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SHS's 29th trip...

'Corn is Green' earns berth at state

Last year, they were nicknamed "The Dream Team," a takeoff on their production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

This year, they could almost be dubbed "The Green Team." Save but a handful of veteran performers, "The Corn Is Green" cast is comprised largely of sophomores and freshmen.

The two groups have a lot in common. They're both products of Jerry Worsham's Snyder High School drama department and their success indicates they are talented and well-schooled. And this latest troupe — like the one before it — is headed to the State Class 4A UIL One-Act Play Contest Austin.

"The Corn Is Green" was the critic's choice to advance to state from the Region I contest held Friday on the Angelo State University campus."

Worsham called the win "particularly gratifying," because so many of the students in the play are new to the program.

"We have some strong veteran leadership, but when we first began rehearsals, I wasn't sure we had everything it would take to go 'all the way to state,'" said Worsham.

A transfer student from Mineral Wells, Jason Crow, helped fill the void, along with lots of sophomore and freshman talent, according to the drama director.

Katie Thornton — one of those few "veteran" performers — was selected Best Actress at Region. Matt Parker was named to the all-star cast. Receiving honorable mention was Stephen Taylor.

"Critic judge Rod Caspers was strong in his praise of the show. He referred to the ending as 'absolutely exquisite.'" said Worsham. "He also singled out virtually every member of the cast for compliments, but was especially verbal about Matt Parker, Stephen Taylor, Katie Thornton and Jannica Northern. He also had strong praise for Chris Post who did sound for the show."

Members of "The Corn Is Green" cast are Thornton, Taylor, Northerns, Crow, Matt Parker, Andy Parker, Jennifer Hancock, Melanie Gibson, Carl Strelecki, Emily Zeck, Eldon Scott, Joey Steakley, Jared Dennis, Brandon Rollins and Christina Bullard.

Crew members are Post, Ryan Landes, Edwina Brooks, Anna Hannan, Jessica Mills, John Busby and Jack Hedges.

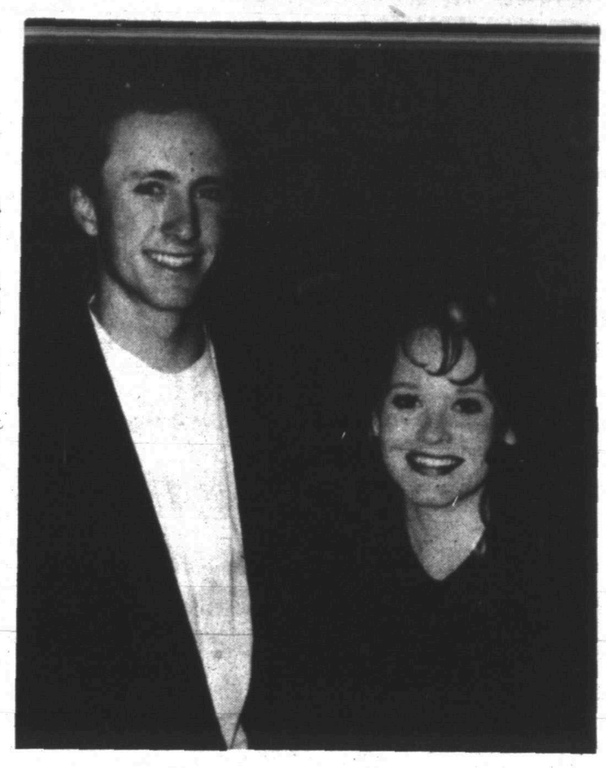
Also advancing from the Region I contest will be Granbury High School, which presented "Edith Stine.

It was 3 o'clock Saturday morning when a tired but happy Worsham got back into town and penned a quick note about Friday's win.

"Best I can figure it," he wrote, "this is SHS's 25th appearance at state, under me. They went twice before I came here."

Actually, Worsham celebrated his 25th one-act anniversary a couple of years back. This will mark Snyder High's 29 trip to state, 27 of them under Worsham's leadership. The last one — that "Dream Team" bunch, gave Snyder High it's 13th state one-act play crown.

"The Corn Is Green" cast and crew will go for number 14 on May 3.



At right: Matt Parker and Katie Thornton

Howard, Vernon gain momentum

Howard and Vernon cowboys and cowgirls came on strong Friday at the Western Texas College NIRA Rodeo, being held at Scurry County Coliseum.

Vernon Regional Junior College's Kelli Sultemeier took over first place in the goat tying with a 7.3-second run. Her time bumped WTC talents Chasity Rickman and Emily Schaffer to second and third. They posted a 7.6 and a 7.7, respectively, on Thursday.

Vernon's Jody Peterson held on to the top spot in the barrels with her 13.52 posted Thursday. Teammate Robyn Byars moved into second Friday with a 13.62. WTC's Jamie Stewart, who ran a 13.70 on Thursday, slipped to third.

Doug Pharr of Howard College is the new leader in the calf roping. Pharr got it done in 8.9 seconds Friday night. Early leader Cy Griffen of Texas Tech is in second, along with teammate and Snyder native Leddy Lewis. Both timed in at 9.2.

Another Howard College cowboy, Cory McFadden, moved into second place in the bareback with a 70. WTC's Shawn Minor weathered the storm in that event as his 71 held up for the top spot.

Minor and teammate Pete Ellis also held on to the lead in the saddle bronc with a pair of 75s.

Also holding on to first place positions through Friday's show were two other WTC students. Dayna Doyle is still first in the breakaway with a 2.3-second effort and Ryan Weaver is on top of the steer wrestling standings with a 4.1.

Team roping got a new pair of leaders. Josh Crow of New Mexico JC and Toby Truby of Texas Tech clocked a 5.6 to take the lead from Odessa cowboys Jim Walz and Coy Irwin.

The short-go is set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday and features the top 10 cowboys and cowgirls in each event.

Tickets are $4 for adults and $2 for children at the door. All seating is general admission.

The annual WTC Alumni Rodeo will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the coliseum. Tickets are $4 and $2. Competition is open to all WTC alumni, their spouses and current students.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Education is what you have left over when you subtract what you've forgotten from what you learned."

It just showed up, the product of modern electronic technology. We don't know where it came from and we don't know how it got here.

The collection came from test papers and essays of students ranging from primary to college age.

--When you breath, you inspire. When you do not breath, you expire.

--H2O is hot water, and CO2 is cold water.

--To collect fumes of sulphur, hold a deacon over a flame in a test tube.

--When you smell an oderless gas, it is probably carbon monoxide.

--Nitrogen is not found in Ireland because it is not found in a free state.

--Water is composed of two gins, Oxygin and Hydrogin. Oxygin is pure gin. Hydrogin is gin and water.

--Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, vanes and caterpillars.

--Blood flows down one leg and up the other.

--Respiration is composed of two acts, first inspiration and then expectoration.

--The moon is a planet just like the earth, only it is even deader.

--Artifical insemination is when the farmer does it to the cow instead of the bull.

--Dew is formed on leaves when the sun shines down on them and makes them perspire.

--A super-saturated solution is one that holds more than it can hold.

--Mushrooms always grow in damp places and so they look like umbrellas.

--The body consists of three parts — the brainium, the borax and the abominable cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abominable cavity contains the bowls, of which there are five — a, e, i, o and u.

--The pistol of a flower is its only protection against insects.

--The alimentary canal is located in the northern part of Indiana.

--The skeleton is what is left after the insides have been taken out and the outsides have been taken off. The purpose of the skelton is something to hitch meat to.

And there is more to come...

Arts & Crafts Show slated next weekend

More than one hundred exhibitors from throughout the Southwest will offer original art and handcrafted items at the sixth annual Snyder Arts and Crafts Festival, scheduled next weekend in Scurry County Coliseum.

There is no admission charge for the festival, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Mel Prather, organizer, said the festival will feature a number of new exhibitors and some familiar ones.

"Newcomers to the show will feature items such as portraits, homemade jellies, trash bins, note cards, children's clothing, Southwest furniture and Tillandsias.

"Also new are those with beadwork, finished country furniture, emu oils, hair bows, birdhouses, bird feeders, plaques, generation trees, personalized woodcrafts, tole painting and men's western shirts."

Returning exhibitors will offer such items as ceramics, brass jewelry, pewter jewelry, unfinished furniture, floral arrangements, quilts, yard swings, yard ornaments, scented oils and candles, minatures, seasonal decorations and soft sculpture.

The American Business Women's Association of Snyder will provide concessions. Funds raised by the group will benefit local projects.

At WTC, Hermleigh...

Early voting turnout good

Contested races prompted some voters to take advantage of the early balloting period this past week at Western Texas College and Hermleigh ISD.

In contrast, the city council races have drawn only a few voters.

Early voting continues through Tuesday, April 30. Election day is May 4.

Some 74 votes have been cast in the Western Texas College board of trustees election, where former city councilman Jack K. Greene Jr. is challenging incumbent Carl Williams for Place 2. Williams has served one six-year term and is currently the board's president.

Also running for the board, but unopposed, is Drew Bullard for Place 1.

There are six candidates up for three seats on the Hermleigh ISD board and that prompted 33 voters to cast a ballot during the first five days of the early period. Seeking to fill one of two full terms on the board are Tony Lambaren, Jimmy Barnes, Burton Sandefur and incumbent James Rinehart.

Running to fill a partial term are Tim Dacus and Ted Mireles Jr.

Both the WTC and Hermleigh ISD board elections are at-large, meaning any qualified voter residing within those districts may cast a ballot.

That's not the case in the four seats up for election on Snyder City Council. Residents must reside within a certain area of the city, represented by a specific council person.

There are two contested places up for election on the council. In Place 1, incumbent Vernest Tippens is seeking her fifth term. She is challenged by the Rev. Caiaphas Cain. At the close of business Friday, only five ballots had been cast in that race.

In Place 2, Ron Baker is challenging Jerry Webb, who is trying to win his second term. Two votes have been cast.

Unopposed candidates on the council are Kenny Gambrell for Place 3 and I.E. Martin for Place 4. There have been one vote cast in Place 3 and five in Place 4.

Social Science Contest set Thursday at WTC

Western Texas College will hold its annual Social Science Contest on Thursday with students from seven area high schools competing.

Students are examined on their knowledge of history, geography, government, economics and current events during a series of mid-morning examinations. An awards ceremony will be held at 1:15 p.m. in the college gym. Among the awards presented are scholarships and medallions.

The contest is sponsored by the college's social science department and is administered by division staff members Dr. Jim Palmer, Dr. Duffy Wilks, Ruth Richburg, Jim Durham, Robert Adams, Ray Robbins and Jack Price.

Participating schools include Snyder High School, Ira, Grady, Blackwell, Rule, Spur and Abilene High.

Appreciation day will honor Counts

A David Counts Appreciation Day is planned by the WTC Faculty Association April 29 with Speaker of the House Pete Laney planning to attend.

State Rep. Counts (D-Knox City) will speak at a noon luncheon at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. Tickets for that event will be available soon.

Other events are expected to be scheduled in the weeks ahead.

Organizer for the local day is WTC English instructor Marilyn Lancaster.

Hutchinson finalist for Metroplex slot

Snyder's director of economic development is again a finalist for another job — this time in the Metroplex.

Doug Hutchinson, executive director of the Development Corporation of Snyder since March of 1995, is one of three finalists for a similar position in McKinney.

Last month, Hutchinson was one of five finalists to head economic development in Lubbock before the Lubbock Market board decided to start its search over.

The McKinney Economic Development Corp. (MEDC) interviewed the three finalist last week. Others are Wes Stuckey of Ardmore, Okla., and Ivan Baker of Hope, Ark.

The McKinney selection committee used Chloe Johnson of Johnson and Associates of Austin in the search to replace Steve Vassallo who left McKinney after two years to head the Madison County Economic Development Authority in Canton, Miss.

Johnson and Associates was the same firm used by the Development Corporation of Snyder when Hutchinson was hired here.

Hutchinson's current salary in Snyder is $44,000, and the McKinney job was advertised at $100,000 annually.

Johnson and Associates had also been engaged by Market Lubbock, but the Austin firm was replaced by the Dallas-based head-hunter firm of Ralph Anderson.

In starting over, Lubbock banker Gary Lawrence, president of Market Lubbock, said "All of our finalists were good people, but no one individually really stood out."

Chloe Johnson, quoted in the McKinney Messenger, described the three finalists as "superstars."

The DCOS board has met in executive session twice in the past month to discuss terms of a contract sought by Hutchinson. No action has been taken, but a regularly-scheduled DCOS meeting is set Thursday.

Hutchinson was out of town and not available for comment.

County audit heads agenda

Scurry County commissioners will hear the results of the recently completed audit by Mason, Warner & Company when they meet Monday at 10 a.m.

In the only other item of business, the court is expected to swear-in new Airport Zoning Board members.

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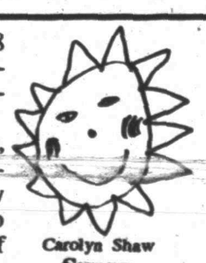
Q—Is there an active Jaycees chapter in Snyder?

A—No, but an effort is being made to form one. Men and women age 21 to 40 who are interested should call David Hoover, Jaycees regional director, at (915) 688-4237 or 687-4204.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Friday, 88 degrees; low, 48; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 48; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1996 to date, 1.93 inches.

Area Forecast: Saturday evening, mostly clear. Low in the upper 50s. Southeast wind 10-20 mph. Sunday, mostly sunny. High in the upper 80s. Southwest to west wind 10-20 mph. Slight chance of rain.



Carolyn Shaw
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TODAY'S THOUGHT

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Proverbs 18:5

Clinton appointees...

Dole says judges too lenient

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton may talk tough on crime, but he has loaded the federal bench with judges who practice "liberal leniency" to the public's detriment, Republican challenger Bob Dole contends.

But White House aides reacted swiftly to Dole's charge Friday, noting that the Senate majority leader had voted against only three of the 185 Clinton judicial nominations confirmed by the Senate.

Dole, the certain GOP presidential nominee, told the American Society of Newspaper Editors that Clinton had installed judges who "are dismantling those guard rails that protect society from the predatory, the violent, the anti-social elements in our midst."

He described the selections as an "all-star team of liberal leniency, judges who seem intent on dismantling the rule of law from the bench."

In its rejoinder, the administration cited Dole's opposition to Clinton's efforts to get handguns and assault weapons away from criminals. And it said the average sentence for federal firearms violations and violent crimes had increased by more than a year since Clinton took office.

"The president fully intends in the months ahead to talk about the very vigorous efforts he's made to combat crime," said White House spokesman Mike McCurry.

The Dole-Clinton crime debate spread quickly to the House and Senate floors in an election-year display of the potency of the crime issue.

In a show of support carefully orchestrated by the Dole campaign, GOP members rushed to echo Dole's indictment of Clinton judicial picks. Nearly two dozen Republican governors also praised Dole's speech in a series of statements.

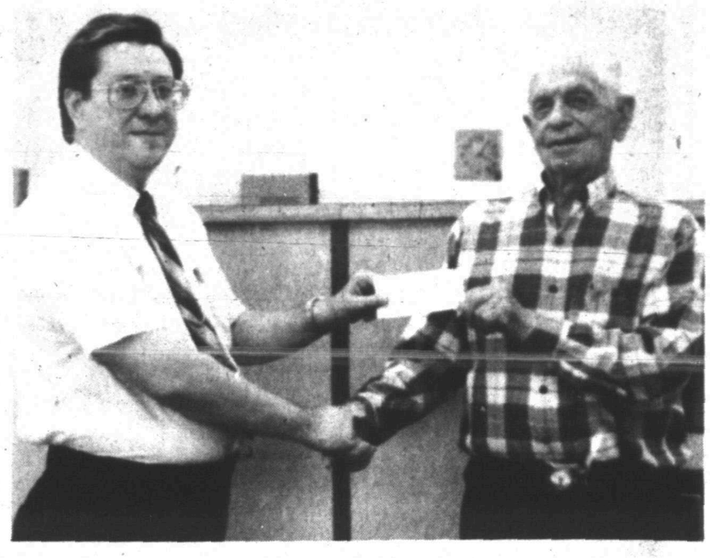
In turn, Democrats defended Clinton and noted a questionable ruling or two by judges whose nominations were sponsored by Dole. Also, the Democratic National Committee began airing new television advertisements noting that Dole and House Speaker Newt Gingrich had opposed Clinton's gun control initiatives, as well as his program to provide seed money for 100,000 new police officers.

Dole said a computerized instant background check for all gun purchases was preferable to specific gun-control laws and vowed to push such a measure later this year.

Dole's speech was the first of several planned for the spring and summer months in an effort to convince voters that on a wide range of issues Clinton has hidden a liberal agenda behind moderate and conservative rhetoric.

Dole said Clinton's Supreme Court selections, Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer, were too willing to use technicalities to overturn death sentences for brutal killers.

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DONATION—Ben Odorizzi (right) presents a check to Thomas Fogleman, president of Snyder Neighbors Sharing. The donation was given by the Scurry County Chapter of the AARP. Snyder Neighbors Sharing annual work day is next Saturday. (SDN Staff Photo)

Non-prescription nicotine patches are recommended

SILVER SPRING, Md. (AP) — Two brands of nicotine patches to help smokers quit could become available without a prescription if the Food and Drug Administration follows the recommendation of a panel of scientific advisers.

The committee voted unanimously Friday that both Nicotrol and its competitor Nicoderm should be sold over the counter, giving smokers a choice of a one-dose patch to replace their cigarettes' nicotine or a patch that weans them by slowing dropping nicotine dosages.

Nonprescription patches will help "those who are addicted to nicotine to hopefully break their addiction," Dr. Louis Sullivan, former Health and Human Services secretary, told the FDA committee.

The FDA isn't bound by advisory committee decisions but usually follows them. It already has allowed nicotine-dispensing chewing gum to sell over the counter — nonprescription Nicorette hit pharmacy shelves Thursday.

