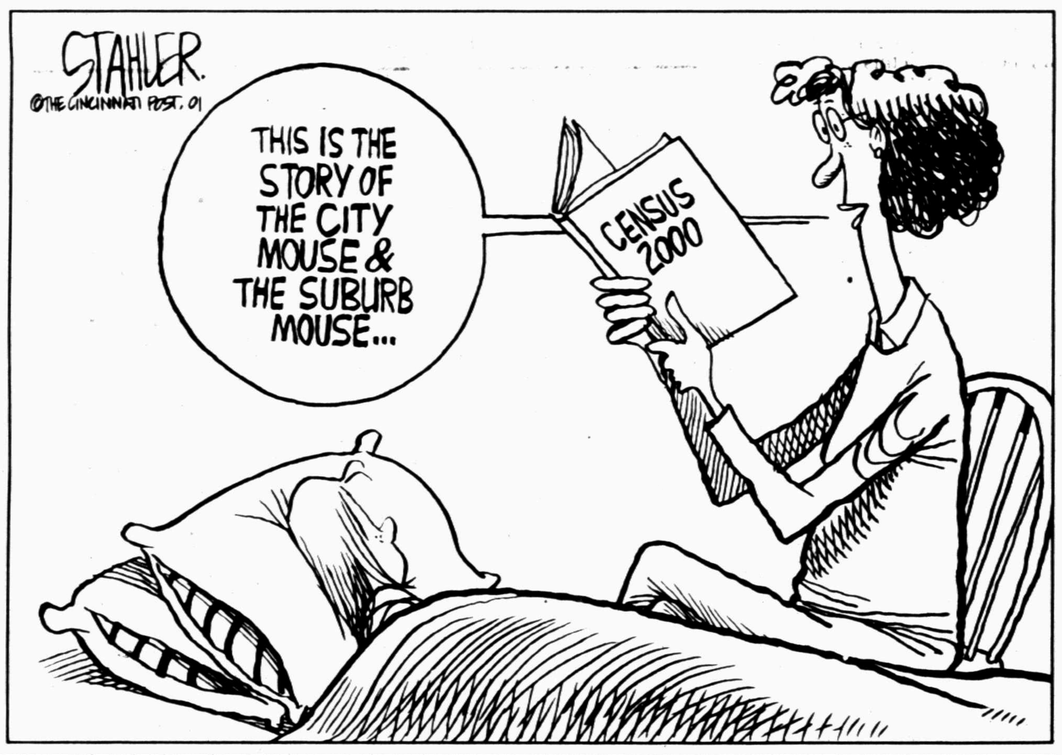
Some in the Texas Legislature may relish the notion of taking a small amount of revenue away from their local newspaper.

Others may sincerely believe the state should make more and better use of Internet technology. It is hard to argue with that notion. It's also logical, however, that expansion onto the Internet should be phased and appropriated to the growth in genuine Internet access and use.

The bills on the table today could essentially end access to huge quantities of public information for all but our most technologically advanced — and wealthiest — citizens.

It is an idea whose time has not come.

Dolph Tillotson is president and publisher of The Galveston County Daily News. He writes frequently on public information issues on behalf of the newspapers of Texas.





North of Forty By Red Green

Recession heroes

They say we're heading for another recession, and for those of us who didn't really enjoy the last one, this news is not good. There are going to be layoffs and downsizing, and companies are going to be looking sideways at anybody over the age of 40 as a prime candidate for the golden handshake.

So if any of you CEOs out there are reading this, I have a better idea. Instead of getting rid of the middle-aged guys, keep them on and put them in charge. Anybody who's been married more than 20 years and has put a couple of kids through college can handle any recession you throw at them. Look at how they dress and what they drive.

These guys are content to be chugging along. They're not going to kill you with demands or ambition. They've given up. And that's what makes them great corporate middle management. Especially during a recession. See how they've managed to cover that large bald spot with only 12 hairs? These are guys who can do more with less.

GOOD NEWS FOR WHOM?

I've noticed an odd thing that people do whenever they're telling me about something good — when they've just picked up a new car or moved into a new house or have won the lottery: They always add a couple of disappointments in there.

"I wanted the teal blue but had to settle for the aqua blue."

"They put in an acrylic laundry tub, even though I told them a hundred times we wanted fiberglass."

"The bank was so nervous about accepting a deposit check that large."

They don't want me to think they've got it easy compared to me. They don't want me to envy them too much. So they throw in a couple of minor wrinkles in the midst of a boastful story just so they'll feel they're doing the right thing.

But if these people really want to do the right thing, they shouldn't mention their good news unless I bring it up. I know you have a new house, I can see you're driving a new car, and that 22-year-old model hanging onto your arm convinces me that you won the lottery.

DANGEROUS DECISIONS

The most dangerous decisions in life are the emotional ones. When you fall in love with someone or something, you lose all ability to make rational, logical comparative evaluation. If the resulting decision turns out to be a good one, that's blind luck. So it's always wise for you to know when you're making an emotional decision. Here are a few warning signs to watch for:

— You don't want to talk to anyone about the decision. Especially your current wife.

— You want to act on the decision as quickly as possible, before doubt creeps in, as you know it should.

— You imagine that after you enact this decision, you will be younger and better-looking.

— You smile whenever you think about the decision, which is all the time. If you're unaware that you're smiling all the time, the other morticians will probably mention it.