Patch makers plan to warn smokers not to overdose, either by smoking while the patch is still oozing nicotine or by wearing too many patches at once.

That might be especially dangerous for smokers with heart disease or certain other health risks, who should consider consulting with a doctor, the patch packages will warn.

But the FDA's advisers said such a warning is just a precaution, and might even be a barrier to patch sales, because no studies so far show a real risk from patches, while cigarette smoking kills 400,000 Americans a year.

"I want lots of people to use" the patches, said committee chairman Randy Juhl, pharmacy dean at the University of Pittsburgh.

"We always believe someone is better off on the patch than they are smoking," agreed Dr. Tony Temple of McNeil Consumer Products, maker of Nicotrol.

The pharmaceutical industry is banking on renewed interest in what has been a dormant market for anti-smoking products. Prescription sales of both the nation's four nicotine patches and Nicorette have stagnated in recent years as the withdrawal symptoms held smokers' success in quitting to about 20 percent.

Patch makers hope to join Nicorette over the counter by year's end. Their potential market is huge: Studies estimate that three-fourths of the nation's 46 million smokers would like to quit but have failed or fear trying, and manufacturers say 70 percent of would-be quitters don't want to see a doctor first.

The patch resembles a big bandage, worn on the upper arm. Prescription versions release nicotine through the skin in smaller and smaller doses to wean smokers off cigarettes.

But to simplify selling directly to consumers, the nonprescription Nicotrol will come only in one strength — 15 milligram patches to be used as necessary, for no longer than six weeks.

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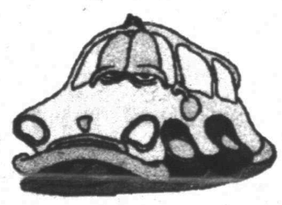
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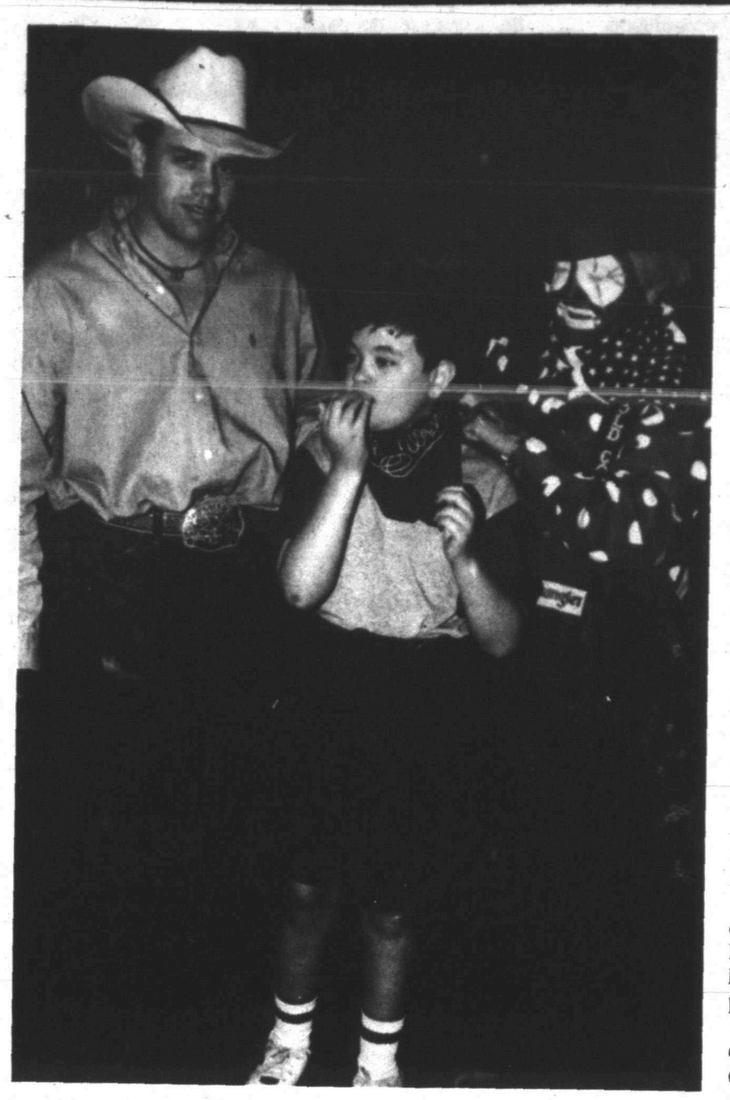
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READY TO COWBOY - Cameron Brown gets his Wrangler bandana fixed by rodeo clown Quail Dobbs during the Special Rodeo Friday. The event was in conjunction with the WTC NIRA Rodeo at Scurry County Coliseum. Miles Bell assists and also served as Cameron's partner during the events. The college rodeo concludes Saturday night. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rolodex inventor organized

NEW YORK (AP) — In his quest to bring order to the modern office, Arnold Neustadter invented the Swivodex, a spill-proof inkwell. It never caught on. He tried the Clipodex, a device secretaries could clip to their knees to take dictation. No luck.

Finally, in 1950, Neustadter introduced the Rolodex, and the business and political world flipped for it.

When Neustadter died this week at 85, his invention had evolved from the secretary's humble assistant to the power-broker's mighty weapon. The cylindrical rotating alphabetical card file became the establishment's wheel of fortune and the very symbol of access.

"Hollywood put it in films and television, and then everyone believed it," Neustadter's son-in-law, David Revasch, said Friday: "The bigger the Rolodex, the bigger the man."

What kind of man was Arnold Neustadter, who died Wednesday in New York?

"The most organized man I ever knew," Revasch said. "His life was so organized it was like his own invention. He could have patented his own life."

Predictably, he praised the condition of the founder's desktop.

"Whenever anyone put something on it that didn't belong there, he'd move it," Revasch said. "Nothing ever stayed on his desk very long."

Neustadter joined his father's box-making business in 1931 but soon left to start his own company. He had several unsuccessful inventions before he came up with the Rolodex.

"I knew I had a good idea, but people were skeptical at first," he recalled in 1988. A Rolodex cost $7.95, "and we had trouble getting stationery stores to buy it."

With its snap-on cards, Rolodex was neat, easy and fast. To show how fast, Neustadter would visit sales shows and offer $50 on the spot to anyone who could locate a given Rolodex card faster than company reps.

Rolodex eventually gained 90 percent of the U.S. market. Although it was marketed for secretaries and other clerical personnel, it became a symbol of business and political power.

A stolen Rolodex was the subject of a 1986 episode of the Bruce Willis-Cybill Shepherd series "Moonlighting." After the Democrats' debacle in the 1994 midterm elections, President Clinton tried to get some political inspiration by literally "going through the Rolodex," an aide said.

Designed for the hierarchical '50s corporation, the Rolodex proved just as useful for '80s networking, when who you knew became as important as what you made, and commands were less important than contacts.

Even the computer has not killed the Secaucus, N.J.-based circular filer. "People want paper as backup," reported Laurie Hoffman, a company spokeswoman. And many secretaries don't like to interrupt software programs to get phone numbers.

The computer has, however, marked Rolodex's high tide. Today, the number of different Rolodexes has dropped from several hundred to several dozen, including a computerized version. Models such as the three-wheel Torque-A-Matic, with 6,000 cards, have been dropped.

Neustadter sold his company in 1970 at vast profit and devoted much of the rest of his life to family (he'd married one of his secretaries), religion, philanthropy and collecting. Among his collections: antique paperweights.

Despite the Rolodex's implications for dealmaking, powerbrokering and networking, its inventor was not its greatest user. He didn't particularly like to use the phone and would always get right to the point.

"He would not have been a good fund-raiser," Revasch said. "He was not a schmoozer."

Former top lawman given 50-year term

ABILENE (AP) — A former Texas "Lawman of the Year" was sentenced Friday to 50 years behind bars for pistol-whipping and molesting a woman with his prized .357-caliber Magnum.

A Taylor County jury deliberated for five hours before sentencing former McCulloch County sheriff's deputy Dave Roberts to 50 years in prison for kidnapping and aggravated sexual assault. He also was sentenced to the maximum 20 years in prison for aggravated assault.

Roberts, who had confessed his guilt in the attack in December, will serve the sentences concurrently. He will be eligible for parole in 25 years, when he is 75.

Roberts, 50, repeatedly smashed the woman's skull with the grip of a gun. The weapon had been a prize presented at a state sheriffs' association convention in 1992 to honor Roberts for pulling a woman from a burning building.

Eyewitnesses said that during the beating, Roberts fired a shot at the woman's head, grazing her scalp. He later dragged her into the store's cooler, bashed her with the gun's handle and sexually assaulted her with the gun barrel.

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MORE AUXILIARY MEMBERS - Cogdell Memorial Hospital members also include, from left, seated, Shirley Stewart, Izora Milliken, Pat Moffett, Kathryn Dodson, Carol Davis, Norma Lofton, Geleska Baze, Teddie Hatcher, and Ouida Bruner; standing, Alene Martin, Janette Huddleston, Connie Stom, Ena Carroll, Mary Langford, JoAnn Peek, Thadine Harless, Ruby Anderson, Joyce Cooper, Sue Mize, and Lynn Heard.

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Hantavirus blamed for Amarillo death

AMARILLO (AP) — An Amarillo man who died of respiratory failure Wednesday likely had hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, an Amarillo health official said Friday.

Hantavirus antibodies were found in the blood of Mike Becknel, 25, said Dr. J. Rush Pierce, public health authority for the Amarillo Bi-City-County Health District.

"The blood test is a very good test, but it is not 100-percent accurate; it is about 98-percent accurate," Pierce said.

Hantavirus gained widespread attention in 1993 when a deadly outbreak struck New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Colorado.

Hantavirus is spread to humans from rodents, probably by inhalation of the virus excreted in rodent urine, saliva or feces. The virus is not spread from person to person.

Becknel, a driver for an auto-parts store, stayed home from work Tuesday with flu-like symptoms, his father, Wayne Merchant, said Friday.

"He got up Wednesday still sick and we made a doctor's appointment," Merchant said.

But before they could make it to the doctor, Becknel lost consciousness, Merchant said. Becknel was rushed to the hospital and died four hours later, he said.



JUMP ROPE WINNERS - A number of students in the Ira schools participated in the American Heart Association "Jump Rope For Heart" recently. The entire class jumped rope for 45 minutes without stopping and raised a total of $726 for the heart fund. Students who participated include, from left on the first row, Whitney Payne, Michelle Nettle and Franki Briseno. Other students include Brittany Dickerhoff, Terryn Autry, Michael Taylor, Donald Taylor, David Kirk, Corbin Clements, Blake Mayo, Wes White, Kerry Jamison, Rusty Josey, Ashley McGinty amd Lindsey Wilson. Students standing in back include Amber Sanchez, Bryson Higgins, Cody Broker and Chad Everton. (SDN Staff Photo)

Financial Focus

Shaping up. Trimming down. Getting rid of excess baggage. Simplifying.

Not only are Americans joining the fitness trend, so is the business world - only in corporate America, it's called downsizing. Over the past few years, some of the largest employers have made huge cuts in their work forces - companies such as IBM, Sears, Boeing, Digital Equipment Corp. and GTE. Most recently, telecommunications giant At&T announced it will cut 40,000 jobs over the next three years as it restructures into three separate companies.

What's an employee to do?

People in these situations experience many emotions. After the initial shock of losing a job come many concerns and decisions. Younger workers worry about how they will find new jobs and support their families in the meantime. Other workers may have to decide whether they must seek a new job or will be able to retire.

If you're one of these people, another decision you might face is how to handle a distribution from your retirement plan. After spending years building a nest egg, you may suddenly find yourself with that nest egg placed right in your lap. How you decide to handle it can have a big impact on your retirement savings.

For example, you could take the money and spend it or reinvest it as you please. Be aware, however, that you will owe federal income tax on the full amount, and if you're under age 55, you may also be subject to a 10 percent penalty. Taxes and penalties can take a bit chunk out of the savings you've worked hard to build.

Another option would be to roll your distribution into an IRA, or take the cash, pay the taxes and invest the remaining amount yourself, you will have to decide how the funds will be invested. Your choices are many: certificates of deposit, government securities, bonds, mutual funds, stocks, annuities and more.

Of course, the specific investments you choose should reflect your personal objectives, but there's one idea that should apply to every investment plan: diversification. Too often, employees invest all their retirement plan dollars in their employer's stock. If that stock declines in price, their entire nest egg declines in value, too. Diversification (spreading your money among a variety of investments) will minimize the impact of a decline in any one area.

In choosing a diversified portfolio of investments, allocate your dollars among investments that provide growth and those that provide income. Many people make the mistake of investing only in fixed-income investments, such as bonds. While the steady income of bonds is valuable, it's also important to have some growth investments to help you stay ahead of inflation.

There are a couple of ways to achieve diversification in an IRA. One is to invest in a mutual fund. A mutual fund invests its shareholders' money in a wide variety of securities, offering instant diversification under one umbrella. Another option that can be appropriate for large lump-sum distributions is to open a self-directed IRA. These allow you to combine a wide range of investments, such as government bonds, CDs, mutual funds and individual stocks, in one account. Annual fees for self-directed IRAs are typically about $30.

If you're among the tens of thousands of Americans who have been "downsized", just because you're losing your job does not mean you have to lose your retirement savings. Talk to your tax adviser and investment representative, and understand your options. What you decide to do with your retirement nest egg can determine whether it will crack or continue to grow.

For telephone company...

Bullock named used in pitch

AUSTIN (AP) — Lobbyists and others who do business with the state and Legislature say they have been solicited to sign up with a telephone company owned in part by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Bullock, presiding officer of the Texas Senate, is one of the most powerful officials in state government.

Some of the lobbyists who were solicited said they were given sales pitches during which Bullock was mentioned as an investor in the fledgling firm, the newspaper said in a copyright story in Saturday's editions.

Ricky Knox, an Austin lobbyist who is also a shareholder in Lone Star Long Distance Inc., said that he had used Bullock's name in conversations with three potential customers, including two lobbyists.

Lobbyists typically promote the interests of their clients to state lawmakers and regulators. Officeholders aren't prohibited from having outside businesses or investments, but some expressed surprise at hearing Bullock's name used.

"It certainly gets people's interest" when you are asked to become a customer of a company in which Bullock is an investor, one lobbyist said.

Bullock was traveling out of the country and could not be reached for comment Friday.

"Anyone who used Bob Bullock's name as a marketing tool did so without his knowledge or permission. That's something he wouldn't sanction," said Bullock's spokesman, Tony Proffitt.

The spokesman said Bullock is a "passive investor" in Lone Star with no active role in its operations or management.

None of the lobbyists interviewed would allow their names to be used.

Six said they have been contacted about signing up with Lone Star, which is based in Houston. Three said Bullock's name was mentioned.

While legislators sometimes consider issues that involve their industry, they can refrain from voting on bills that might pose a conflict of interest.

Lone Star Long Distance contracts with larger companies to rent time on various long-distance networks at bulk prices, then resells that service to its customers.

The company's other owners include former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes, an Austin lobbyist who is a partner of Knox's; former bond salesman Michael Dougherty, the company's president, who says Bullock is a personal friend; and the Austin law firm Scott, Douglass, Luton & McConnico.

Knox said he mentioned Bullock's name during discussions with several lobbyists, but only after they asked who had invested in the phone company.

MegaSkills session planned on May 3

Snyder Independent School District will be hosting a MegaSkills workshop on May 3 at the Christian Student Center on the Western Texas College campus.

MegaSkills enables school administrators and families to meet their responsibilities to each other and to their children.

"MegaSkills provides an advantage every child can have. It means parents are ready to stand shoulder to shoulder with teachers in ensuring that children have the best possible education," said a Targeting All Parents spokesperson.

The workshop will accommodate 40 individuals and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Anyone interest in participating may call the Targeting All Parents office at 574-6012. Child care will be available. Their will be no charge for the workshop, and materials will be included.

Truck-train wreck fatal

AVINGER (AP) — A truck driver was killed Friday when his 18-wheeler was struck by a train, the Texas Department of Public Safety said.

Rayborn Rice, 53, of Scottsville, was killed at 7:25 a.m. when he drove his 1994 Mack diesel tractor-trailer onto a rural railroad crossing and into the path of a Kansas City Southern freight train about a half mile south of Avinger, said Trooper Kevin McCasland.

"There are only cross bucks at the crossing, no lights or crossing bars," McCasland said.

Rice reportedly left Scottsville for Longview Friday morning with a full load of galvanized pipe. He had been on the road for an hour when the accident occurred.

"The train hit the trailer of the truck and creased it, bringing the front of the truck into the side of the train," McCasland said. "(Rice) was then ejected out of the front windshield."

Probation given three defendants

Three probated sentences were handed down Thursday afternoon in 132nd District Court.

Eric Lee Pace, 27, of 308 32nd Street pleaded guilty to forgery. Pace was charged with writing checks on the account of Cory Pace.

District Judge Ernie Armstrong sentenced the defendant to serve two years in a state jail, probated for five years. Pace was also fined $750 and ordered to pay $2,720 in restitution.

Two persons entered guilty pleas to felony driving while intoxicated.

Ronnie Elvin Rinehart, 39, of 1701½ Ave. T pleaded guilty to a Feb. 13 offense, and was given a five-year probated prison sentence and fined $750. He was also ordered to participate in a 30-day in-patient treatment center.

Also pleading guilty to DWI was Ismael Sainz Gonzales Jr., 37, of Hermleigh. Gonzales was given a five-year probated prison sentence, fined $750 and ordered to enter a 30-day in-patient treatment center.

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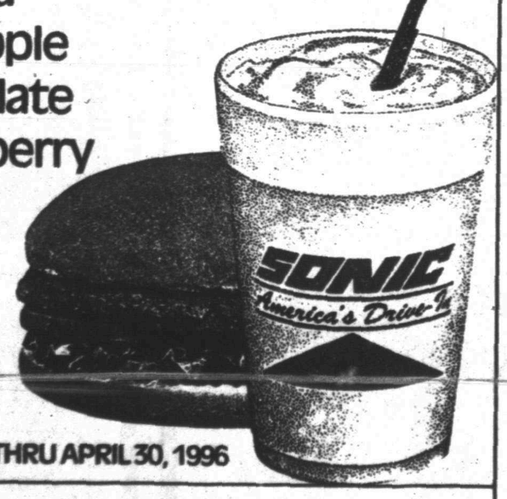
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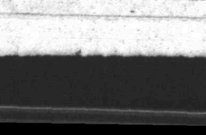


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Toronadoes hit Central Illinois

DECATUR, Ill. (AP) — Tornadoes ripped through central Illinois with a vengeance, damaging more than 100 homes and a dozen businesses in this city alone. At least 30 people were injured, two seriously.

Police blocked off roads leading to nearby Ogden, a town of about 700, where several homes were flattened and there was heavy damage to churches, businesses and the elementary school gymnasium.

Severe weather also was reported in eastern Texas, northern and central Indiana and eastern Missouri.

At least one tornado tore through the heart of downtown Decatur, part of a string of storms that skipped across the region Friday night and sent least 28 people to hospitals. The extent of the injuries wasn't known, but at least two people in Decatur were listed in serious condition, a hospital reported.

Anita Wilcott was working in Decatur when she and colleagues saw a twister.

"We got down in a ditch. There were probably 10 to 12 of us out in that ditch," said Wilcott, who was not injured.

The blustery winds hit hardest in Decatur and counties east, which also took a battering from storms on Thursday night.

As many as 200 homes were damaged, said Dan Sanner, coordinator of Macon County's emergency services and disaster agency.

Storms also damaged houses and knocked down power lines in nearby Urbana, Ogden and St. Joseph.

By late Friday night, a busload of Ogden residents rolled into St. Joseph after police blocked off the roads leading into town.

Terry Tatro and some neighbors saw the storm coming, like something "out of the Wizard of Oz," he told Decatur TV station WAND. "And the next thing we know, we hear stuff cracking."

At the peak of the storm, 22,000 electrical customers were without power, about 16,000 of them in Decatur. Illinois Power, which serves central Illinois, said about 5,000 customers lost power in the Champaign area.

In southern Illinois, trailer homes got tossed through the air, said Terry Mulvany, director of Salem's emergency management agency. The mobile homes were "wrapped around trees and telephone poles," he said.

In Rutland, north of Decatur, the storm knocked down power lines that apparently touched off a fire, destroying an American Legion post.

"We had corn shucks and stalks just floating around in the air — thousands of them, like birds flying," said Marilyn Storhkirch of rural Stanford. "It was like hailing corn shucks, dropping out of the sky."

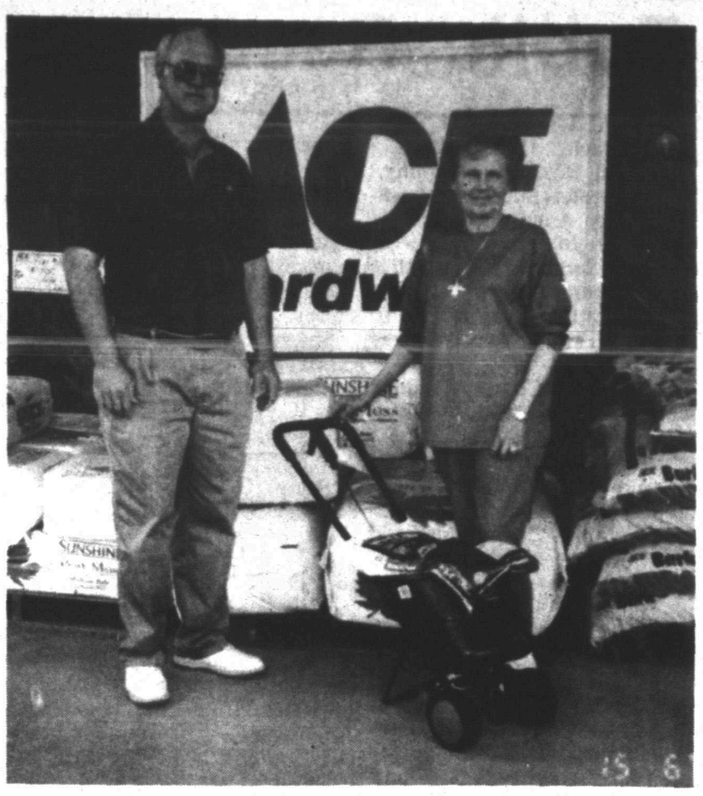
In Jacksonville, west of Springfield, a tornado lopped off the roofs of two guard towers at a minimum-security prison. No injuries were reported.

Closer to the Chicago area, large hail smashed windshields at four car dealerships in Bourbonnais.

In east Texas, a batch of thunderstorms brought high winds and hail the size of baseballs.

In northern and central Indiana, severe thunderstorms packed high winds and hail that damaged houses and toppled power lines. At least 15,000 customers lost electrical power.

Near Perryville, Mo., a tornado touched down, damaging as many as 30 houses and uprooting trees. No serious injuries were reported.



ACE WINNER - Jerri Fuller of Ira was the winner of a fertilizer spreader and lawn fertilizer given away during the recent Home and Garden Show held at Scurry County Coliseum. Presenting the prize to Mrs. Fuller was Gale E. Titus, manager of Snyder Lumber Ace Hardware. (SDN Staff Photo)

New twist emerges in Simpson saga

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A new twist emerged in the O.J. Simpson case, with a witness raising the possibility that Simpson had a mystery visitor at his house just hours before his ex-wife and her friend were killed.

Simpson's friend, Christian Reichardt, testified in a deposition that during a phone call with Simpson at 9 p.m. June 12, 1994, he heard Simpson ask somebody in the room for sports scores.

Reichardt said he couldn't hear the other person, but assumed it was Simpson's house guest Brian "Kato" Kaelin. Kaelin has said he was in his room in the guest house at that time.

Reichardt gave a deposition behind closed doors March 22 in a wrongful death lawsuit filed against Simpson by the families of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. A copy of the deposition transcript was obtained by The Associated Press.

Under questioning by plaintiffs' lawyer Daniel Petrocelli, Reichardt said he believed Kaelin has said he was with Simpson at that hour, so he assumed Kaelin was the person Simpson had addressed.

"Isn't that what Kato says?" Reichardt asked.

"News to me," Petrocelli answered.

Reichardt, a close friend of Simpson's and the former boyfriend of Faye Resnick, said he spoke on the phone with Simpson and his ex-wife on the day she and Goldman were killed.

Reichardt made clear his loyalty to Simpson, saying he felt he was innocent of murder and the case was one of "police trying to just clear a case out."

Reichardt testified he had looked at the clock when Simpson called and was reasonably certain it was 9 p.m. Under a timeline established by prosecutors at Simpson's criminal trial, that would have been about two hours before the murders.

As Reichardt said in an earlier television interview, he perceived Simpson as being in a good mood.

"So in your opinion, he didn't sound like someone who was just going to go out and kill somebody, right?" Petrocelli asked.

"Definitely not," Reichardt said.

About halfway into the eight-minute call, Simpson spoke briefly to someone with him, asking about sports scores, Reichardt said.

Kaelin said in his deposition and trial testimony that he was in his own room just prior to 9 p.m. He said Simpson came to him shortly after 9 p.m. and discussed going out for food, and they left about 9:10 p.m.

Americans abroad should use caution

WASHINGTON (AP) — With tensions and anti-U.S. sentiments running high in the Middle East, the State Department says Americans abroad should be on guard for their safety.

"In the immediate future, U.S. citizens traveling or residing abroad may wish to exercise greater-than-usual caution in light of the recent events in the Middle East and threats made to American interests from Hezbollah and other extremist groups," the department said in a statement Friday night.

Artillery exchanges between Israel and radical Islamic Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon has accounted for heavy civilian casualties and renewed tensions between Arabs and Israelis in the region.

While there have been public denunciations of the U.S. government's close ties to Israel, the State Department said was no indication of imminent attacks on Americans.

"Although the Department of State has no specific information regarding threats to U.S. citizens, we cannot discount the possibility of random acts of anti-American violence," it said. "U.S. diplomatic posts are taking appropriate security precautions."

The department routinely issues travel warnings and advisories for specific countries or regions to warn tourists of health risks or threats of political or criminal violence.

Suit filed in balloon accident

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The family of a Dallas woman killed in a hot-air ballooning accident in July has sued the Napa company that operated the balloon for negligence and running an unsafe operation.

Caroline Kinnear, 27, died of internal injuries when she was thrown from the balloon basket during a landing. She was taking a champagne tour with Balloons Above the Valley of Napa during a vacation trip with her boyfriend.

The other passengers suffered minor injuries.

The lawsuit — filed in federal court in San Francisco, on behalf of Kinnear's parents, Peter and Elizabeth — alleges that Balloons Above the Valley did not take enough safety precautions. It also claims that the pilot, Susan Hartman, was not properly trained or supervised.

An investigation by the National Transportation Safety Board determined the probable cause of the accident as "the pilot's misjudgment of the balloon's excessive rate-of-descent in a high wind landing and her inadequate remedial action to correct the condition."

Balloons Above the Valley owner Robert Barbarick could not be reached for comment.

Letterman prepares for college group

HERKIMER, N.Y. (AP) — Producers of "The Late Show" with David Letterman are rolling out the welcome mat for a group of college students after pulling the rug out from under them last week.

The show's producers had canceled tickets for about 40 students at Herkimer County College, about 100 miles from Syracuse. The producers had blamed rowdy behavior by other college students at previous shows.

But after two days of wrangling, producers said the students can attend next Thursday's taping.

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Suicide victim may have lived longer

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — A coroner testifying in Dr. Jack Kevorkian's third assisted-suicide trial said two women who committed suicide in his presence were not terminally ill.

Sherry Miller, 43, had multiple sclerosis but could have lived "years, if not decades," Oakland County medical examiner L.J. Dragovic testified Friday.

The other woman, Marjorie Wantz, 58, suffered from a "phantom" or "psychogenic" pain perceived by her brain but lacking a physical cause, Dragovic said.

Wantz, who had undergone 10 operations in her pelvic area, continued to feel pain from a damaged organ even after it was removed, Dragovic said, adding that she could have lived beyond 70.

Wantz had complained of the pain for years.

"Worse these last few weeks than ever before. So awful," her son, Robert Mattner, read in court from her notebook. "Please, God, help me die, or give me a miracle." The entry was dated Oct. 3, 1991, 20 days before she died.

Kevorkian, who was acquitted in two previous trials under a temporary state law enacted specifically to stop him, is charged this time under unwritten common law with helping the two women commit suicide in 1991.

He faces up to 10 years in prison.

Miller died after inhaling carbon monoxide; Wantz died of an injection of drugs.

Kevorkian was not in court Friday. He walked out Thursday, calling the proceedings a circus and saying he could not stand to listen.

Defense attorney Geoffrey Fieger attacked Dragovic's decision to classify the women's deaths as homicides. He asked how what Kevorkian did differed from a doctor removing a patient from life support.

Dragovic said the difference was that Wantz and Miller were not being kept alive by artificial means and would have continued to live had Kevorkian not intervened.

"You're mixing apples and oranges, mangoes and papayas here," Dragovic said.

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Roxanne M. Stoker, 1996 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Autoland.

Buford Browning, 1996 Oldsmobile from Berg Motor Company.

Richard B. and Charla A. Rains, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Oscar J. Nino, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Letter B. Ranch, 1996 Ford Explorer from Wilson Motors.

Jared Moore, 1995 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

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Robert M. Farrell, 1996 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

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Kristopher H. Randolph and Sharon Shipp, 1996 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Autoland.

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Marriage License

Robert Dale Ballard and Xandy Dee Hudson, both of Snyder.

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Jason Paul Green and Kari Lynn Baugh, both of Snyder.

James Gordon Miller of Lamesa and Shirley Anne Miller of Snyder.

Joseph John Wirsching and Melanie Fay Hildreth, both of Snyder.

Filed in District Court

Wilma Wilcox, individually and as surviving spouse of Troy Eugene Wilcox, vs. J.C. Wells, J.C. Wells Drilling Co., Ltd., suit for damages.

Cooper Appliance, Air Conditioning and Heating Inc. vs. Andy Bjacktah and Willow Park Inn, suit on account.

Scurry County vs. Pat Martinez, et al, delinquent tax suit.

Action in District Court

Scurry County vs. Pat Martinez, et al, order of non-suit.

Scurry County vs. The Superior Operating Company, et al, order granting non-suit.

In the marriage of Bradley Layne Hart and Angela May Hart, divorce granted.

In the marriage of William Carroll Nix and Shannon Laurie Nix, divorce granted.

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Scurry County to David and Lisa Tate, Tract 1, Lot 11 in Block C of the Westridge Addition.

M.W. Pilcher to Debbie Robertson, all of Lot 7 and the south one-half of Lot 8 in Block 3 of the Bootheland Addition.

E.F. and Lennie Lois Banks to Jose and Claudette Costilla, Lot 3 in Block 10 of the Highlands Addition.

J.C. Wells, dba Wells Drilling Co., and Debra Wells to JCD Family Partnership, Ltd., 3.5 acres in the northeast one-quarter of Section 381, Block 97, H&TC survey.

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Donovan R. and Cynthia J. Thames to Albert and Darla K. Deloera, all of Lot 24 and the west part of Lot 25 in Block H of the Replat of the Towle Place Addition.

Jean Taylor to Marsha Jo Falls, tract one being the south part of Lot 4 in Block 9 of the Bassridge West Addition; tract two being the north part of Lot 5 in Block 9 of the Bassridge West Addition.

Kevin and Matisha Wilkie to Damon C. and Tami D. Chappell, 1.17 acres in the southwest one-quarter of Section 72, Block 3, H&GN survey.

Scurry County to Bruce Kallemeyn, all of Lot 1 and the east 50 feet of Lot 2 in Block 42 of the T.N. Nunn Second Addition.

Mary Belle Cary to MBC Partnership, tract one being all the north one-half of the northeast one-quarter of Section 107, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract two being all of Section 110, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract three being all of Section 125, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract four being all of Section 128, Block 97, H&TC survey; tract five being the south one-half of Section 143, Block 97, H&TC survey.

John W. and Loy M. Forbes to David Franklyn and Anna Camille Fisher, the south 26 feet of Lot 24 and all of the north 59 feet of Lot 25, both in Block 4 of the Park Place Addition.

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Defense request to release Unabomber suspect is denied

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Theodore Kaczynski is entitled to fair, not perfect, treatment, a federal judge said in refusing to free the Unabomber suspect who has been the subject of Justice Department news leaks.

U.S. District Judge Charles Lovell on Friday denied a defense request to dismiss the lone charge against Kaczynski — possessing bomb components.

Defense attorney Michael Donahoe argued that the charge should be dropped because a torrent of news leaks had so poisoned public opinion against Kaczynski that it would be impossible to find an impartial grand jury.

Donahoe also requested that Kaczynski be freed and any future prosecution be barred.

Lovell said the news leaks were "entirely regrettable," but said he saw no evidence they were part of an intentional effort to prejudice the public against Kaczynski.

"The defendant is not entitled to perfect treatment," Lovell said. "This is not a perfect world. He is entitled to fair treatment, and I think he has been afforded fair treatment."

Kaczynski, 53, was arrested at his remote mountain cabin near Lincoln on April 3. He has not been charged with any of the Unabomber attacks, which killed three people and injured 23 over the last 18 years.

The government admitted some of its agents have leaked confidential information, but said the leaks were not intentional and did not justify dropping the case.

Lovell agreed and said he was impressed by government efforts to stem the leaks and prosecute and punish agents who revealed confidential information.

His ruling restarts the speedy-trial clock, which is stopped while defense motions are pending. The government now has 19 days left to take the Kaczynski case before a federal grand jury or release him.

Kaczynski sat expressionless during Friday's hearing and said nothing.

His hair, which had been long and scraggly when he was arrested, was cut and styled and his beard was trimmed.

He was wearing clean, apparently new clothes — brown pants, a green, long-sleeved shirt open at the neck and black tennis shoes. At his earlier court appearance, he wore a bright orange jail jumpsuit.

F. Lee Bailey gets out; government gets yacht

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — F. Lee Bailey climbed aboard his plane and flew home after 44 days behind bars — but not before he vowed to get back the money he surrendered in a battle with the government.

Bailey was released Friday after turning over $16 million in disputed stock and his $1.9 million yacht to satisfy a contempt of court order.

Glowering at reporters at Tallahassee's airport, Bailey said he had one priority after winning his freedom: "I'm going to get my money back."

Bailey, who gained famed defending the likes of Patty Hearst, Dr. Sam Sheppard and O.J. Simpson, boarded his twin-engine Piper Comanche, piloted by his son Scott Bailey, to return to West Palm Beach.

The 62-year-old lawyer was jailed after U.S. District Judge Maurice Paul slapped him with a contempt charge for failing to hand over 400,000 shares of stock from a former drug-dealer client. Bailey called the imprisonment "a waste."

"I don't know what I did to tick this judge off," Bailey said. "I feel that it was unnecessary, that I was steamrollered."

The stock in Biochem Pharma, a Canadian company, was among assets that belonged to Claude Duboc, a former Bailey client awaiting sentencing.

Bailey contends the stock was given as payment for his legal fees and expenses. Prosecutors said the assets were forfeited and belong to the government.

The judge has set a May 20 hearing to settle the ownership question.

Because Bailey sold some of the stock and spent the money, he was required to surrender his yacht, Spellbound, plus $700,000 within a year.

Until the debt is paid, he must get written approval for any personal expense of more than $10,000.