IN A HEARTBEAT

I have this theory that your lifespan is not determined by your genes or your diet or your fitness level. I think that each person is assigned a certain number of heartbeats. Like at the carnival, where you get three tosses for a dollar. Once you've used the tosses, you're done.

And at the carnival, you win a kewpie doll. In life, you have to date them first.

So you take a look at your allotment of heartbeats and have to decide how to spend them. Normal life takes about 70 a minute. Obesity and high blood pressure take a few more. So do jogging and talking to the police.

My advice is, before you do something that's going to increase your pulse, make sure it's worth it. Make sure that after it's over, you'll have a new garage, or a kid. Or a kewpie doll.

Quote of the Day: "If you lend someone $20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it." — **Red Green**

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Wichita Falls Times Record News

Hope for Alzheimer's

It's still too early to celebrate a victory over one of the worst diseases to plague modern times in the United States.

Alzheimer's disease has had a devastating effect on the nation's elderly, in particular because that is a segment of the national population that is living longer, thus increasing its risk of exposure. The latest issue of MIT's Technology Review outlines the reach and effect of Alzheimer's. It is estimated that more than 4 million people now have Alzheimer's — about 35 percent of those over 85 years of age.

Directly and indirectly, the disease costs us more than $100 billion a year. Of course, those numbers simply don't tell the whole story, a story of memory loss and disconnection and family sorrow and financial catastrophe. It's too early to celebrate victory, because researchers are not there yet. They are, however, making significant inroads, as the MIT article points out. About a dozen drug companies in the United States alone are conducting clinical trials on medications that might prevent, slow down or cure Alzheimer's disease. Those who have successful products will hit the jackpot.

The MIT story speculates that the market for such a drug could be as high as $8 billion a year by the end of this decade. Of course, for those who worry about contracting the disease or who have family members who are already afflicted, the jackpot will be in terms of radically reduced fears and radically improved lives.

It is good news, indeed, that such progress is being made against this debilitating condition by companies that hope to profit from a solution. But equally good news comes from researchers at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland who have been studying the risk factors involved in Alzheimer's.

Most of us tend to assume that the main component in Alzheimer's is genetic. If it's in our genes, we're doomed. Not necessarily, the researchers found, according to a story on their study printed in the latest issue of Science News magazine. Earlier studies have suggested that people who are physically active are also less likely to contract Alzheimer's.

But the Case Western study focused on people who are mentally active during their middle years and those who are not and discovered that those who spend lots of time on passive activities such as watching television are more prone to Alzheimer's than those who choose to pursue vigorous and stimulating mental activities such as reading and playing a musical instrument.

So, for many of us, there is, in fact, something we can do besides wait for drug companies to develop a pharmaceutical solution to Alzheimer's. We can read, play interesting games that challenge our minds, take up playing a musical instrument, do math problems, work a crossword — in other words, get off the couch and get mentally engaged. And that sure beats a prescription that suggests running 10 times around the block.

San Angelo Standard-Times

The new retirees:

This is not your father's retirement magazine.

AARP is trying to make itself more attractive to members of the enormous baby boom generation. who are passing the organizations trigger age of 50 at a rate of 11,000 a day, but also are passing up AARPs membership offer by a rate of 3 to 1.

Part of the reason, officials decided, was AARPs magazine, Modern Maturity. The name does not go over well with the generation that once was defined by the admonition not to trust anyone over 30.

So AARP has come up with a new hipper, trendier magazine just for boomers and named it My Generation. It's so hip, in fact, that you have to search the cover to find its connection to AARP. (One writer noted that, while the magazines editor insists the name was not taken from the 1965 hit song by the Who, it's interesting to note that a line from that tune says, "I hope I die before I get old.")

My Generation resembles a good many other magazines, with articles on home, health, travel, the arts, celebrity profiles and other "news to use" for people with active lifestyles.

Baby boomers have been trusting people over 30 for a long time, and they've changed their minds about wanting to die before they get old. They're just not ready to be called "mature" yet.

The Herald Zeitung (New Braunfels)

Going to the bat cave

The Texas Legislature is going to the bat cave, with Sen. Jeff Wentworth leading the way. Lawmakers are considering a Wentworth bill that would outlaw the trapping, hunting and selling of bats.

Two of the largest bat caves in the state are in Wentworth's district — Bracken Cave in Comal County and the Old Tunnel Wildlife Management Area near Comfort. Bats from the Bracken Cave reportedly eat an estimated 200 tons of insects nightly.

The state parks and wildlife code allows people to hunt bats as long as the hunters have licenses. Bats also are used for medical research because of their unique navigational and circulatory systems.

While bats serve a very worthwhile purpose in our ecosystem, they also can cause headaches in humans' habitats. Just ask New Braunfels firefighters who were displaced this past fall because bats had taken up residency at central fire station and created a smelly mess. While no firefighters suffered illnesses related to their flighty neighbors, there was some concern about airborne disease.

Any legislation to prohibit trapping and relocating of bats should exempt situations in which the critters pose health risks to humans. Homeowners and businesses should not be penalized for protecting the health and safety of the buildings' occupants who do not fly.

Protecting Texas' bats is a worthwhile idea, but protecting them at the cost of human health and safety would just be "batty."

The Galveston County Daily News

Banning new billboards

Two Texas legislators aim to improve the beauty of Texas roadways by requiring indigenous landscaping along our highways and prohibiting the erection of any new billboards — statewide.

We think there's something good happening here.

If the bills state Sen. David Bernsen and state Rep. Garnet Coleman introduced pass the Legislature this session and make it to law, the state transportation department would be required to allocated $35 million a year to beautification efforts.

While there are many important issues to spend money on, let's not forget that keeping our roadways clean and beautiful should be among them.

And there's no point in landscaping the highways if billboard companies are just going to obstruct the view with their roadside advertisements.

It seems the two efforts go hand in hand and we support Bernsen, Coleman and Scenic Texas in the effort to beautify our roadways. We'd encourage Galveston County's representatives to join the effort.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Sunday, March 25, 2001

As an Aries, you should be experiencing a better-than-average year in the times ahead. Your innovations, inventions, ideas and projections will all be on target, which makes this possible.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — The new cycle into which you just entered allows you to circumvent a stumbling block that's been hampering your progress. However, it does require action on your part. Move on it today. Aries, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper. P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — No matter how tempted you are to trumpet an idea you have, keep it confined strictly to persons who will be directly involved in the endeavor. Secrecy is essential for success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Be open-minded to the ideas of others today, because someone might have an excellent way of doing something that is superior to your present methods. It'll help you out a lot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — There's a possibility of achieving three separate objectives today, but each will have to be worked out in order to bring them to fruition. When you attack each one, go all out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You might validate that old adage that says, "We learn by teaching." While attempting to counsel another on a matter important to him or her, you may discover a new truth for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If others say they can give you some time today to work on something on which you require help, drop what you're doing and take them up on their offer. It could be a golden opportunity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — An opportunity might open up today to confront an individual with whom you have something important to resolve. A mutual beneficial understanding could result.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Even though this may be a day of rest for you, chances are you'll be raring to go on an ambitious project. Take advantage of being strongly motivated. The results will be excellent.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — When it comes to social involvement today, be sure to put your best foot forward. Someone with whom you may come in contact could play an important role in your life somehow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Although it will be up to you to orchestrate the theme, measures can be taken today to help enhance your material security. Know your needs and act on fulfilling them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Your influence over your peers might be more powerful than you realize today. Fortunately, you'll say all the right things they need to hear, so it'll be constructive.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Through persons with whom you share a close personal relationship, you could profit materially today. This will be because your interests will compliment each other.

Your prospects for achieving success in the year ahead look very encouraging. There are indications this might come about through a new venture or project in which you'll become involved.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — What you're hoping for could suddenly be at hand today. The opportunity might come from a least-expected source and at a least-expected moment. Major changes are ahead for Aries in the coming year.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — As you're coasting along today doing your thing, a challenge could emerge without warning. It could awaken your will to win with such force that it may not only startle your confronter, but you as well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Because of your ability to treat life philosophically today, your mind will be open and agreeable. Little gems of discovery you might have rejected previously can now make you a winner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Forces over which you'll have no control could shift conditions today concerning your finances. However, things might turn out better for you than if you had engineered them yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) —Surprisingly, someone you didn't think was too supportive could end up becoming one of your closest allies today. He or she will be a cohort worth cultivating.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Even though you may do things on whims rather than operating from well-thought-out plans, this could be one of those rare days when you'll be a productive performer anyway.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Competent partners or allies can help you accomplish that which you can't do on your own. You shouldn't have any problems finding people to fill this bill.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — When you least expect it today, a way will suddenly open up to resolve a situation that has been disturbing you. It will be instrumental in helping you orchestrate a happy ending.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Through a prominent social contact, something nice could develop for you today. This person might make it possible for you to effectively expand your circle of friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — This is a favorable day for adding to your resources, but it may not come through your usual channels. There's a good chance it could come through initiating something new with another.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — What occurs today might now give you more direct control over situations that can help fulfill a personal ambition. You'll be able to handle things in ways that will work out in your favor.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — There could be a major adjustment in events today that can shift things around to your ultimate benefit. It might be something you had only hoped would happen.

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Satellite plotting Ice Age recovery

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rebounding from the weight of ice sheets that depressed the land during the ice age, Scandinavia has risen more than a half-mile in the past 20,000 years, according to new satellite measurements.

In a study appearing Friday in the journal Science, researchers report that Sweden, Norway, Finland and Denmark are moving upward at almost a half an inch year as a rebound from the melting of two-mile-thick ice mountains.

"There is not one place in Scandinavia that was not covered with ice," said Jerry X. Mitrovica of the University of Toronto. "The land was pressed down about a kilometer (five-eighths of a mile), and when the ice melted, the land started going up in a process that continues even today."

Mitrovica, co-author of the study, said the weight of the ice was equal to about 6.6 million pounds per square yard of land surface in Scandinavia.

Scientists have long known that Scandinavia, Canada and other places buried under frozen mountains during the last ice age have been rebounding. Until now, however, researchers were not sure how fast the land was rising.

Mitrovica and his co-authors used data from 33 sensors placed strategically around Scandinavia to pick up signals from the Global Positioning Satellite system. Combining this data and correcting it for atmospheric distortion enabled them to measure the land movement to a scale of about 1 millimeter, a fraction of an inch, per year.

They found that, on average, the land under the ancient ice burden is rising annually by about 9 millimeters. An inch is about 25 millimeters.

Knowing this amount of rise, Mitrovica said, makes it possible for the first time to use two centuries of sea level measurements from Scandinavia.

"The best-kept records for sea level change in the world is in the Scandinavian region," said Mitrovica. But scientists have not been able to trust the records, because they knew the land rebounding from the ice age was affecting sea levels in the area.