"Frankly, we do not trust Mr. Bailey," Assistant U.S. Attorney David McGee told the judge in urging him to accept the pact. "It has required us to construct a financial noose through which we think he could not slip."

Former bodyguard names Jackson

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A former bodyguard for Michael Jackson says he once escorted the pop star and a boy into a bedroom, according to a lawsuit.

Jerome Johnson also says he was ordered to intimidate workers who might cooperate with a molestation investigation of Jackson, according to court papers obtained Thursday.

Johnson says he was fired in 1995 for exposing perjury that occurred in connection with the child molestation allegations against Jackson.

In 1990, Johnson says in the lawsuit, he was sent to the Encino home of Jackson's parents to make sure the house was empty.

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REACh PROGRAM PRESENTED - A former school teacher is now travelling across the United States delivering an anti-drug and gang message to students. Penny Conway, right, presented the program to students in the Snyder ISD this week. SJHS seventh grader Julienne Dooley is shown assisting Conway with her program. (SDN Staff Photo)

Back to basics...

Conservative education approach draws review

AUSTIN (AP) — A group that says it wants to improve public schools with a back-to-basics approach is drawing a skeptical eye from some involved in public education.

Parents, teachers and others who make up the Texas Conservative Academic Network want to return to a time when public schools taught traditional American values, classrooms were safe and students learned by rote memorization and drill.

Members say their group, which has an Austin forum scheduled this weekend, is nonpartisan and won't address such issues as school choice and school prayer.

But others involved in public education aren't so sure, the Austin American-Statesman reported Friday.

"They are not being straight with their total agenda. It's a front for the voucher movement," said Annette Cootes of the Texas State Teachers Association.

A voucher system would make state money available to pay private school tuition.

"This is not a moderate group," said Cecile Richards, daughter of former Gov. Ann Richards and president of the Texas Freedom Network. Her group bills itself as an alternative to the radical right.

The Texas Conservative Academic Network's board includes San Antonio physician and businessman Jim Leininger, who has donated to State Board of Education candidates backed by religious right groups. Other board members participate in the Christian Coalition or are advocates of home schooling and school vouchers.

Texas Conservative Academic Network leaders say network board members, while affiliated with other causes, leave their other agendas at the door. They call themselves an alternative to "liberal" education organizations they believe have ruined public schools.

"We need to get back to basics," said Jeff Judson, a board member who helped launch the group last summer with Allan Parker, president of the pro-voucher Texas Justice Foundation.

The group says it wants schools to focus on reading, writing and arithmetic rather than boosting students' self-esteem.

"Schools pay too much attention to self-esteem and egalitarian outcomes. Instead of having high standards and encouraging and pushing kids to reach the high standards, we've lowered them so everyone makes A's," Judson said.

Ag Commissioner Perry mad over TV mad cow comments

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry has a bone to pick with a vegetarian who talked about "mad cow disease" on Oprah Winfrey's television show. And he wants to hash it out in court.

Perry on Friday urged Texas Attorney General Dan Morales to seek legal action against Ms. Winfrey's guest, Howard Lyman, under Texas' 1995 False Disparagement of Perishable Food Products Law.

The measure allows agricultural producers to sue people who falsely disparage food products. Those suing must prove the statement is false.

"Mr. Lyman's statements that Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) 'will make AIDS look like the common cold' and that the livestock industry is feeding 'road kill' to cattle certainly 'implies that the perishable food product is not safe for consumption by the public,' as stated in the law," Perry said in a letter to Morales.

Robin Beaman of Ms. Winfrey's show said she couldn't give out Lyman's telephone number or home town, but said she would try to get in touch with him and ask him to call The Associated Press. Lyman didn't immediately do so.

Morales spokesman Ward Tisdale said the attorney general would review Perry's request.

Lyman appeared Tuesday on Ms. Winfrey's program, which was on "Dangerous Foods" and mad cow disease. The cattle disease, which has been linked to a deadly illness in humans, has created a cattle industry crisis in Great Britain.

Perry has endeavored to reassure Texans about the safety of the cattle and beef industry in the state and nation. Mad cow disease has not occurred in the United States.

The beef industry blamed Ms. Winfrey's show for a drop in cattle prices Tuesday. The belief was that people watching it would buy less beef.

A livestock analyst has said the program exacerbated a bad situation in the market. A spokeswoman for the National Cattlemen's Association said the American industry has "been ahead of the issue for 10 years."

Winfrey has defended her show, saying, "I asked questions that I think that the American people deserve to have answered in light of what is happening in Britain."

Perry said, "The economic livelihood of our beef producers is at stake, and I trust agriculture can count on the attorney general's office to enforce the laws of the state of Texas."

Drug prevention program is given

"A real cowgirl," is how Payson, Ariz. resident Penny Conway describes herself as she presents an unique substance abuse and gang prevention message intermingled with interesting facts about rodeoing and ranching to students across the United States.

Conway was in Snyder last week to present her program at six Snyder Independent School District campuses. She was assisted by WTC rodeo coach Todd Danley and two of his students and rodeo team members, Jeff Decker and Greg Smith.

Conway told the students that she was a former teacher in Arizona and discovered through her students that children in today's society do not know much about the area's western heritage, cowboys and the sport of rodeo.

"That is when I decided to start REACh - Rodeo Education and Children", said Conway.

Conway includes a message about drug and gang prevention and how to use cowboy and rodeo terms to resist drugs.

Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, created a talking doll when he was a little boy still living in Scotland.

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We also wish to extend our special thanks to Snyder EMS, the staff of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home, the members of First Baptist Church and Colonial Hill Baptist Church, and the staff of the Snyder Country Club for their service and assistance during this time.

Our deepest appreciation to each of you. May the Lord richly bless you all.

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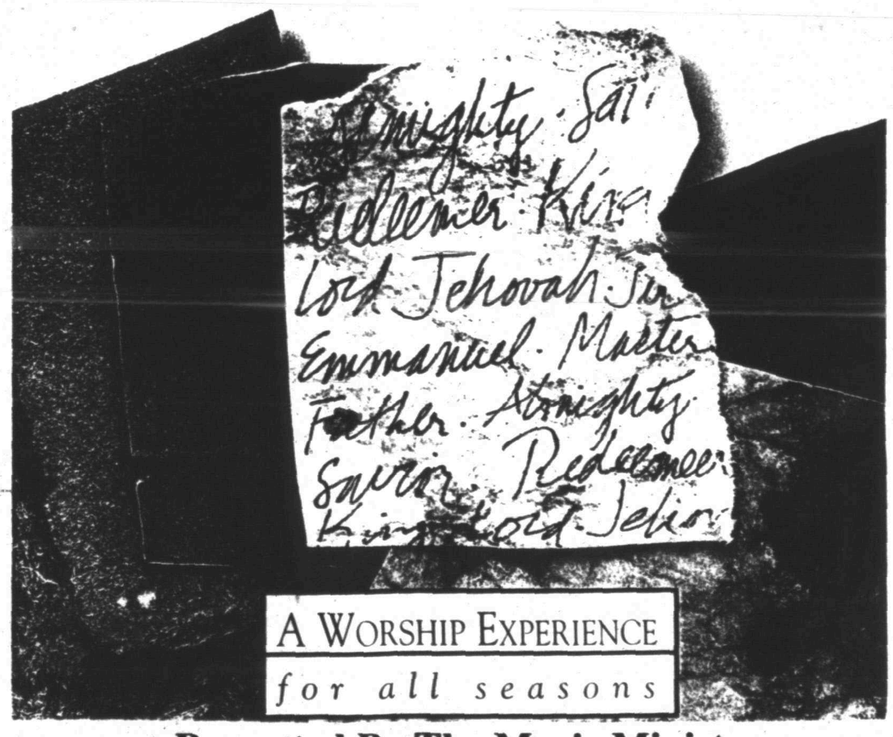
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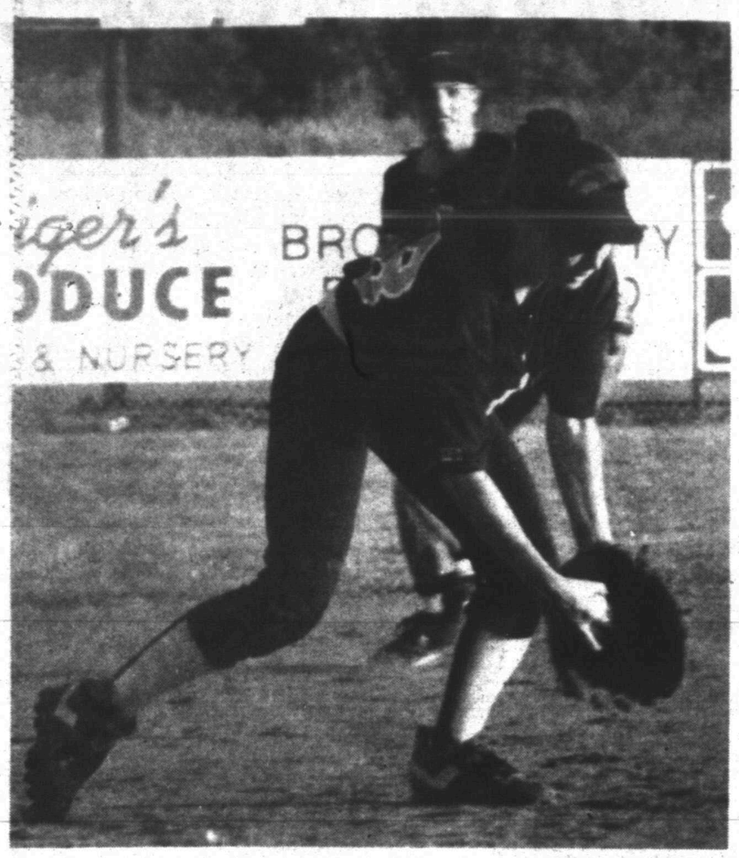
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SPORTS



FIELDING—The Joshua Lady Owls went to bed Friday seeing over and over, Snyder Lady Tiger third baseman Shawn Purcell fielding balls and gunning down runners at first. Purcell made eight such plays as the Lady Tigers brought home the bi-district title from Brownwood with a 6-1 victory over Joshua. (SDN Staff Photo by Brent Taylor)

Purcell and White lead Snyder to bi-district title over Joshua

By Brent Taylor
Sports Editor

BROWNWOOD--Backed by the fielding of Shawn Purcell and the hitting of Jodi White, the Snyder Lady Tigers secured the bi-district title here Friday with a 6-1 victory over the Joshua Lady Owls.

The Lady Tiger third baseman, Purcell made no less than nine put outs including eight third to first throws to nail Lady Owl runners. It was only fitting that the final out of the game came on a grounder to Purcell which she fielded and threw to first.

"Shawn played the game of her life," said coach Billy Hicks. "I have never seen her play the way she did."

On the offensive side for Snyder, White went three for four with three doubles from her lead off spot in the lineup. White would be responsible for getting the first two runs for Snyder.

"I thought we would play good because we had a good workout before we left town Friday," Hicks added. "It was a total team victory."

With the Lady Tiger's victory, they will now play Denison, tentatively at 6 p.m. on Thursday at L.D. Bell High School in Hurst. Denison downed Arlington Heights, 9-2, Thursday to advance to the area round of the state playoffs.

Brittany Drummond had another good outing for the Lady Tigers from the mound. After a shaky start, Drummond settled down and allowed only one hit over the last six innings.

In the top of the first, Drummond gave up one run on three hits, but the rest of the game she was one batter away from facing the minimum number of hitters. The Lady Owls went three up, three down in the second, third, fourth, sixth and seventh innings.

In the fifth, Drummond allowed a walk, but Joshua was only able to send four girls to the plate as Purcell gunned down the other three hitters to retire the side.

For the game, Drummond allowed one run on four hits, did not strike out anyone and gave up one walk.

The Lady Tigers broke the game open in the bottom of the fourth when they sent eight hitters to the plate. Connie Payne knocked a rope down the right field line to open the innings. Before the chalk had settled, Payne was in at third for a standup triple. Adrienne Bailey followed with an RBI single, scoring Payne.

Sharon Gulseth got on with an error and would later score when Julie Lang smacked a base hit. The final run for the Lady Tigers came when White hit her third two bagger, knocking in Lang.

Joshua took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, but Snyder came back to tie the game on smart base running by White. Snyder got on the scoreboard again in the third when Mendy Winter singled to score White.

For the game, Snyder came up with six runs on 12 hits and left only four base runners on.

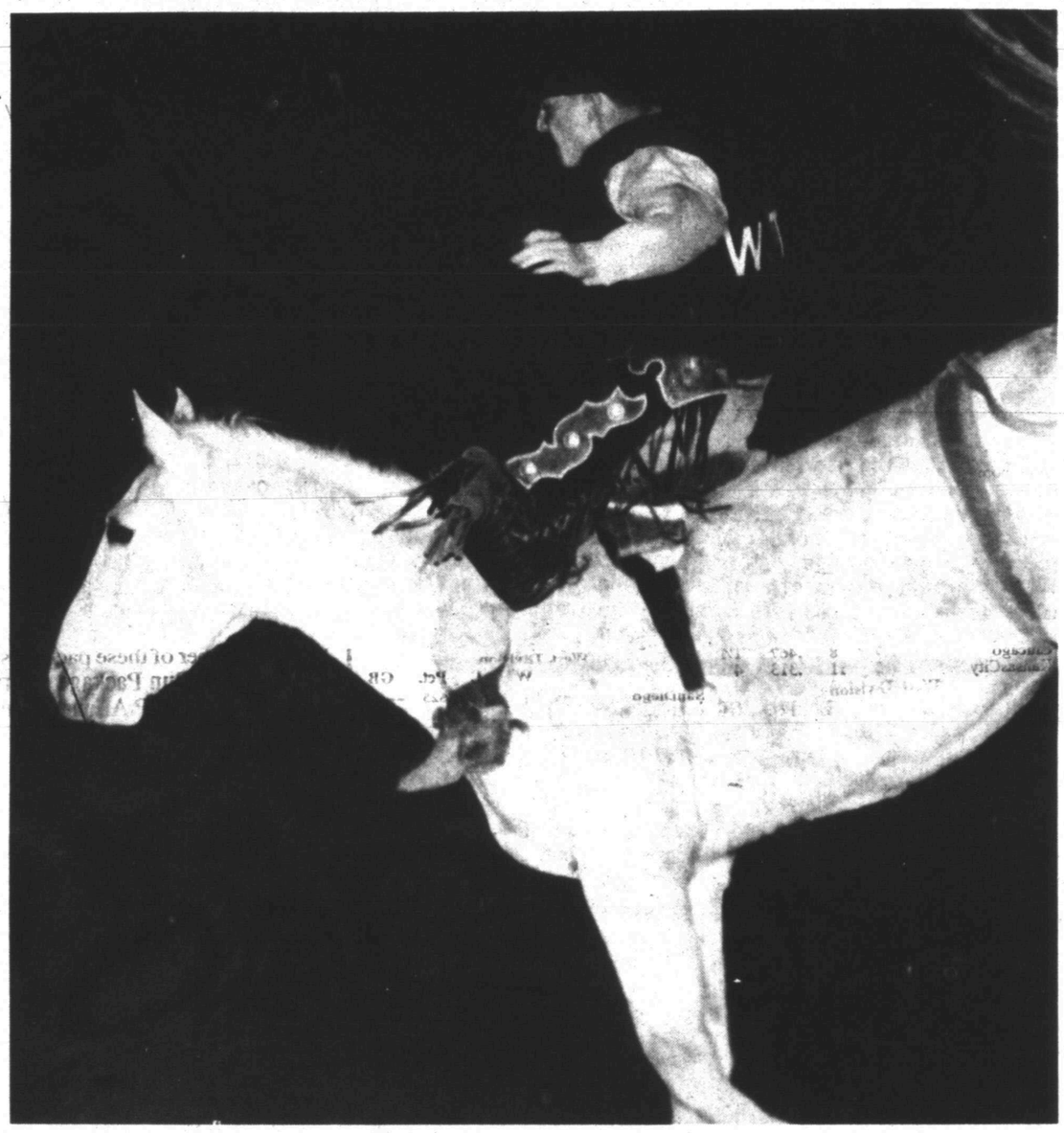
In one other bi-district game Friday, it was Sweetwater falling to Brownwood, 9-6.

The Lady Tigers' victory improves their record to 20-11 for the season.

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Joshua	100 000 0 – 1	4	2
Snyder	101 400 x – 6	12	0

Smith and Parks; Drummond and R.Wemken. WP-Drummond (9-2). LP-Smith. 2B-Joshua: none; Snyder: White (3), J.Wemekn. 3B-Payne. Records: Joshua 21-10, Snyder 20-11.



HANG ON—Western Texas College cowboy Cody Fry hangs on Thursday night during the 1996 NIRA Rodeo going on at the Scurry County Coliseum. The finals will be Saturday at 7:30 p.m. with the exes rodeo Sunday afternoon at 1:30. (SDN Staff Photo by Wade Warren)

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Orlando	59	22	.728	—
x-NewYork	46	35	.568	13
x-Miami	42	39	.519	17
Washington	39	42	.481	20
Boston	33	48	.407	26
NewJersey	30	51	.370	29
Philadelphia	17	64	.210	42
Central Division				
z-Chicago	71	9	.888	—
x-Indiana	50	30	.625	21
x-Cleveland	46	34	.575	25
x-Detroit	45	35	.563	26
x-Atlanta	44	36	.550	27
Charlotte	41	40	.506	30½
Milwaukee	25	56	.309	46½
Toronto	21	60	.259	49½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-SanAntonio	59	22	.728	—
z-Utah	54	27	.667	5
x-Houston	47	34	.580	12
Denver	34	47	.420	25
Minnesota	26	55	.321	33
Dallas	25	56	.309	34
Vancouver	14	67	.173	45
Pacific Division				
z-Seattle	64	17	.790	—
x-L.A.Lakers	51	29	.638	12½
x-Portland	44	37	.543	20
x-Phoenix	41	40	.506	23
x-Sacramento	38	42	.475	25½
GoldenState	36	45	.444	28
L.A.Clippers	29	52	.358	35

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-won conference title

Thursday's Games
Orlando 119, Atlanta 104
Milwaukee 111, Charlotte 103
Cleveland 92, New York 77
Chicago 110, Detroit 79
Dallas 132, Denver 98
Houston 115, L.A. Clippers 107
San Antonio 103, L.A. Lakers 100
Utah 94, Vancouver 79

Friday's Games
Toronto 107, Washington 103
Boston 112, New Jersey 106
Orlando 112, Philadelphia 92
Charlotte 115, New York 108
Miami 106, Milwaukee 100
Vancouver 92, Denver 78
Phoenix 123, Dallas 103
Seattle 94, Minnesota 86
Portland 95, Golden State 87

Saturday's Games
Detroit at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 3:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
New York at Boston, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 1 p.m.
Orlando at Charlotte, 3:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Indiana, 3:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 3:30 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 3:30 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 3:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 6 p.m.
Vancouver at L.A. Clippers, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 9 p.m.
End Regular Season

WTC Rodeo Results

WTC NIRA Rodeo

Rodeo standings through Friday evening slack. Does not include Saturday morning slack.