For instance, Mitrovica said, the ocean could be rising at 7 millimeters a year in Scandinavia, but because the land was rising at 9 millimeters a year, it would appear that sea level was dropping.

"Our study confirms that the sea level in Scandinavia is doing what others have seen in other parts of the globe," said Mitrovica. "This is one of the important confirmations of sea level rising. Sea level is going up worldwide about 2 millimeters a year."

Besides rising, Scandinavia's rebound is also moving horizontally, he said.

Mitrovica compares this type of expansion to what would happen if someone turned over a bowl and stepped on it. While the bowl center is flattened, the edges of the bowl move outward. The same thing is happening in Scandinavia, he said.

ABA role ended by Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — The head of the American Bar Association says President Bush's decision to end the group's half-century role in vetting prospective federal judges may mean more politics in the review process.

The White House announced Thursday it no longer will give the ABA advance word on names under consideration and first crack at reviewing prospective nominees' qualifications. Instead, the nation's largest lawyers' group will have to do its research after nominations become public, as do other organizations.

"We are concerned that politics may be taking the place of professionalism in the review," ABA President Martha Barnett said at a news conference. She said a committee of ABA lawyers will continue to rate nominees' qualifications, but she added that doing so after the names become public could prove confrontational.

Bush signed off on the change in a meeting with White House Counsel Al Gonzales. Gonzales' letter informing Barnett of the decision took a rap at the ABA's advocacy work on policy, which includes support for abortion rights and a call for a death penalty moratorium.

"The question is whether the ABA should play a unique, quasi-official role and thereby have its voice heard before and above all others," Gonzales wrote. "We do not think that kind of preferential arrangement is either appropriate or fair."

He said it would be particularly inappropriate, given that the ABA "takes public positions on divisive political, legal and social issues that come before the courts."

The ABA began reviewing prospective judicial nominees at President Eisenhower's request in 1953.

Date Books

Saturday, March 24, 2001

Today is the 83rd day of 2001 and the fifth day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1887, Oscar Solomon Straus of New York City was appointed envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Turkey. He was the first Jewish United States ambassador.

On this day in 1943, the Rogers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma" opened on Broadway.

On this day in 1989, the oil tanker Exxon Valdez collided with a reef and sprung a leak about 25 miles from Port Valdez, Alaska. The tanker eventually leaked 240,000 barrels of oil.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Andrew Mellon (1855-1937), financier-philanthropist; Harry Houdini (1874-1926), magician; Edward Weston (1886-1958), photographer; Clyde Barrow (1909-1934), outlaw; Lawrence Ferlinghetti (1919-), poet-publisher, is 82; Steve McQueen (1930-1980), actor.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1962, Emile Griffith won the welterweight title by delivering a 12th-round KO to Benny "Kid" Paret. Ten days later, Paret died of head injuries sustained in the fight.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "There is endless merit in a man's knowing when to have done." — Thomas Carlyle

TODAY'S MOON: New moon.

Sunday, March 25, 2001

Today is the 84th day of 2001 and the sixth day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1802, Dr. James Smith of Baltimore opened a clinic to study smallpox and distribute smallpox vaccine free of charge to the poor.

On this day in 1944, British aviator Nick Alkemade survived an 18,000-foot fall from his burning bomber. He landed in a forest snowbank, and sustained only a few scratches and bruises.

On this day in 1961, Elvis Presley performed at the Block Arena in Hawaii.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Arturo Toscanini (1867-1957), conductor; Bela Bartok (1881-1945), composer; David Lean (1908-1991), director; Howard Cosell (1918-1995), sportscaster; Gloria Steinem (1934-), feminist, is 67; Aretha Franklin (1942-), singer, is 59; Elton John (1947-), singer-pianist, is 54.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1934, Horton Smith won the first Masters golfing tournament.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The ultimate victory in competition is derived from the inner satisfaction of knowing that you have done your best." — Howard Cosell

TODAY'S MOON: Day after new moon (March 24).

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David Spade's new film to be released

NEW YORK (AP) — Comedian David Spade usually needs no introduction.

He's one of the stars on the NBC sitcom "Just Shoot Me," and he co-starred in the "Tommy Boy" and "Black Sheep" films with the late Chris Farley.

But there was a "don't you know who I am?" moment when he was promoting 1995's "Tommy Boy," Spade tells Cosmopolitan magazine in its April issue.

"Chris Farley and I went to London," he said, "and we went out with hats and scarves on, like we were Madonna, and nobody cared. Then the hats came off. And slowly we wound up at the Hard Rock Cafe with 'Tommy Boy' jackets, saying, 'I'm funny and famous. Please recognize me.'"

Spade, 36, became a familiar face while on NBC's "Saturday Night Live." On "Just Shoot Me," he plays the sarcastic, wisecracking Dennis Finch, assistant to a magazine publisher played by George Segal.

His new film, "Joe Dirt," is scheduled for release April 11.