Bareback: 1. Shawn Minor, WTC, 71; 2. Cory McFadden, HC, 70; 3. Cody Cox, HC, 69; 4. Russell Sperry, CJC, 64; 5. (tie) Ben Duggar, OC and Ryan Burrow, HC, 63; 7. (tie) Kenny Gee, FPC and Johnny Gann, VRJC, 58.

Calf Roping: 1. Doug Pharr, HC, 8.9; 2. (tie) Cy Griffen, TT and Leddy Lewis, TT, 9.2; 4. (tie) Todd Loesch, WTC and K.C. Overturff, 9.6; 6. Cody Fort, 10.0; 7. Trevor Brazile, VRJC, 10.2; 8. Dane Driver, TSU, 10.4; 9. Trey Johnson, WTAM, 10.8; 10. Jim Locke, VRJC,11.0.

Breakaway Roping: 1. Dayna Doyle, WTC, 2.3; 2. Shawn Wise, HC, 2.4; 3. Macy Emerson, HC, 2.6; 4. (tie) Jamie Stewart, WTC, Emily Schaffer, WTC, Shacey Hatch, WTC and Shawna Shields, TT, 2.7; 8. (tie) Cheyenne Wimberly, VRJC and Molly Swanson, VRJC, 2.8; 10. Julie Cook, 2.9.

Saddle Bronc: 1. (tie) Pete Ellis, WTC and Shawn Minor, WTC, 75; 3. (tie) Jeff Decker, WTC and Travis Autrey, ENMU, 68; 5. Colin Bauer, VRJC, 67; 6. (tie) Clete Schmidt, WTC, Will Cline, ENMU, Kerry Doster, SRU and Mitch Walz, OC, 65; 10. (tie) Dennis Lithgow, ENMU, Mark Eakin, TSU and Jeb Brown, TSU, 63.

Steer Wrestling: 1. Ryan Weaver, WTC, 4.1; 2. (tie) Brent Harvey, WTC, Clay Gentry and Wade Dansby 4.2; 5. Chad Pelster, WTC, 4.9; 6. Casey Callahan, HC, 5.1; 7. (tie) Josh Purcell, FPC, Jarrett Blessing, WTAM and Dane Driver, TSU, 5.2; 10. Ty Shipp, 5.3.

Goat Tying: 1. Kelli Sultemeier, VRJC, 7.3; 2. Chasity Rickman, WTC, 7.6; 3. Emily Schaffer, WTC, 7.7; 4. Tina Sherrod, HC, 8.6; 5. Braadye Bitters, TSU, 8.7; 6. Shawn Wise, HC, 9.3; 7. (tie) Macy Emerson, HC, Christi Sultemeier, VRJC and Tonya Reneau, 9.6; 10. Shelby Phillips, TT, 9.7.

Team Roping: 1. Josh Crow, NMJC/Toby Truby, TT, 5.6; 2. Jim Walz, OC/Coy Irwin, OC, 5.8; 3. (tie) Dane Driver, TSU/Ryan Rankin, VRJC and John Folmer, SRU/Turtle Powell, TSU, 6.1; 5. Casey Callahan, HC/Richard Chumley, TSU, 6.6; 6. Mark Eakin, TSU/J.J. Kincheloe, TSU, 6.7; 7. Ben Clements, HC/Jim Locke, VRJC, 6.8; 8. Todd Virden, HC/Ross Sims, HC, 8.2; 9. Justin Johnson, NMJC/Matt Eakin, VRJC, 10.7; 10. Beau Lamb, ENMU/Keith McAlister, ENMU, 11.8.

Barrels: 1. Jody Peterson, VRJC, 13.52; 2. Robyn Byars, VRJC, 13.62; 3. Jamie Stewart, WTC, 13.70; 4. Nichole Williams, TSU, 13.74; 5. Molly Swanson, VRJC, 13.83; 6. Tona Wright, WTC, 13.90; 7. Kelly Jo Ogden, TT, 13.98; 8. Angela Vandenbrande, WC, 13.99; 9. Amy Cox, TSU, 14.18; 10. Tanya McCuistion, FPC, 14.21.

Bull Riding: 1. Mike White, HC, 81; 2. (tie) Jason McClain, FPC and Trey Fisher, HC, 79; 4. Trent Curry, OC, 77; 5. (tie) Daniel Phillips, SRU and Octavio Calatayud, SRU, 72; 7. (tie) Ben Duggar, OC, Cory McFadden, HC and Toby Tanner, OC, 70; 10. Ray Richards, WTC, J.D. White, and Ross Hataway, 69.

Sam Snead, who began his golfing career in the 1930s, won 81 PGA tournaments for earnings of only $620,126.

Transactions

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Friday's Sports Transactions

BASEBALL
American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with OF Luis Polonia on a minor-league contract, and assigned Polonia to Rochester of the International League.

BOSTON RED SOX—Recalled INF Bill Selby and RHP Joe Hudson from Pawtucket of the International League. Optioned C Jim Tatum to Pawtucket.

DETROIT TIGERS—Placed RHP Omar Olivares, on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive April 16. Recalled RHP Brian Maxcy, from Toledo of the International League

NEW YORK YANKEES—Purchased the contract of C Tim McIntosh from Columbus of the International League.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Recalled LHP Tim Davis from Tacoma of the Pacific Coast Keague. Optioned RHP Rafael Carmona to Tacoma of the Pacific Coast League.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Assigned LHP Larry Casian, to Iowa of the American Association.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Purchased the contract of 1B John Zuber from Scranton-Wilkes-Barre of the International League. Optioned 1B Gene Schall to Scranton-Wilkes-Barre.

Texas takes early lead

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Kelli Kuehne fired a 2-over 74 as three-time defending champion Texas shot a 305 first round to take a three-stroke lead over Texas A&M in the Southwest Conference women's championship.

Kuehne, the 1994 U.S. Women's Amateur champion, is third for individuals behind Texas Christian freshman Susan Horton, who shot an even-par 72. Defending SWC co-medalist Jamie Hullett of Texas A&M carded a 73.

Winds gusting to 35 mph contributed to high scores on the 6,156-yard, par-72 course at Pebble Creek Country Club.

Horton's round kept TCU in contention for the team crown at 309. Southern Methodist and Texas Tech each shot 318, and Baylor came in at 335 after the first 18 holes.

Co-defending champion Isabelle Rosberg was fifth at 76, and A&M veteran Kristina Edfors shot a 79.

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — First-round totals in the 54-hold Southwest Conference Women's Golf Tournament at the 6,156-yard, par-72 course at Pebble Creek Country Club:

Team Scores
1. Texas 305 2. Texas A&M 308 3. TCU 309 4. SMU 318 5. Texas Tech 318 6. Baylor 335

Individual Results
(Nine-hole scores not available Friday)
1. Susan Horton, TCU 72
2. Jamie Hullett, Texas A&M 73
3. Kelli Kuehne, Texas 74
4. Brooke Lowrance, Texas Tech 75
5. Heather Bowie, Texas 76
(tie) Isabelle Rosberg, Texas A&M 76
7. Amanda Workman, TCU 77
(tie) Shannon Fisher, TCU 77
(tie) Jennifer Waterhouse, Texas 77
10. Jennifer Hubbard, SMU 78
(tie) Tracy Thomson, Texas Tech 78
(tie) Kori Johns, Texas 78
13. Kristina Edfors, Texas A&M 79
(tie) Valerie Osborn, SMU 79
15. Robin Buck, SMU 80
(tie) Tamara Parker, Texas Tech 80
(tie) Aurora Kirchner, Texas A&M 80
18. Amber Paulos, SMU 81
(tie) Sally Gotcher, Baylor 81
20. Christy Cervantes, Baylor 82
(tie) Jennie Stine, SMU 82
22. Angela Wray, Texas 83
(tie) Nona Epps, TCU 83
24. Sorrel Richman, Baylor 84
25. Jennifer Emmons, Texas A&M 85
(tie) Kristin Kight, Texas Tech 85
27. Dana Schmid, TCU 87
28. J.J. Rorie, Texas Tech 88
(tie) Anna Lindeborg, Baylor 88
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SPORTS

Texas Rangers win strange game over Baltimore Orioles, 26-7

ARLINGTON (AP) — How strange was it? Reserve infielder Manny Alexander pitched for the Baltimore Orioles. And light-hitting Texas Rangers shortstop Kevin Elster blasted one of those fat pitches for his first career grand slam.

The Rangers scored 16 runs in the eighth inning Friday night — one short of the major league record — and pounded six Orioles pitchers in a 26-7 rout.

"It was the strangest game of my life," Elster said.

The Rangers, off to their fastest home start and second-best overall start in club history, followed the booming bats of Juan Gonzalez, Dean Palmer, Will Clark and Elster to their most lopsided victory ever.

In the eighth, the Rangers sent 19 batters to the plate, collecting eight walks, eight hits, Elster's grand slam and a two-run blast from Palmer. The Orioles used three pitchers in the inning, including Alexander. Alexander, the first non-pitcher to take the mound for the Orioles since Jeff Tackett in 1993, issued three walks with the bases loaded, gave up five runs in two-thirds of an inning and has an ERA of 67.50.

"It was funny," Gonzalez said. "A walk, a walk, a base hit, a home run. It was great for us."

The modern major league record for runs in an inning is 17 by the Boston Red Sox against the Detroit Tigers on June 18, 1953.

The last team to score 26 runs in a game was the Chicago Cubs in a 26-7 win at Colorado last Aug. 18. The Chicago White Sox set the modern major league record in a 29-6 victory over the Kansas City A's on April 23, 1955.

Gonzalez drove in six runs with a three-run first-inning homer, a two-run double and a bases-loaded walk. Palmer had another two-run homer in the fifth after Clark had snapped a 6-6 tie with a solo homer off loser Kent Mercker (1-1) in front of a crowd of 41,184, the largest at The Ballpark in Arlington this season. Darryl Hamilton went 4-for-6 and scored four runs for the Rangers.

The game lasted 4 hours, 15 minutes, the longest nine-inning game in club history and one minute short of the American League record set in 1986 between Baltimore and the New York Yankees.

"You're getting a lot of guys on base because of all the walks and we were also getting good hacks," Clark said. "They had a big push, so the key for us was getting those three runs in the fifth."

The Rangers kept swinging the bats in the eighth, and manager Johnny Oates said he did not want his players to offer at bad pitches in an effort to end the long inning.

"I want to play the game the way it's supposed to be played," said Oates, a former Orioles manager. "We're never going to try to make outs. We're not going to swing at the first pitch just to get it over."

The Rangers improved to 9-1 at The Ballpark and 11-4 overall. Only a 12-3 start in 1989 has been better. Baltimore (11-4) opened a seven-game road trip with the best record in the majors.

Dennis Cook (1-0) gave the Rangers three innings of two-hit relief for the win. Ed Vosberg pitched the final 1 1-3 innings for his fourth save.

Orioles manager Davey Johnson said he hated to bring in Alexander, but had nobody left in his bullpen.

"I've been managing 10 years and I've never had to bring in a player before," Johnson said. "I can't get in a situation like this again."

Notes: The Rangers have scored in the first inning in seven of 10 home games. ... Gonzalez had six RBIs in a game for the second time in his career. ... Cal Ripken's seventh-inning RBI was his 100th against the Rangers. Ripken has the third-most RBIs against the Rangers, trailing George Brett (155) and Reggie Jackson (125). ... Clark extended his hitting streak to eight games. He has reached base in all 15 games. ... The Rangers raised their team batting average to .299, tops in the league.

SDN SPORTS WEEK

BASEBALL

Monday: Snyder JV at Sweetwater, 6:00
Tuesday: Sweetwater at Snyder, 7:30
Ira at Westbrook, 5:00
Hermleigh at Aspermont, 5:00
Thursday-Saturday: Snyder JV in Lubbock Tournament
Friday: Snyder at Frenship, 5:00
Ira at Aspermont, 5:00
Hermleigh at Loraine, 5:00

SOFTBALL

Thursday: Area Playoff, Snyder vs. Denison, 6:00, at L.D. Bell High School, Hurst (tentative)

GOLF

Monday & Tuesday: Snyder at Regional Meet, Riverside Golf Course, San Angelo
Monday: Western Texas College MGA, 6:00
Tuesday: Snyder Country Club WGA, 9:00 (Low Net Twosome)
Thursday: Snyder Country Club MGA, 5:30

TENNIS

Monday & Tuesday: Snyder at Regional Tournament, San Angelo

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Friday-Saturday: Regional Meet, San Angelo

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

By The Associated Press

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East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	11	4	.733	—
NewYork	6	7	.462	4
Detroit	8	10	.444	4½
Toronto	7	9	.438	4½
Boston	3	13	.188	8½
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	8	6	.571	—
Milwaukee	8	6	.571	—
Minnesota	7	7	.500	1
Chicago	7	8	.467	1½
KansasCity	5	11	.313	4
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	11	4	.733	—
Seattle	12	5	.706	—
California	8	8	.500	3½
Oakland	6	9	.400	5

Thursday's Games
Boston 10, Baltimore 7
Milwaukee 8, Kansas City 2
Seattle 11, Detroit 3
California 9, Toronto 6
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
Cleveland 9, Boston 4
Milwaukee 8, Kansas City 2
Minnesota 7, New York 1
California 4, Detroit 3
Texas 26, Baltimore 7
Toronto 10, Seattle 4
Chicago 4, Oakland 3

Saturday's Games
Boston (Wakefield 0-2) at Cleveland (J.McDowell, 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Miranda 0-0) at Kansas City (Jacome 0-0), 2:35 p.m.
Chicago (Tapani 0-0) at Oakland (Van Poppel 0-1), 4:05 p.m.
New York (Pettitte 3-0) at Minnesota (Aguilera 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Haynes 0-2) at Texas (Gross 2-1), 8:35 p.m.
Detroit (Maxcy 0-0 or Sodowsky 1-1) at California (Grimsley 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Toronto (Guzman 2-1) at Seattle (Menhart 0-1), 10:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Boston (Clemens 0-3) at Cleveland (Hershiser 1-2), 1:05 p.m.
New York (Rogers 0-0) at Minnesota (Radke 3-1), 2:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 2-1) at Kansas City (Belcher 1-1), 2:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Wells 2-0) at Texas (Oliver 0-0), 3:05 p.m.
Chicago (Bere 1-0) at Oakland (Johns 2-1), 4:05 p.m.
Toronto (Hanson 2-2) at Seattle (Johnson 3-0), 4:35 p.m.
Detroit (Gohr 1-2) at California (Abbott 0-3), 8:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Montreal	9	7	.563	—
Atlanta	9	8	.529	½
Philadelphia	7	8	.467	1½
Florida	6	11	.353	3½
NewYork	4	10	.286	4
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	10	6	.625	—
St.Louis	10	7	.588	½
Cincinnati	8	8	.500	2
Houston	8	8	.500	2
Pittsburgh	8	8	.500	2
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
SanDiego	10	6	.625	—
SanFrancisco	8	8	.500	2
LosAngeles	8	9	.471	2½
Colorado	7	8	.466	2½

Thursday's Games
Pittsburgh 6, St. Louis 2
Chicago 7, San Francisco 6
Philadelphia 9, Montreal 8
Florida 5, Atlanta 3
Only games scheduled

Friday's Games
Chicago 10, San Francisco 6
Florida 5, Los Angeles 0
Atlanta 7, San Diego 1
Montreal 2, Pittsburgh 1
St. Louis 1, Philadelphia 0
Colorado 5, New York 3
Houston 13, Cincinnati 5

Saturday's Games
Pittsburgh (Ericks 0-2) at Montreal (P.Martinez 0-1), 1:35 p.m.
Colorado (Thompson 1-0) at New York (Clark 0-2), 1:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Gardner 0-0) at Chicago (Bullinger 1-0), 2:20 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 2-1) at Florida (A.Leiter 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Al.Benes 2-0) at Philadelphia (Fernandez 1-2), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Tewksbury 2-0) at Atlanta (Schmidt 2-0), 7:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Smiley 0-1) at Houston (Drabek 0-0), 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
San Diego (Ashby 2-0) at Atlanta (Avery 1-1), 1:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Smith 2-0) at Montreal (Alvarez 0-0), 1:35 p.m.
St. Louis (An.Benes 1-1) at Philadelphia (Grace 2-0), 1:35 p.m.
Colorado (Reynoso 1-1) at New York (Isringhausen 1-1), 1:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Fernandez 2-0) at Chicago (Trachsel 1-0), 2:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Burba 0-1) at Houston (Drabek 0-0), 2:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Astacio 1-2) at Florida (Brown 0-3), 8:05 p.m.

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The Double Play Package contains 10 reserved seats for $100.