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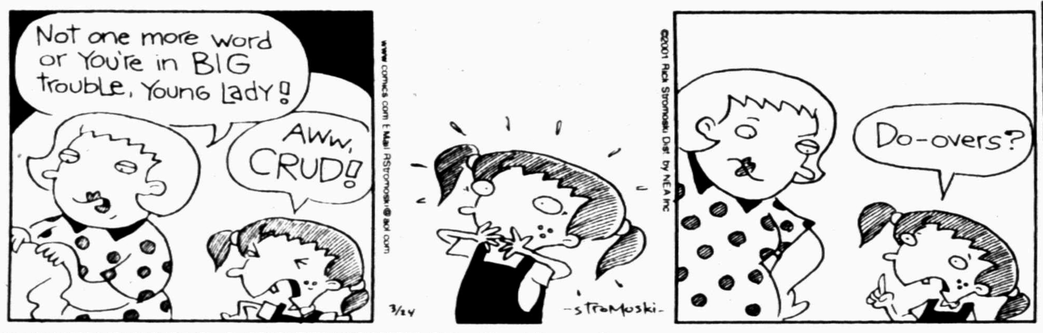
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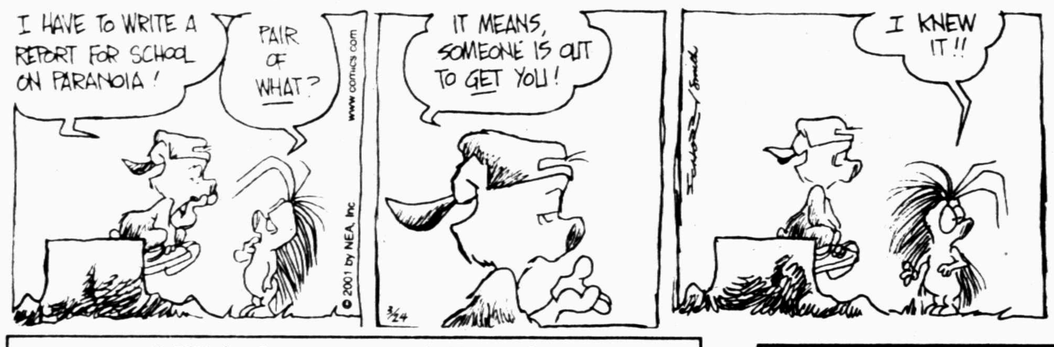
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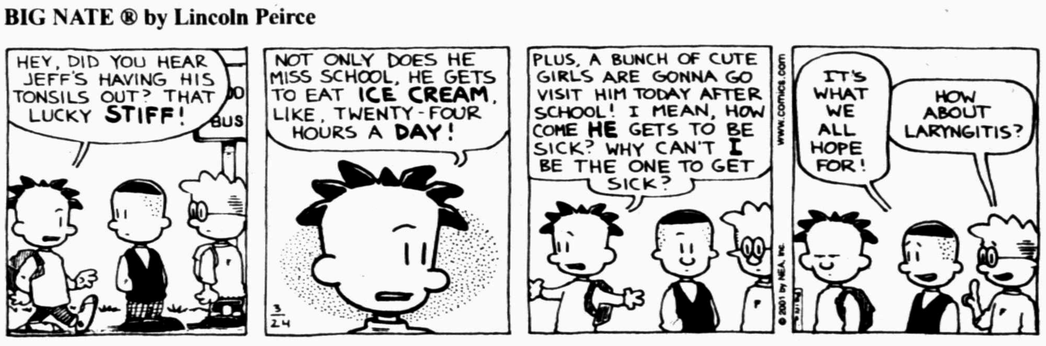
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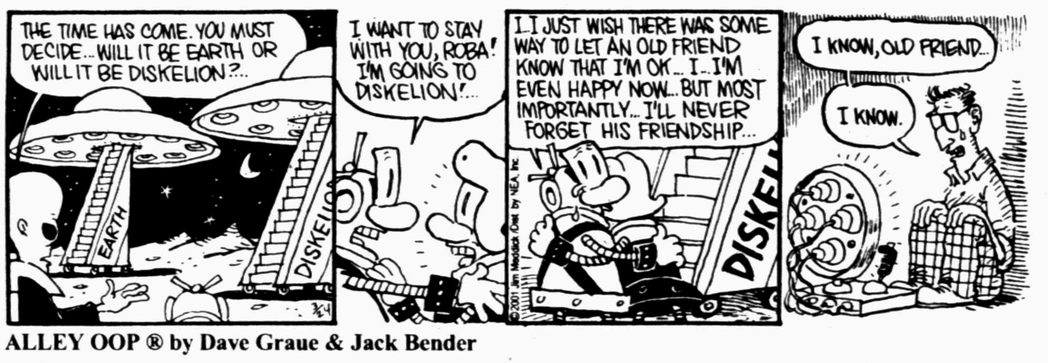
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21 Life jacket (2 wds.)
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28 Having flaps for hearing
32 Live
33 Italian violinmaker
34 Type of corgi
35 Casaba, e.g.
36 Breathe loudly in sleep
37 Gift
39 Conspicuous
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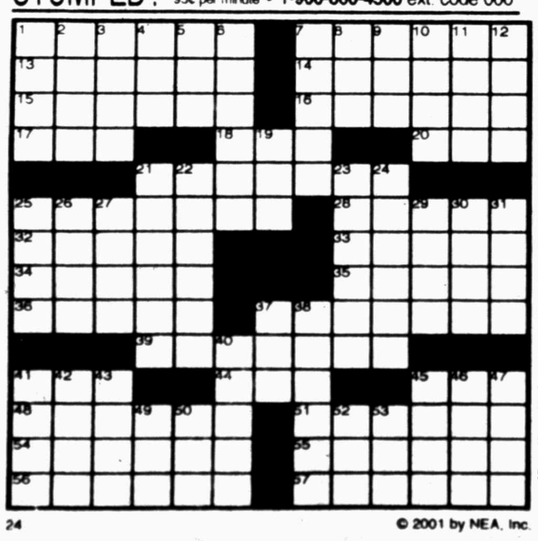
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25 Row of stables
26 They get the yoke!
27 Farm building
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31 Exertion
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"BUT, MOM SAYS THERE'S A FAT CAT IN HERE."