To reserve tickets, contact Brent Taylor at 573-5486 or stop by the Snyder Daily News. Reservations may also be made at the Snyder Chamber of Commerce in person or by calling 573-3558.



CELEBRATION—Jody White and Brittany Drummond embrace after the Snyder Lady Tigers bested the Joshua Lady Owls, 6-1, in bi-district softball action Friday in Brownwood. The Lady Tigers will take on Denison, tentatively set for 6 p.m. Thursday at L.D. Bell High School in Hurst. Also shown is Mendy Winter (7). (SDN Staff Photo by Brent Taylor)

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Jim Thorpe, rated America's greatest all-around athlete, was a full-blooded Indian.

Boxing was added to the Olympic program in the 1904 Games in St. Louis.

NFL draft this weekend

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

Eight years ago, Thurman Thomas was the 40th player taken in the NFL draft, the eighth running back selected.

The first seven?

Gaston Green, John Stephens, Lorenzo White, Brad Muster, Craig Heyward, Icky Woods and Tony Jeffrey.

Thomas has now run for 8,724 yards, more than twice as many as the 4,079 by White, the second most productive runner in the group. And he has just signed another four-year contract as the careers of the others are winding down or over.

It demonstrates just how important the draft can be after the spotlight has been turned off. Players labeled as "second rounders" can be every bit as good as ones taken in the glamorous first.

This year's Thomas?

Perhaps Bobby Engram, the Penn State wide receiver who was extremely productive in one of the nation's top college programs but has been downgraded because he runs "only" a 4.6 40-yard-dash. Jerry Rice also ran a 4.6.

Perhaps Amani Toomer of Michigan, another productive Big Ten receiver who's a little too inconsistent for the first round.

Perhaps Marco Battaglia, the Rutgers tight end. The rap on him is that he's not an overpowering blocker. Neither is Jay Novacek or Brent Jones.

Perhaps Shannon Brown, a defensive tackle from Alabama, who's not considered to be durable, or Bryant Mix, another defensive tackle from Alcorn State A&M; Karim Abdul-Jabbar, the running back from UCLA; Alex Van Dyke, a very productive wide receiver from UNLV, or linebacker Lance Johnstone of Temple.

In other words, there are some good prospects out there.

"A second rounder," says agent Leigh Steinberg, "is someone who's been labeled a second-rounder. If someone likes him and takes him in the first round, then he becomes a 'first-rounder.' A lot of times, there's no difference at all."

John Robinson learned that lesson.

In 1986, when he was coaching the Rams, Robinson loved defensive lineman Erik Howard of Washington State. Howard was labeled "a second rounder," so Robinson used his first pick on Mike Schad, an unproven Canadian offensive lineman, then watched Howard go to the New York Giants and turn into a 10-year starter.

"I shouldn't have listened to the labels," Robinson lamented later.

That 1988 draft is instructive.

The first round that year included Neil Smith, Bennie Blades, Paul Gruber, Tim Brown, Sterling Sharpe, Michael Irvin, Ken Harvey, Keith Jackson, Anthony Miller and Randall McDaniel, all of whom have become Pro Bowlers.

But the second round that year produced players of almost equal luster.

In addition to Thomas, it included Chris Spielman, Jumbo Elliott, Vincent Brown, Ken Norton, Dermonnti Dawson, Pierce Holt, Gerald Perry, Flipper Anderson, Brian Blades, Michael Dean Perry, Fred Strickland and Chip Lohmiller.

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Anti-terrorism bill...

Easier deportation seen

WASHINGTON (AP) — Anti-terrorism legislation awaiting President Clinton's signature would make deporting illegal aliens much easier, and potentially affect hundreds of thousands of foreigners here without authorization.

Immigrants-rights and civil-rights groups were unaware of the little-noticed provisions nestled in an anti-terrorism bill that Congress approved this week. On Friday, they said they denounced the provisions as an unwarranted attack on individuals' due process rights.

The bill sharply curtails the sometimes cumbersome immigration hearings process, making it far speedier to deport illegal aliens. It also reduces the rights of federal courts to review deportation and exclusion decisions.

And immigration officials would receive new authority to deny entry to asylum-seekers arriving without valid travel documents. Immigration officers at airports and other ports of entry would decide on the spot, bypassing the current asylum hearings process before an immigration judge.

"This has nothing to do with terrorism. It's about accomplishing a pretty ugly immigration agenda by stealth," fumed Cecilia Munoz of the National Council of La Raza, a leading Hispanic advocacy group.

The head of the National Immigration Forum, which opposes many immigration constraints, also denounced the asylum provisions.

"You're going to have a low-level inspector being given the power — without review — to make life and death decisions," said Frank Sharry. "It's like giving a toll collector the right to decide whether to administer the death penalty."

But supporters of immigration cutbacks applauded the legislation.

"It's a long-overdue change to the immigration laws to restore the balance between the government's power and those who crash our borders and use asylum to lie their way in," said Dan Stein, executive director of the Federation for American Immigration Reform.

Immigration and Naturalization Service general counsel David Martin said the administration would try to modify the provisions when the Senate resumes deliberations on a stalled immigration bill.

Under the anti-terrorism measure, illegal aliens living here who are unable to prove they had been lawfully admitted upon first arrival could be summarily removed.

Half of the estimated 4.4 million illegal aliens in the United States entered illegally.

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NEW TREES FOR IRA SCHOOLS - Ira eighth graders in Tammy Shirley's life skills class have been busy with numerous projects around the campus including planting trees. Here, Kevin Wright with the Natural Resource Conservation Service shows some of the class members how to plant the trees. (SDN Staff Photo)

Ira students kept busy

Ira's eighth grade Life Skills class taught by Tammy Shirley has been busy recently with many projects around the Ira ISD campus and the community.

The class of 2000 has spent many hours on Saturdays and after school sprucing up the area around the district's buildings, adding a fresh coat of paint where needed and picking up trash on the campus and on the highways around Ira.

The class has also begun a recycling program for aluminum cans.

This past week, the students planted 16 trees on the campus with the assistance of Kevin Wright from the Natural Resource Conservation Center office.

Wright explained the proper procedure for planting the trees and assisted the students in planting them.

This was part of the student's "Ira Pride" project.

Their goal is to increase pride in the school and the community and to increase their awareness of their environment.

The students participating in the project from Mrs. Shirley's class includes James Goolsby, Cassie Marshal, Justin Green, Amber Haarmeyer, Jerek Brown, Jenson Gainer, Moses Hernandez, Logan Daves, Korgy Calley, Richard Wilkins, Katie Howard, Jami Justiss, Josh Long and Drew Wall.

Internet is being used to promote 'skinhead' info

DALLAS (AP) — A man with a lengthy history of skinhead-related offenses is promoting what may be the largest skinhead information and recruiting Web sites on the Internet by using photos of people being beaten.

Hate groups use the Internet to communicate among themselves and recruit, experts said. But the Skinheads U.S.A. site goes further in espousing violence than anything else they've seen.

"Until now we've never seen skinheads taking pictures of their handiwork," said Mark Briskman, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League. "It reminds me of Nazi Germany and the way they meticulously documented all their atrocities in stills and on film."

Public files on the Internet show the site's author to be Bart Alsbrook.

Police said the 28-year-old North Dallas man has a lengthy history of skinhead-related offenses. Alsbrook, who identifies himself on line as Bootboy, declined requests for an interview with The Dallas Morning News after he initially agreed to talk about his work.

There is nothing illegal about Alsbrook's effort, although the photos may be evidence of a crime, police said.

Dallas police were unaware of Alsbrook's effort, but are well aware of him. Alsbrook is a hard-core skinhead with a string of minor convictions in Dallas County, said Detective Truly Holmes of the Dallas Police Intelligence Unit.

Detectives said they planned to study the photos to see if they match any assaults under investigation.

The Skinheads U.S.A. site makes no bones about its intent.

"This page is designed to correspond with other White Nationalists on the Internet and to provide links, addresses and phone numbers of other Pro White groups," an introduction to the site says. "It's directed mainly toward Skinheads and the more 'in your face' crowd."

Beneath the introduction is a photograph of at least three people kicking and jumping on a black male, who is lying face down with his arms out. Another photo in the site, titled "The Mexican Getting Smashed," shows two men beating a bleeding victim.

The site links users to more than 40 other locations. Visitors can move to sites by white separatists, neo-Nazis and skinhead bands. Those sites have names such as Stormfront, White Aryan Resistance and National Alliance.

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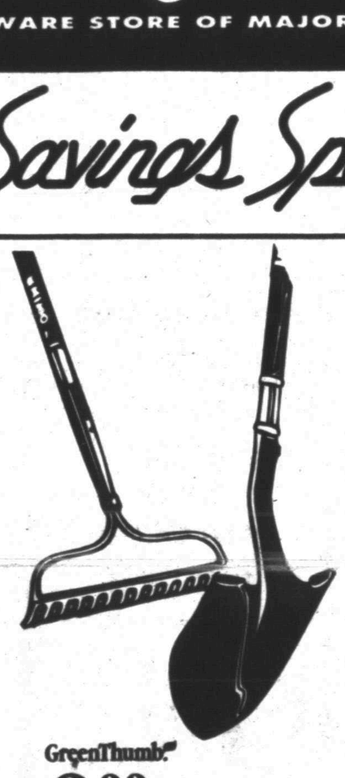
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Victims remembered

168 Seconds of Silence

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A battalion of mourners, some clutching flowers and children in their arms, moved in a somber procession that brought back painful memories of a day Oklahomans want desperately to put behind them.

The solemn march on Friday marked the one-year anniversary of the explosion that ripped apart the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building and killed 168 people.

Hundreds of onlookers behind a barricade tape spoke of their own grief and eagerness to move beyond the smoke and terror of April 19, 1995.

"Oklahoma City Hurt Families, We Love You," read a sign held up by Johnny Draper of nearby Norman.

All of Oklahoma still aches from the tragedy.

"Sometimes you just go about your business ... driving, or at home you just get to thinking about it and you realize it affected you more than you thought, or more than you wanted to admit," Draper said.

Police and the barricade tape kept onlookers at a distance as the survivors and others walked — in their cowboy boots, high heels and sneakers — to a memorial service five blocks from where the Murrah building once stood. Two toddlers rode in a red wagon. Parents pushed children in strollers.

The mass of marchers — people who lost family members in the blast — took about 30 minutes to walk the six blocks, under sunny skies. Most who walked carried stuffed animals, flowers or flags.

"In America, terror will not triumph. Let me say it again: Terror will not triumph," Vice President Al Gore said to loud applause at the memorial service.

Earlier, in the grassy field that a year ago was filled with smoke and rubble, terror and wailing sirens, hundreds of mourners gathered at a private service to remember the dead.

"We saw the face of evil, but we have also seen the face of love and compassion," the Rev. Don Alexander of the First Christian Church said.

At 9:02 a.m., mourners paused for 168 seconds of silence, one for each person who died in the worst-ever terrorist attack on U.S. soil.

The silence was broken only by the chirping of birds and the occasional wails of a baby, the clanking of a U.S. flag's metal clasp against its pole.

Motorists on highways nearby pulled over, their headlights on in remembrance. A flyover of four F-16 jets and the tolling of a bell in a bomb-damaged church signale the end of the silence.

Then each victim's name was read — slowly, in alphabetical order — the speakers' voices at times trembling with emotion. During the litany, family members, some sobbing and embracing, laid wreaths, flowers and teddy bears on the site of the demolished building.

The somber roll call included workers and visitors to the Murrah building, the old and the young.

"Baylee Almon ..." Baylee's bloody, limp body was photographed in the arms of a firefighter moments after the blast. The photo of Baylee, 1, became a symbol of the 19 children killed in the blast.

"Peachlyn Bradley ..." Peachlyn's mother, Daina Bradley Bruce, gave birth Thursday to another child. Peachlyn was 3.

The anniversary brought memories flooding back.

Cindy Harris was at work nearby when the explosion knocked tiles off the ceiling in her office. A friend's child was among the dead.

"I am still in total disbelief," she said, brushing away a tear. "It's just ungodly, just breaks my heart."

Paramedic Brian Fields said he got to the building 20 minutes after it was bombed — and started scanning faces for injured people he could help.

Standoff in Waco is also recalled

WACO (AP) — Clive Doyle stood on a patch of Texas prairie, the sun beating down and the wind whipping his face, and cried.

Doyle, a survivor of the Waco inferno, stood amid the ruins with more than 100 other people Friday to remember the 81 Branch Davidians who died three years ago in the fiery end to a 51-day standoff with federal agents.

"We are not here to worship those who died, but we do want to remember them," he said, his voice trailing off as he wiped away tears. "All those who died were members of one family."

The siege unfolded after agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms tried to arrest cult leader David Koresh on weapons charges. It started with a gun battle that left four federal agents and six cultists dead. It climaxed April 19, 1993, when federal authorities stormed the complex and it erupted in flames.

Doyle, 55, escaped the compound's chapel minutes before it burned to the ground, but lost his 18-year-old daughter, Shari.

The site is still scattered with debris from the compound. Only concrete slabs remain where buildings once stood.

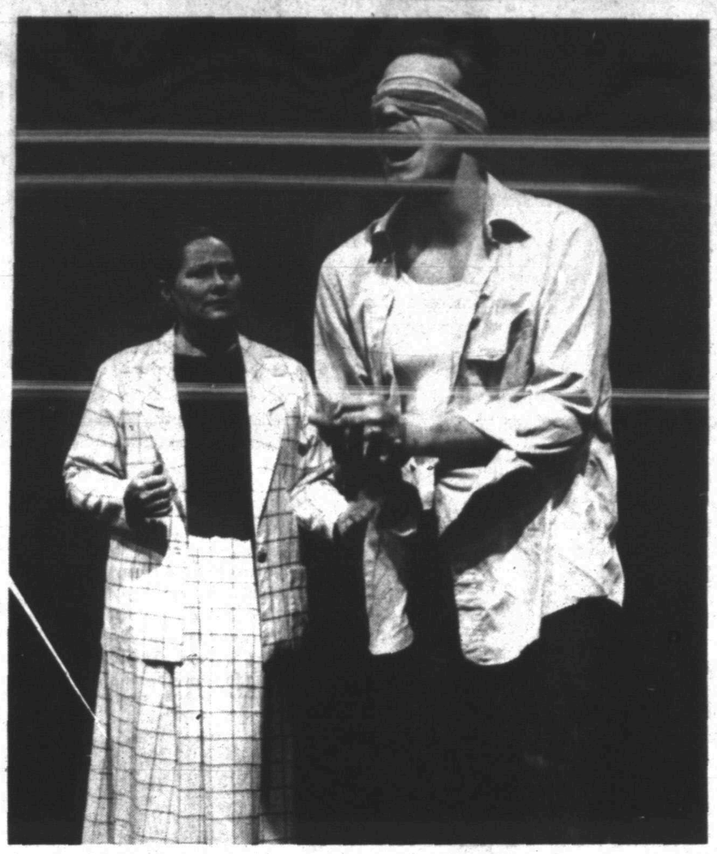
Cult member Sheila Martin arrived with her children, Kimberly, 7, and Daniel, 9, and lay two wreaths at the edge of the complex. Mrs. Martin left the complex a month before the standoff ended, and Kimberly and Daniel left even earlier. Her husband and four other children died in the siege.

"Our hope is still in the word of God — that God is still going to work this out — that all this happened for the sake of the truth being known," she said.

David Thibodeaux, who survived the inferno, got the biggest stir from the crowd, asking over a loudspeaker: "Can you spell murder?"

Many in the crowd shouted "ATF!" in response.

Also speaking was former Attorney General Ramsey Clark, who represents 56 relatives of Davidians who were killed and a few survivors in a lawsuit that seeks hundreds of millions of dollars in damages from the government. Clark said he is gathering evidence to help prove the government was at fault.



FRUSTRATING TIME — East Texas State University senior Heith Hodges as hostage Michael Wells expresses his frustrations to senior Kathy Watson Jumper (State Department official Ellen Van Oss) in the upcoming production of "Two Rooms." The drama about an American professor who is taken hostage in Beirut will be presented at 8 p.m. April 25-27 and 2 p.m., April 28. Hodges is from Snyder and Jumper is from Winnsboro.

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Senior Center News

The Senior Citizens Center will observe "Hug An Australian Day" Friday.

Pamela Fenton, activities director, said no formal program is planned, but there is actually a designated "Hug An Australian Day," and those interested in its origin might look into Australian history.

Earth Day, set aside to remind of the importance of conserving natural resources, will be observed at the Center on Monday. Bridge begins at 9:30 a.m. Monday. Other game sessions will be a 42 Fun Day at 9:30 Tuesday, canasta at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Skip Bo at 9:30 a.m. Thursday and bridge again at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

The Golden K Kiwanis Club, which meets in the Center each Tuesday, is completing plans for the silent auction to be held during the May Day fund-raiser on May 4. A variety of items have been donated for the silent auction.

Bidders can start making written bids at 2 p.m. and are to pay for the articles purchased at 6:15 p.m. Booths offering baked foods, arts and crafts, refreshments and collectibles and antiques will also open at 2 p.m.

Barbecue will be served from 4:30 to 6 p.m.. The auction of quilts made in the Center will follow at 6:30 p.m.

Benny Benitez and his band will play for a country and western dance at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The Local Yokels will present a musical program at 11 a.m. Tuesday.

Senior Citizens who have birthdays in April are invited to celebrate at a birthday party starting at 10 a.m. Wednesday. The Kitchen Band will perform at 11 a.m. The Sunshine Choir will entertain Snyder Oaks Care Center residents at 10 a.m. Friday.

A program on nutrition is planned at 11:45 a.m. Thursday. A meal is served in the center at noon Monday through Friday, and Senior Citizens who need transporation to the center are invited to call 573-4035. The Center also provides transportation for Senior Citizens who need to keep doctor's appointments or run other essential errands.