Nutrition By Dr. Ed. Blonz

Is the food pyramid wrong?

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have a food pyramid question. I am trying to lose a little weight and have been told that I should not mix my carbohydrates and protein foods together. Supposedly, the USDA food pyramid is out of date, and foods high in carbohydrates should be moved up the pyramid and reduced in a person's diet. - **S.W., Portland, Ore.**

Dear S.W.: I don't buy it. The idea that you cannot mix carbohydrate foods with protein foods makes little scientific sense, and it runs contrary to the way the human digestive system is built and functions. The fact that you are interested in losing weight does not change this fact.

The USDA food pyramid is a starting point worth considering. I tend to favor the pyramids put out by Oldways Preservation and Exchange Trust, a Boston-based nonprofit. I prefer them because they are more qualitative than quantitative. They show you the types of foods to include in your diet, and they reflect the observation and study of time-tested, healthful eating habits from cultures around the world. They are eating styles that have stood the test of time.

At present, there are pyramids for Mediterranean (my personal favorite), Asian, Latin American and vegetarian eating styles.

Copies of these pyramids are available online at http://www.oldwayspt.org, or you can send a SASE to Oldways Preservation and Exchange Trust, 266 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02116.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have discovered carob as an alternative to chocolate but am desperate to find out how many calories are in a cup of carob chips. — **S.B., New York, N.Y.**

Dear S.B.: A full cup of carob chips weighs about 6 ounces and contain 938 calories, from 14 grams of protein, 98 grams of carbohydrates and 54 grams of fat. That is a hefty bit of fat, as you can see.

An important thing to keep in mind with carob is that it begins as a low-fat powder, but when it is made into chips or other types of candy coatings, the powder is usually combined with partially hydrogenated vegetable oils. The end result is a candy of comparable fat content to chocolate, but with the added partially hydrogenated vegetable oil and the trans fatty acids it contains.

A recent study in the March 10 issue of the journal Lancet reaffirmed that partially hydrogenated vegetable oil is most definitely a food ingredient to avoid. The Lancet research came from a 10-year study in which the intake of trans fatty acids was compared with the risk of heart disease. The scientists made statistical adjustments for age, BMI (a weight-height measure that is used to identify obesity), smoking and dietary factors, including calories, alcohol intake, vitamin supplements, and the intake of cholesterol and saturated, monounsaturated, and polyunsaturated fats. All of these adjustments helped to isolate the two variables being compared, in this case the intake of trans fatty acids and the risk of fatal or nonfatal heart disease.

The conclusion was that a high intake of trans fatty acids makes a significant contribution to the risk of heart disease. The relative risk increased 25 percent for a 2 percent increase in the intake of trans fatty acids.

Trans fatty acids are found in foods made with partially hydrogenated vegetable oils: those made with vegetable shortening and traditional stick margarines. Such foods include french fries, doughnuts and other fried foods, as well as cookies and pastries. There are now trans-free margarines and shortenings, so I encourage you to read your labels and compare products.

As for carob chips, alternatives are now available, so I suggest you seek out a company that uses other forms of fat in the formulation of its products.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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Lancaster man stages own kidnapping

LANCASTER (AP) — FBI agents on Thursday arrested a North Texas man who staged his own kidnapping and ransom demand.

Police said William Archer, 22, confessed to masterminding the scheme to cover bills he was behind in paying. He was charged with making a false report, a misdemeanor.

Archer's wife reported the kidnapping to Lancaster police on Thursday after she said her mother-in-law received a ransom phone call and a letter listing demands.

Police found Archer driving his wife's vehicle in the parking lot of a Grand Prairie shopping center.

Brandy is the 'new face of beauty'

NEW YORK (AP) — Brandy is the "new face of beauty" in the eyes of 1,300 cosmetic-industry executives, but to her, beauty comes from within.

"Beauty is from the inside. There are a lot of 'beautiful' people who are not so beautiful because they're not nice. And there are a lot of really beautiful people who go unrecognized," she told The Associated Press.

Nonetheless, the 22-year-old singer-actress still looked the part of a fashion-and-beauty favorite.

Veterans look to next budget to make them a priority issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Standing before a sea of uniformed veterans with boat-shaped caps, the new Veterans Affairs secretary ticked off promises to improve their health care.

"I will act boldly," Anthony Principi pledged, drawing boisterous applause — and quiet doubts.

The promises sounded familiar to Daryl Halling, a 69-year-old retired electrical technician from Canton, S.D., who has seen VA secretaries come and go.

"Every time the new one comes in, he's going to set the world on fire, and he's going to take care of veterans," Halling said. "I'm not telling you that this man won't. I'm just telling you that the proof is in the pudding."

Improving the health benefits system is the top priority for the nation's 24.8 million veterans, and despite a new administration's assurances of more money and attention, many worry it won't be enough.

The 2002 veterans budget requested by the Bush administration includes $23 billion in discretionary spending for health care and other programs, a $1 billion increase over this year.

"That's just enough to get by and cope with inflation," said Jim Fischl of the American Legion. "It would just maintain the status quo."

The group proposed billions of dollars more for health care in an independent budget it and several other veterans groups submitted to Congress.

Rep. Chris Smith, the New Jersey Republican who is chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, said the president's budget proposal was "a work in progress" that committee members pushed to increase by $1 billion.

Lawmakers included an additional $75 million to help reduce the time it takes to get an appointment at a VA clinic, Smith said. And $50 million is earmarked to hire 830 new workers to help clear a backlog of disability and pension claims — which is one of the new VA secretary's top priorities.

Principi has been well-received by veterans groups familiar with his work as deputy secretary during the previous Bush administration. He has promised to make health care a priority, and said it may be necessary "for VA to declare its own war on claims processing."

The Veterans Benefits Administration, which distributes compensation for veterans and their survivors, has more than 459,000 claims waiting to be processed, according to research by the House VA committee. On average, it takes about 205 days to process a claim — and up to three years if it is appealed.

An Associated Press analysis last year found that despite spending more than $200 million to upgrade its computer system, the benefits administration took longer to process claims than it did a decade ago. It took 164 days in 1991 to complete an original claim, compared with the current 205 days.

Getting a doctor's appointment can take just as long.

The Veterans Affairs Department says the average wait for an initial non-emergency appointment is 50 days. At the VA Chicago Medical Center, veterans wait an average of 214 days to be seen in the gastroenterology clinic.

Linda Nelson, a retired 20-year Navy veteran from Yankton, S.D., was told it would take eight months to get a follow-up exam to her pair of visits to her VA hospital, where she hoped doctors could tell her why she was waking up with difficulty breathing.

During Nelson's first visit, medics gave her a bottle of antibiotics and sent her home. When she returned a few weeks later, "I actually got to see a doctor."

But the short-staffed hospital lacked a specialist who could diagnose her problem. She ultimately was diagnosed with congestive heart failure after making an appointment at another medical center.

VA hospital employees "truly want to do a good job," said Nelson, who ran up $40,000 in medical bills, 20 percent of which she must pay. But with so many patients fighting for so few doctors, "They see you and they keep moving people through."

Rep. Shelley Berkley, D-Nev., called the government's failure to make veterans a higher priority "an absolute disgrace."

"I haven't been to a hearing where the veterans aren't praised and thanked and awarded."

Actor likes phrase 'make it so' a lot

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Go ahead and tell actor Patrick Stewart to "make it so." You'll make his day.

Stewart, 60, became closely identified with the character of starship Enterprise commander Capt. Jean-Luc Picard and his order to crew members to "make it so" during the run of "Star Trek: The Next Generation" on television and in the movie series.

It's a phrase as recognizable as William Shatner's "Beam me up, Scotty" in the original "Star Trek" TV series.

"It's charming. I'm happy and altogether pleased about that," he told The Associated Press.

Stewart who is performing with Mercedes Ruehl in a play. Edwaard Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" at the Guthrie Theater, will begin work this fall on the next installment of the "Star Trek" movie series.

Early next year, he'll start work on the sequel to "X-men." He'll reprise his role as Professor Xavier, who teaches outcast mutants to use their powers for good.

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The goal of deregulation is to bring the benefits of retail competition to the power industry. But so far, in states such as California and Pennsylvania, reality has fallen short of the promise, often bringing higher rates and even power shortages. The Texas Legislature gives cooperatives an opportunity to wait and see how deregulation will affect Texans. We intend to take advantage of that time to be *sure* deregulation is right for our member-owners. Before we ride off, we're going to be sure where we're headed.

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GOP will shore up its vulnerable members

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans presented their version of the congressional redistricting landscape Thursday, saying the GOP will try to gain House seats and reinforce the districts of vulnerable members.

Rep. Tom Davis, National Republican Committee chairman, cited the example of Rep. Steve Chabot, R-Ohio, whose district voted Democrat in presidential campaigns and where Chabot has won by slim margins.

"There will be a lot of shoring up that takes some seats that have been in the sights of the other party taken off the map," Davis said.

Others he mentioned were Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich., who won the closest House race in the country, and suburban Philadelphia congressional members.

Once a decade, Legislatures redraw political boundaries to conform to new U.S. Census Bureau numbers, setting off partisan tug-of-wars for congressional seats.

Davis said redistricting should allow Republicans to gain 10 seats in 2002 elections, giving the GOP a larger majority in the House. Two of those seats would be in Texas, he said.

Davis' predictions contrasted with those made by Rep. Martin Frost, D-Texas, who chairs IMPAC 2000, the Democrats redistricting arm.

Last week, Frost said the surge in the number of Hispanics counted in the 2000 Census would counter Republican efforts to add House seats in states with big population increases.

Hispanics generally vote Democratic and Frost predicted the party would pick up enough seats to break even in redistricting.

Davis scoffed at that idea that more Hispanics means more Democratic seats.

"In some areas they tend to add numbers for redistricting purposes (but) don't add votes. In some areas it's one huge undervote," Davis said.

One Texas district likely to be redrawn is the sprawling district of Rep. Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio. The district spreads from near El Paso to San Antonio on its eastern border and south to Laredo.

With a 17 percent population growth, it was one of the top 10 fastest growing Texas districts. Analysis by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund shows the district is 66.3 percent Hispanic.

"Bonilla's district will be substantially redrawn, there's no doubt about that," Davis said.

Bonilla said Republicans are happy with the Hispanic growth and Democrats shouldn't assume Hispanics will vote for their party.