Items needed for May Day auction

The Senior Center needs collectibles and antiques to be sold at the May 4 May Day fundraiser in the Scurry County Coliseum.

Items which were especially popular in the booth last year were kitchenware and tools, crockery, vases and hand tools.

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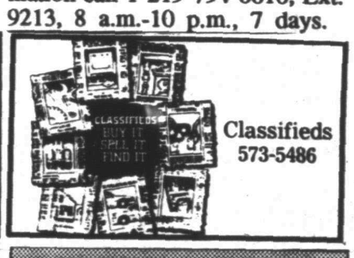
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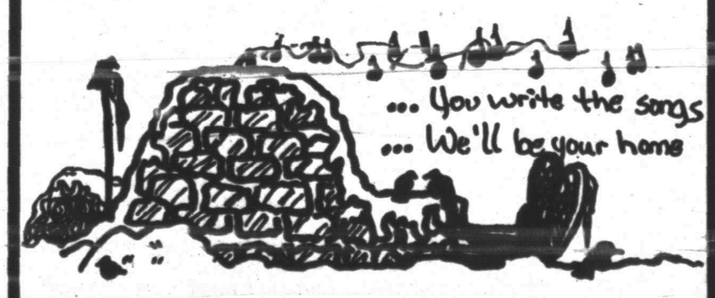
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Secretary of State starts new quest for Mid-east peace

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Embarking on his latest Mideast peace mission, Secretary of State Warren Christopher is looking for an immediate cease-fire between Israel and radical Islamic Hezbollah guerrillas and a new, written agreement to prevent new outbreaks of bloodshed.

Christopher was flying to Damascus today with promises from Syria and Lebanon that they would be "actively involved" in trying to arrange the truce and hoping the accord he worked out in 1993 can be strengthened.

Christopher's shuttle trip is an open-ended one. He is setting no deadline to return to Washington, although his schedule calls for a congressional hearing late next week and meetings with visiting Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres at the end of April.

The secretary said Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa and Lebanese Prime Minister Rafik Hariri promised him by telephone that they would assist him at least in arranging a cease-fire.

Referring also to Israel, which publicly offered to end its missile barrage in southern Lebanon, Christopher said all parties "show a desire to reach a resolution of this." He spoke with reporters after concluding talks in The Hague, Netherlands, with Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen.

Emerging as the pivotal figure, and also gaining new influence, is Syrian President Hafez Assad. American, Russian, French and Italian diplomats all are converging in Damascus to implore Assad to exercise influence with Hezbollah to agree to a truce.

Assad met today with Italian Foreign Minister Susanna Agnelli, whose country is currently chairs the European Union's rotating presidency. She was accompanied on the trip by the foreign ministers of Spain and Ireland, Carlos Westendorp and Dick Spring.

Syrian Vice President Abdel-Halim Khaddam, meanwhile, met with French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette who has been in the region for a week seeking to market a separate French cease-fire plan.

"I hope we are edging closer," Christopher said Friday night. "I use the word 'hope' because we are not there yet."

Apart from a cease-fire, he said he would try to revive and strengthen the 1993 agreement in which Israel and Hezbollah pledged not to target civilians.

Christopher said he wanted the accord "written down this time," but a senior U.S. official said he doubted Hezbollah would be accorded the recognition of signing a pact with Israel.

The Shiite militants are trying to force Israel to shut down a security zone inside Lebanon's border. They violently oppose recognition of the Jewish state's right to exist by Arab nations and groups.

Christopher condemned Hezbollah as the "proximate cause" of the fighting that has taken a large civilian toll.

In Moscow, President Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin issued a statement saying they were "seriously concerned" by the fighting. They urged an immediate cease-fire and declared that "only a political solution can provide a lasting settlement to the present crisis and enable a resumption of the peace process."

Group says responsible for attack

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Egypt's largest Muslim militant group claimed responsibility today for an attack that killed 18 Greek tourists, but said it had mistaken them for Jews.

Al-Gamaa al-Islamiya, or the Islamic Group, said in a statement that it had meant to target Israeli tourists to avenge Israel's military campaign in southern Lebanon.

It warned that all "Jewish interests" in Egypt would be targeted until Israel's attacks on Lebanon stop.

"This operation was in revenge against the children of monkeys, pigs and tyrants (the Jews) for the blood of the martyrs who have fallen on Lebanese land," said the statement, sent to a Western news agency in Cairo.

The group warned that "all Jewish interests on Egyptian land will be targeted until attacks are halted by the Zionist enemy planes striking sisterly Lebanon."

On Thursday, three gunmen opened fire on Greek and Australian tourists who were about to board a bus outside the Europa Hotel, near the pyramids. Eighteen Greeks died, and 16 Greeks and an Egyptian were wounded.

The statement said al-Gamaa had gone to the Europa Hotel because Israeli tourists were known to stay there.

It said the group had information that Israeli tourists were planning to board a bus Thursday morning, but was "surprised after carrying out the operation that the Jewish group was changed to a Greek group."

It accused the Egyptian government of pulling a switch to protect the Jews. Hotel officials on Thursday said the only Israeli guests at the hotel were Israeli Arabs.

News Briefs

Discarded toddler is dead

NEW YORK (AP) — A couple who told police their 18-month-old son was staying with an aunt in upstate New York were questioned after the toddler turned up dead in a lot behind his home.

Investigators believe Michael Bell and Melissa Evans may have tossed the child's body out their second-floor window Thursday when police showed up to question them about a foul odor coming from their apartment, said Officer Robert Samuel, a police spokesman.

Officers found the body of the 18-month-old boy Friday in the back lot of the apartment building in the borough of the Bronx, Samuel said. Police were awaiting a medical examiner's report to determine a cause of death before pressing charges, he said.

Bell, 39, and Evans, 25, were charged Thursday with reckless endangerment and endangering the welfare of their other four other children. The couple had claimed their fifth child was staying with an aunt in Albany, N.Y.

Police returned to the apartment Friday after failing to locate the toddler, Samuel said.

The other children, ages 8 months to 4 years, were treated for starvation and infections and turned over to the Administration for Children's Services.

Civil rights judge dies

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Ronald Davies, a federal judge whose 1957 landmark civil rights decision forced schools in Little Rock, Ark., to integrate, died Thursday. He was 91.

Davies went into semi-retirement in 1971 and suffered a series of strokes in the late 1980s.

The judge made history when, on a temporary assignment to Arkansas, he ruled in September 1957 that Little Rock schools must allow black students to attend.

Carter snags foul ball

ATLANTA (AP) — When he's not shaping policy, Jimmy Carter could shag flies: He caught a foul ball bare-handed at an Atlanta Braves game against the San Diego Padres.

The former president, sitting in a front row box seat near the Padres dugout with his wife, Rosalynn, nabbed a foul hit by San Diego's Ken Caminiti after it deflected off the screen behind home plate.

He stood and acknowledged the crowd, which greeted his athletic prowess with a standing ovation.

"He showed good hands," Braves catcher Javy Lopez said. "The ricochet slowed it down a little, but you've got to admire any 70-year-old man catching one in his bare hands."

Carter usually attends eight to 10 games a season as the guest of Braves owner Ted Turner. However, on Friday he was the guest of Padres owner John Moores, a trustee at the Carter Center in Atlanta.

Jackie O auction

NEW YORK (AP) — Want to sneak a peak at Jackie O.'s baubles, or get a glimpse of her home furnishings? Take a number.

Sotheby's, which will sell the former first lady's belongings next week in a four-day auction, limited admission to the pre-auction exhibit through a computerized lottery.

Throngs of ticket-holders pored over the exhibit on Friday, admiring items including a diamond engagement ring that was a gift from Aristotle Onassis. Sotheby's estimates it will go for $500,000 to $600,000.

For the golfer: two sets of presidential golf clubs are valued at $700 to $900 each. And the wooden rocking horse that was in Caroline Kennedy's nursery at the White House is expected to fetch $2,000 to $3,000.

The bidding for Jacqueline Bouvier's girlhood French grammar book is expected to start at $500 to $800.

Sotheby's estimated that 40,000 people — that's 750 an hour over five days — will see Mrs. Onassis' belongings during the preview.

The sale begins April 23, with the first lot to be two engravings of sea shells, expected to bring $700 or $800. The last lot will be Mrs. Onassis' 1992 BMW sedan, estimated at $18,000 to $22,000.

Planet Hollywood stock

NEW YORK (AP) — Got a taste to do business with Sylvester Stallone, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Bruce Willis? Now you can — just buy stock in Planet Hollywood.

Investors give it two thumbs up.

In its first day of public trading Friday, stock in the box-office blockbusters' restaurant chain closed up at $26.87½. The offering was priced Thursday at $18 a share, raising about $180 million for the company.

The Planet Hollywood International Inc. stock is traded on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

G-7 leaders, Russia agree on N-ban

MOSCOW (AP) — Leaders of the world's seven wealthiest countries and Russia agreed today to seek a ban on all nuclear explosions by the end of the year and to cooperate more closely on improving nuclear safety worldwide.

The leaders said following a nuclear safety summit in the Kremlin that a comprehensive test-ban treaty "must prohibit any nuclear weapons test explosion or any other nuclear explosion. We affirm that this would constitute a truly comprehensive nuclear test ban."

In addition to the test-ban statement, Russia, President Clinton and other leaders of the Group of Seven signed a general declaration on improving nuclear security and a separate statement on combating nuclear smuggling.

Yeltsin had presented a nine-point nuclear-safety plan at the summit, which is being held 10 years after the world's worst nuclear accident, the explosion at the Chernobyl power plant in Ukraine.

Yeltsin said Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma reiterated promises to close Chernobyl by 2000.

At the opening dinner Friday, leaders also issued a statement calling for a cease-fire to end recent bloodshed in the Middle East.

For Yeltsin, embroiled in a tough race for re-election in June, the summit is a de facto show of support from the Group of Seven nations.

The documents signed by the G-7 leaders reflected many of Yeltsin's concerns. The test-ban agreement apparently represents a conciliatory move by Russia, which had previously supported the idea of a ban but disagreed on wording calling for it to be complete.

"Russia supports the complete ban on all nuclear tests and all nuclear explosions," Yeltsin's press secretary, Sergei Medvedev, said Friday evening, adding that Moscow reserves the right to maintain the readiness of its arsenals.

Today's agreement calls for signing a comprehensive test-ban treaty by December.

"The end of the Cold War and the political and economic reforms in Russia have opened a new era in our relationship and have provided the international community with real possibilities in the field of nuclear safety and security," the declaration said.

"The Moscow meeting is an important step in the realization of these objectives."

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PUBLIC NOTICE

OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING
TXDOT ROUTE STUDY - LUBBOCK TO IH-10 AND AMARILLO TO STATE LINE

The Texas Department of Transportation is hosting an open house and public meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 1996, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center, 1901 Sixth Street, Lubbock, Texas. The open house will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and the public meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this open house and public meeting is to discuss the TxDOT Route Study to connect Interstate 27 in Lubbock, Texas to Interstate Highway 10, and also to connect Interstate 27 in Amarillo with the Texas state line to the north. The study team will present the analysis process for corridor feasibility and the results of the process. A recommendation for either a single "freeway" or three "highways" south of Lubbock and either a single "Freeway" or two "highways" north of Amarillo will be presented. Public comments are requested pertaining to the results and recommendations presented.

The public is invited to attend the May 14th open house anytime between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Exhibits and maps will be displayed at the open house and members of the study team will be available to discuss the project leisurely with members of the public. Forms will be provided at the open house for written comments, and a court reporter will be available to take verbal comments in a private setting.

The formal public meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. A brief presentation will be given by the study team followed by public commenting. Verbal comments made at the formal public meeting will be limited to three (3) minutes each. If your comments are longer than three minutes, you will be allowed to submit a more comprehensive written statement to supplement your verbal comments. There will be no responses to comments at the public meeting. Citizens with questions for the project team are encouraged to attend the open house prior to the public meeting.

Written comments may be submitted at the open house and public meeting, or mailed to Ms. Maribel P. Chavez, Abilene District Engineer, P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas, up to 10 days following the public meeting date. Forms will be provided. Comments will also be accepted on the Route Study Telephone Hotline by calling 1-800-661-3234.

Texas city ship channel bomb threat hoax

TEXAS CITY (AP) — A bomb threat to one of the world's major petrochemical complexes passed without incident Friday although authorities remained on alert after two fake devices were discovered.

A caller had warned that seven bombs were planted, three would be duds and that something would happen at the Texas City refinery complex at 6 p.m. CDT Friday, Texas City officials said. The hour, however, passed without incident.

"We are not letting down our guard," Texas City Fire Chief Gerald Grimm said after the hour came and went.

The Texas City Ship Channel, a branch of the heavily traveled Houston Ship Channel, was closed earlier Friday by federal authorities after the bomb threat was called to a police emergency operator.

Two devices described as dummy mechanisms were discovered Friday along fences that border two plants but authorities said there was no way they could have detonated.

As precautions, ships were cleared from the port of Texas City, a road through the petrochemical complex was shut. The complex includes Marathon Oil Co., the world's largest Amoco gasoline refinery, a Union Carbide plant and a Sterling Chemicals Co. plant.

Grimm said no evacuations were planned but he suggested people who lived in the vicinity of the plants might want to go elsewhere until they were certain it was safe.

Coast Guard Lt. Emile Benard said the Coast Guard had established a security zone that barred vessels from traveling into the waterway that leads to petrochemical plants in the city about 35 miles southeast of Houston.

"We're working now with the FBI," Benard said. "What we're doing right now is not taking any chances."

Mike Cox, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety, said troopers halted car and truck traffic to State Loop 197 that winds through the refineries.

The threatening call came from a convenience store pay phone Thursday night, authorities said.

"The caller said there were seven devices, three of which were dummies, placed at refineries," Texas City Mayor Chuck Doyle said.

Grimm said the caller was a male who identified himself with an international terrorist group.

"The message was garbled by design," he said.

Grimm described the two fake devices as "very rudimentary."

"They do represent and resemble, quite frankly, exploding devices," he said. "But they would not create a spark, a fire."

One of the fake devices was discovered at a Sterling Chemicals plant about 1:25 a.m., the other about nine hours later across the street at Marathon Oil Co.'s 70,000-barrel-a-day oil refinery, Doyle said. Both plants are bordered by chain-link fences.

"One appeared to be tossed, one appeared to be placed," Doyle said. "The one that could have been placed could have been placed under the fence or by someone climbing over the fence."

He said the first device looked like several pieces of pipe strapped together with tape. He described the second as a boxlike mechanism.

Officials at the Texas City plants deferred all comments to local and federal investigators. The FBI would say only that bomb threat response procedures were implemented. It did not immediately detail those procedures.

"Investigation is vigorously continuing to identify the person responsible for this threat," the FBI said late Friday night in a statement. "This type of activity will not be tolerated and ... all resources will be marshaled to counter this most heinous threat."

Authorities said anyone arrested could be charged with destruction of an energy facility, a crime punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a $100,000 fine.

Tensions were heightened Friday because of the first anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing and the third anniversary of the Branch Davidian fire at Waco.

On April 16, 1947, at least 576 people were killed and 5,000 injured when the waterfront petrochemical complex was rocked by a series of explosions that started when a French freighter filled with ammonium nitrate fertilizer caught fire. It's the nation's worst industrial disaster.

Panel hears rules for shrimpers

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND (AP) — A state subcommittee has heard arguments for tightening rules for shrimp farmers and for regulating the waste they produce.

"You need to study it, put it on hold and get some good regulations," Ringo Rhiner of Rockport told the Texas Senate Natural Resources Interim Subcommittee at a hearing Friday.

Subcommittee chairman Sen. Buster Brown, R-Lake Jackson, was joined at the hearing by Sens. Kenneth Armbrister, D-Victoria, and Eddie Lucio Jr., D-Brownsville, to hear testimony from citizens and several state agencies.

Although the agenda included many aquaculture issues, the main point of concern for many was the handling of waste from shrimp farms.

Environmentalists fear that shrimp waste dumped into waterways contains bacteria that could harm other animals.

"They're playing Russian roulette with God's work and they will lose," said James R. Green of Refugio, who owns a small fishing cabin on the Arroyo Colorado.

But some shrimp farmers said the damage claims are being exaggerated.

"If those pristine bodies of water were available, the farms wouldn't exist," said Beau Nelson, an advocate for shrimp farms who at one time was the manager of Hung's Shrimp Farm in Cameron County.

Some have blamed the shrimp farm discharges for causing brown tide, an algae bloom that created murky waters in the Laguna Madre last year.

Walter Zimmerman of Port Isabel claimed the brown tide stopped once the shrimp farms stopped pumping their discharge into the Arroyo Colorado.

McVeigh, Nichols spend quiet day in Colorado jail

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols spent a quiet day in jail Friday as survivors and relatives marked the first anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing.

While the two kept a low profile, a videotape surfaced showing McVeigh at the Branch Davidian compound shortly before it went up in flames.

Prosecutors have said the bombing was connected to the April 1993 disaster at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas. CBS News reported Friday that it had obtained a copy of an amateur videotape showing McVeigh there in March 1993.

Eighty-one Branch Davidians were killed when fire swept through the compound on April 19, 1993, as federal agents were storming it. The Oklahoma City bombing occurred exactly two years later.

McVeigh and Nichols face the death penalty if convicted on federal murder and conspiracy charges in the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Building. Their trial is expected to begin late this year or early next year.

The videotape shows McVeigh seated on the hood of a car, handing out bumper stickers that read: "Is Your Church ATF-approved?"

The compound erupted in flames after a 51-day standoff that began when agents of the Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms tried to raid it.

Key prosecution witness Michael Fortier and his wife, Lori, have told investigators McVeigh planned the attack as retaliation for the federal raid on the Branch Davidians.

McVeigh and Terry Nichols are being held at the federal prison in Englewood, on Denver's outskirts, where they were brought last month when their trial was moved from Oklahoma City.