"I think Democrats beware. We are delighted with Hispanic growth in different parts of the country," Bonilla said.

Democrats said they would pick up two seats in Georgia where Democrats control the redistricting process. But Davis said the growth has been in Republican districts and Democrats might have a chance at one seat.

Early Census estimates showed the possibility of a new congressional seat for South Texas. But final Census numbers showed the heaviest growth in Texas was north of Dallas, Central Texas and Houston.

Davis said the GOP should be able to pick up five or six seats in Texas, where Democrats dominate the congressional delegation 17-13.

Frost said Democrats expect litigation in every state where district boundaries are being redrawn, and will be involved in some of those suits. But Davis also said Republicans will look for relief in court.

"Clearly in Texas if you can't get what you want you are better off going to court."

On the Net:
IMPAC 2000 site:
http://www.impac2000.org
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Census reveals foreign-born count

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's foreign-born population increased to as much as 30 million during the 1990s, the Census Bureau said in an estimate higher than previously forecast.

The number of new immigrants who arrived in the country the past decade also may be higher than expected, according to senior bureau officials who are in the early stages of trying to determine how big a role immigration played in the 2000 census.

The latest immigration estimate of 11 million to 12 million surpassed an earlier forecast by at least 2.5 million. Also, the revised bureau figure of at least 30 million foreign-born residents — 11 percent of the country's 281 million people — was 1.7 million higher than previously estimated.

Both the Census Bureau and the Immigration and Naturalization Service warned Thursday that the new estimates were preliminary and could change once more extensive data is released later this year.

"From every indication we've had, we've done a better job of counting," said Robert Warren, INS research coordinator. But he said that until more numbers come in, all the estimates are "highly speculative."

Still, the news reignited old debates over how strictly to curb immigration. Critics said tighter measures were necessary to help ease the burden on school systems struggling to meet the demands of a more diverse student population, and reduce the number of illegal workers in the unskilled labor market.

Pro-immigration groups urged lawmakers to provide local communities and school districts with additional money for bilingual education and social services.

"It's in all of our interests to provide them with the tools to be full participants and full contributors to our society," said Josh Bernstein, senior policy analyst with the National Immigration Law Center.

Figuring out immigration is key in the bureau's study of why the latest national head count of 281 million came in 2 million higher than a previous population estimate but 3 million below the total found in a separate survey following the census.

Much of that discrepancy could be due to a higher-than-expected count of Hispanics, said J. Gregory Robinson, chief of the bureau's population analysis staff. The 2000 census count of 35.3 million Hispanics nationwide was about 2.5 million higher than estimated.

Explosive Hispanic growth was evident over the decade in traditional immigrant destinations like New York and Texas, as well as less traditional states like Iowa and Arkansas.

Some of the increase may have been due to a massive bureau outreach campaign to immigrants to boost the level of response to census questionnaires. The census form did not ask for the respondent's legal status.

Therefore, it was still unclear exactly how many of the new immigrants over the 1990s were undocumented, Robinson said. "We understated immigration, but how much more it may be ... we are doing research on that."

A separate estimate from Steve Camarota, research director for the Center for Immigration Studies, based on 2000 census and INS data placed the number of illegal immigrants who arrived in the United States over the past decade at roughly 5 million, for a total of 7 million illegal aliens living in this country.

That is higher than older estimates that have placed the number of undocumented immigrants living in the country last year at about 6 million.

Parking lot spit leads to arrest

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Police tailing a suspect in the stabbing death of a waitress in 1998 got the evidence needed to charge the man when he spit in a parking lot.

A DNA sampling of the spittle, swabbed up by a detective, pinned the man to the 1998 killing, police said.

Robert Eric Denney, 19, is now charged with first-degree murder for the Nov. 26, 1998, stabbing death of Corey Parker, a waitress in Atlantic Beach.

DNA tests on Denney's saliva matched similar tests on hair and blood at the victim's apartment, police said in records obtained this week by The Florida Times-Union

The spit was collected last summer outside Denney's workplace in Easton, Md. He was arrested Nov. 28.

Denney had been a neighbor of Parker. She was stabbed 84 times, the state attorney's case file shows.

Denney, scheduled for trial in Duval County in July, apparently suspected police were watching him last year, according to interviews and records in the case file, and was meticulous about keeping cigarette butts and other traces of possible evidence from them.

While doing surveillance on July 26, detectives watched Denney spit on the ground as he paced and smoked cigarettes outside his employer's back door. Sgt. Billy Carlyle of the Jacksonville Beach Police Department noted where the spit fell.

When Denney left work, Carlyle scraped up the spit and took it to the FBI lab in Washington.

Police asked for a saliva sample from Denney earlier that day at the Easton Police Department, but he refused. In addition, Denney never drank from a bottle of water given to him, kept a cigarette butt after smoking with an officer and refused to seal an envelope.

"This is the third time you have tried to get me to put my lips on something, the water, the cigarette and now seal these envelopes," Denney told the detectives.

Denney's boss, John Garufi, told officers that Denney "became very paranoid" at work and saved his cigarette butts in a garbage bag and took them home at night.

Denney was interviewed, along with other neighbors, after Parker's body was found. But he didn't become a suspect until former coworkers at Barbecue Ltd in Jacksonville Beach called police about their suspicions in June. By then, Denney had moved to Maryland.

His father, Michael Denney of El Paso, Texas, said Thursday his son had struggled with drugs and alcohol problems from time to time but was not a violent person.

"My son has absolutely noth-