McVeigh's attorney, Stephen Jones, said he canceled plans to meet with his client Friday, instead returning to Oklahoma to spend time with his family.

The day was "just normal routine" for the two, prison spokesman R.J. Zamparelli said. The prison was on heightened alert, but only because high winds whipped up dust that officials feared would cause trouble with the prison security system, he said.

Zamparelli said the prison did nothing official to mark the anniversary of the explosion, which killed 168 people and injured 500.

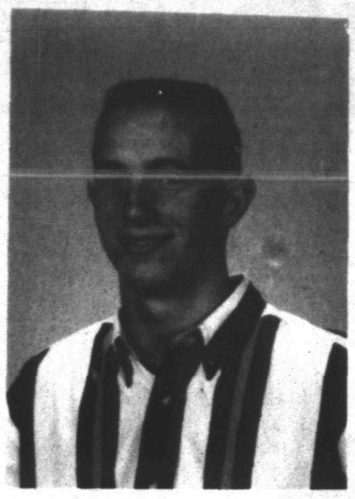
Also Friday, the federal government filed motions to dismiss Nichols' civil complaint challenging the death penalty.

Prosecutors said there is no merit to Nichols' claim that comments by Attorney General Janet Reno impaired his due-process right to a neutral decision maker on whether to impose the death penalty.

In comments after the bombing, Reno had said the government "planned to find the persons responsible for the deadly act, to prosecute them, and to seek the maximum penalty allowed by law."

Prosecutors said the neutral decision maker in the case will be the jury, not Reno. They said Reno's remarks were "permissible zealousness of a prosecutor in the enforcement process" and not a prosecution bias.

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Rad Eicke

Eicke national award recipient

Rad Eicke, a Snyder High School freshman, has been named a U.S. National Award winner in English, history, government and math.

Students are selected based on nominations by their teachers.

Eicke is the son of Johnny and Fairy Eicke of Snyder. Grandparents are Bill and Lewana Graham of Rotan and the late J.N. and Wanda Eicke of Snyder.

COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT

ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS, APPROVING THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE 1ST CALENDAR QUARTER, 1996. TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, BE IT KNOWN THAT:

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS, did duly convene in Regular Session at its meeting place in the Courthouse in the City of Snyder at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on Monday, April 15, 1996 and, the entire membership of said court, viz., Ricky Fritz, County Judge, presiding, and Ralph W. Trevey, Roy Idom, Jr., C.D. Gray, Jr., and Jerry Gannaway, Commissioners for Precincts, 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively, being present, the matter of the comparison and examination of the Quarterly Report of Charlie Bell, Treasurer for Scurry County, for the period Jan. 1 thru March.. 31, 1996, came to the attention of said Court and the said Court compared and examined the same, and inspected and counted all the actual cash, certificates of time and demand deposits, and other assets in the hands of the Treasurer belonging to the County at and as the time of such report: NOW, THEREFORE, the Commissioners Court finds that the Treasurer at and as of the time of his said report did not have actually in his hands any money or other assets of Scurry County but the same were all on deposit in the Snyder National Bank of Snyder, Texas, the official County depository, except the following, viz., Texpool; and that from the commencement of business at 8:00 o'clock A.M. on Jan. 1, 1996 thru March 31, 1996, the beginning and ending balances for each fund of the Treasurer of Scurry County, Texas, for such quarterly period are fully and accurately reflected by the following tabulation attached hereto, incorporated herein by reference, and made a part hereof for all purposes;

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF we, the aforesaid and undersigned County Treasurer, County Judge, and each Commissioner, swear that the above and foregoing averments are complete and correct and that the requirements of Article 1636, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes of Texas 1925, as amended, have been in all things duly complied with by the County Judge and each Commissioner aforementioned in the Regular Session of said Court of Scurry: WHEREOF WITNESSETH OUR HANDS on the first above date.

FUNDS	CASH BALANCE & INVESTMENT BALANCES DATE: 12-31-95	RECEIPTS	TRANSFERS IN	DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERS OUT	CASH BALANCE & INVESTMENT BALANCES DATE: 3-31-96
GENERAL:						
Departmental				1,079,537.65		
Jury				2,586.00		
Permanent Improvement				0.00		
Airport				30,218.34		
Health Unit				25,730.19		
Park & Coliseum				53,954.48		
Library				38,792.45		
TOTALS:	**********	**********	**********	**********	**********	**********
GENERAL	93,566.77	2,506,559.61	1,104,192.21	1,230,819.11	2,446,903.10	26,596.38
COGDELL OPERATING	(106,885.73)	2,875,430.97	608,100.00	1,842,577.41	1,899,149.10	103,932.18
COGDELL CLINIC	12,909.48	19,766.18	0.00	17,855.76	0.00	14,819.90
COGDELL DEPRECIATION	245,247.29	13,787.07	717,965.91	76,889.48	0.00	900,110.79
COGDELL PAYROLL FUND	0.00	1,707.71	1,064,153.98	1,066,182.18	0.00	(320.49)
HOSPITAL GRP.MEDICAL	46.28	41,718.82	61,988.78	69,790.40	0.00	33,963.48
ABANDONED VEHICLE	1,999.67	34.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,034.29
HEALTH UNIT SPECIAL	13,935.71	2,985.79	114.45	3,738.18	2,192.21	11,105.56
JUVENILE PROBATION FEES	1,477.50	16.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,494.19
LIBRARY DONATIONS	1,197.97	265.10	0.00	72.01	0.00	1,391.06
D.A.R.E. PROGRAMS	229.98	18.58	0.00	24.00	0.00	224.56
COGDELL REFUND	(669.17)	58.13	21,864.17	31,067.98	0.00	(9,814.85)
TEXPOOL	4,570,667.64	64,246.95	2,012,995.00	0.00	1,602,000.00	5,045,909.59
PAYROLL CLEARING	0.00	465.52	586,922.74	587,388.26	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS:	4,833,723.39	5,527,061.74	6,178,297.24	4,926,404.77	5,950,244.41	6,131,446.64

AIRPORT REVENUE 1st QTR.	12,548.89
INTEREST 1st QUARTER:	78,228.81
INTEREST EARNED TO DATE:	78,228.81

SIGNED Charlie Bell
CHARLIE BELL, SCURRY CO. TREASURER

(s) Charlie Bell, County Treasurer
(s) Ricky Fritz, County Judge
(s) Ralph W. Trevey, Commissioner for Precinct No. 1
(s) Roy Lee Idom, Jr., Commissioner for Precinct No. 2
(s) C.D. Gray, Jr., Commissioner for Precinct No. 3
(s) Jerry Gannaway, Commissioner for Precinct No. 4

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to by the said Charlie Bell, Ricky Fritz, Ralph W. Trevey, Roy L. Idom, Jr., C.D. Gray, Jr., and Jerry Gannaway before me, the undersigned, a NOTARY PUBLIC in and for Scurry County, Texas: WHEREOF WITNESSETH on April 15, 1996 in Snyder, Texas, my hand and official seal.

ATTEST:
(s) Frances Billingsley, County Clerk of Scurry County, Texas
(Seal)

(s) Mary V. Key, Notary Public in and for Scurry County, Texas
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ANOTHER GRASS FIRE - Snyder firemen responded to two grass fires Friday including this one near County Road 473 around 1\ a.m. The blaze apparently started near a storage shed and burning tires contributed heavy smoke to the scene. (SDN Staff Photo)

Trial begins for cult leader in Tokyo nerve gas attack

TOKYO (AP) — First he will have to listen to the names.

Prosecutors plan an uncharacteristically dramatic gesture when doomsday cult leader Shoko Asahara finally goes on trial Wednesday for murder in last year's nerve-gas attack on the Tokyo subways.

Even before the 41-year-old guru is asked to make his plea, his accusers will recite a grim litany: a list of about 3,300 people who were sickened or killed in the attack.

They were salarymen and subway workers, teachers and "office ladies," mothers and brothers, sisters and sons — ordinary commuters who found themselves, on that sunny spring morning, caught up in an extraordinary act of terror.

This symbolic calling to account may be the closest the Japanese public will come for some time to a sense of catharsis about Asahara and his cult, Aum Shinri Kyo.

The complex trial, with sessions separated by weeks, is expected to drag on for years, and appeals could prolong the process into the next century. If convicted, Asahara could face execution by hanging.

The trial was supposed to have begun in October, but in what was widely viewed as a delaying tactic, Asahara fired his lawyer on the eve of the opening session, forcing a postponement.

The six-month delay has only given prosecutors more ammunition against him. In separate trials and interrogation sessions, followers have implicated him in a growing tangle of murder, kidnapping and other crimes.

First and foremost is the subway attack, which Asahara is accused of masterminding. The deadly sarin gas that spread through train cars on March 20, 1995, killed 12 people and sickened more than 5,500 others.

For reasons having to do with rules of evidence, Asahara is formally charged with 11 murders and causing injury to about 3,300 others. Those are the names that will be read in court.

Asahara also faces more than a dozen other charges, including another nerve-gas attack in central Japan in 1994 that killed seven people, and the murder of an anti-cult lawyer and his wife and infant son.

Public fascination with the case is strong. Thousands of people are expected to line up for the 50 public seats available.

No TV cameras will be allowed during the hearings, but photographs of the courtroom are allowed for two minutes before the session begins.

Not until after the photographers are dismissed will Asahara be brought in, handcuffed and with a rope around his waist, escorted by three prison guards in gray uniforms.

Asahara is expected to either waive his plea or request his right to remain silent.

Because of persistent public fury over the attack, few lawyers wanted to be associated with Asahara's defense. The Japan Bar Association had to plead with attorneys to help with research and strategy, promising anonymity.

Except for brief glimpses of him through the window of a police van, the cult leader has not been seen in public since police seized him last May.

Obituaries

Oma Brown

1909-1996

EULA — Funeral service is set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel in Clyde for Oma E. Brown, 86, who died Thursday, April 19, in an Abilene Hospital. Burial will follow in the Eula Cemetery.

Born in Holland, she married Charles Raymond Brown in 1936 in Snyder. She was a homemaker and had moved to Eula from Oregon in 1993.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Brown of Eula; a son, Ray Brown of Clyde; a brother, Emmitt G. White of Hermleigh; a sister, Ima Jean Sharp of Hermleigh; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Lovie Gatewood

1905-1996

Lovie Gatewood, 91, died at 9:45 p.m. Friday in Cogdell Memorial Hospital following a lengthy illness.

Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Survivors include a daughter, June Bellamy of Snyder; a sister, Onah Lou Burland of Vernon; a granddaughter, Jan Genee of Michigan; and a great-granddaughter, Romey Hall of Austin.

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Jets come within 90 seconds of collision

FORT WORTH (AP) — Two jets at the same altitude came within 90 seconds of colliding at a combined speed of more than 1,000 mph as storms raced across Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, according to a published report today.

The air traffic controllers' union told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram of many airspace violations during a radar and computer outage that occurred at the height of thunderstorms that produced large hail and damaging winds April 12.

"On at least two occasions during the outage, aircraft were flying toward each other at the same altitude with less than 15 miles' separation," said Arlynn Purvis, spokesman for the National Air Traffic Controllers Association.

Purvis, who was working as a controller during the outage, said Friday there were "numerous airspace violations" during the outage. An airspace violation occurs when two aircraft come closer together than federal rules permit.

Controllers who were on duty during the outage said that in one instance, two aircraft climbing toward the same altitude — on a collision course — had to turn to avoid hitting each other.

The newspaper said the Federal Aviation Administration has ordered an investigation of the near-misses.

But Douglas Murphy, the FAA's Southwest Region air traffic manager, said a backup radar system "worked perfectly" during the four-hour outage and that safety was not compromised.

Purvis said the union disagrees.

"Safety was degraded and any controller who was working airplanes during that period had airspace violations," he said. "It was a total mess."

The Fort Worth Air Route Traffic Control Center, which uses a 1960s-era computer the size of a basketball court, has broken down more than two dozen times in less than three years.

The April 12 outage, which officials said was unrelated to the intense thunderstorms, was partly blamed on an improperly filed flight plan that a pilot submitted electronically.

Teen jailed Friday on felony charge

Officers arrested 18-year-old Jeffery W. Moss of 2506 Ave. C at 11:30 p.m. Friday at Cogdell Hospital and charged him with felony injury to a child. The minor child was taken by private vehicle to the hospital, where she was released following treatment.

The arrest followed a disturbance call at 9:48 p.m. from the 2500 block of Avenue C. An offense report for family violence was submitted in reference to the call.

In other arrests Friday, a 19-year-old male was taken into custody at the probation office on two motions to revoke warrants for misdemeanor offenses.

Four people were arrested Friday at 11:39 p.m. in the 2600 block of 37th Street. Officers arrested a 22-year-old male for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated and three passengers were taken into custody for public intoxication. Arrested were an 18-year-old male, a 20-year-old female and a 21-year-old female.

Officers are also investigating the theft of an automobile that was reported at 1:52 Saturday morning. Hope Carrillo notified officers that her 1990 Chevrolet Lumina had been stolen. It was discovered a short time later in the area of 24th Street and Avenue F. An offense report for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was submitted.

In other activity Friday, Snuffy Burditt went to the sheriff's office at 10:38 a.m. and reported that some goats that he had reported stolen Thursday had shown back up in their pens on Friday.

The fire department responded to a grass fire at 11:06 a.m. Friday on CR 473.

Another grass fire was reported at 3:46 p.m. Friday in the Pool Well Service yard on the Lamesa Highway.

Chad Cheyne requested to speak to an officer at 4:25 p.m. Friday in reference to a camera being taken from the practice field at the high school. An offense report for Class B theft was submitted.

Audition call made for Ritz

Auditions for the Ritz Community Theatre production of "Charlotte's Web" will be held Monday and Tuesday.

The play, based on E.B. White's classic children's tale, has a flexible cast for four to six girls, six to seven boys, two men and two women.

Auditions will be held at the Ritz Theatre on the south side of the square. Hours will be from 4 until 6 p.m. Monday and from 7 until 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Boys and girls in the third grade through the eighth will be eligible to audition for animal and insect roles as well as for characters Fern Arable, Avery Arable and Lurvy. High school or above age actors and actresses are needed to play the Zuckermans and the Arables.

"Charlotte's Webb" is scheduled for production June 13-16.



Kids may annoy you, but you do love them. Give each of your kids a big hug today. Kids of all ages need to know you love them.

What's Up?

'Peter Pan' to conclude

Snyder Junior High School's production of "Peter Pan" concludes with a 7 p.m. performance Saturday in the school auditorium. Tickets are $4 at the door.

Union Baptist revival

Union Baptist Church, 6026 W. Highway 180, will continue revival services at 7 o'clock tonight and Sunday conducted by Marion Oden and Gene Mills.

The public is invited.

Lucky 13 Formal planned

The Lucky 13 Formal will be held Saturday from 8:30 until midnight at Snyder Country Club. Admission is $4 per person or $6 per couple. Photos will be taken beginning at 8 o'clock and must be paid for at that time. Prices range from $6-$34.

Freshmen are not allowed at the Formal.

Sausage Festival Sunday

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church will hold its annual Sausage Festival from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Parish Center, 30th Street and Avenue A. Featured will be an all-you-can eat dinner with trimmings for $6 (children $3). Sausage will also be sold by the pound. Raffles, game booths and a country store are other events.

Trinity UMC to host revival

Evangelist Billy McCauley will lead revival services at Trinity United Methodist Church Sunday through Tuesday. Sunday's services will be at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday services will be at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

Extended clinic hours

Scurry County Health Unit will offer extended clinic hours next Tuesday only. The extended hours will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 2 to 7 p.m.

Junior high registration

Registration for junior high school students will be Tuesday and Wednesday. A registration make-up day has been set for April 25.

Senior May Day event coming

The Senior Center's annual fund-raiser, May Day, will be held May 4 in Scurry County Coliseum. The 2:30 to 9 p.m. event will include arts and crafts, collectibles, antiques, a quilt auction, a barbecue and more.

Hope For Life's Journey series

The Hope For Life's Journey series of video tapes is airing on TCA Cable TV Channel 2. "You Don't Have to Cry Alone" will air at 7 p.m. Monday.

Band boosters to convene

Snyder Band Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the high school band hall to prepare for the band concert in Lubbock on April 25.

Golf team send-off set

A golf team send-off will be held at 12:30 p.m. Sunday in the football stadium's south parking lot. The boy's and girl's team compete in the regional tournament Monday and Tuesday in San Angelo.

Senior parent donations

Parents of Snyder High School seniors are asked to send their donations to the all-night after graduation Senior Party to Rhonda May, P.O. Box 214, Hermleigh TX 79526.

Cogdell Auliliary banquet

The Cogdell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Awards Banquet will be held at 7 p.m. May 2 at Snyder Country Club. Those planning to attend must RSVP by April 26. Call 573-3607, 573-7575 or 573-6557.

BCD meets Wednesday

The Board of County Development will meet at noon Wednesday in the Development Corporation of Snyder board room. Agenda items include consideration of the 1997 fiscal year budget and Boll Weevil Eradication Program assistance.

WTC to mark anniversary

Western Texas College is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. To recognize this, an informal reception will be held from 3-5 p.m. April 27 in the Student Center. The public is invited.

Due to lack of seating, a 7 p.m. recognition dinner will be by invitation only.

Pick 3

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

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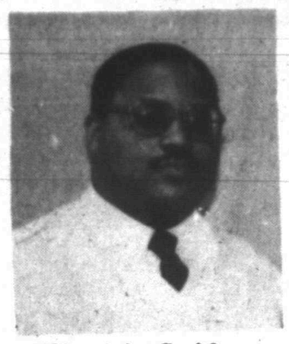
Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery:

9-13-20-30-32

Scurry County Folks

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Chaplain Smith



Chairman Polunsky

'Impossible dream' project nears completion

Nothing is impossible, but it often takes longer.

That may best describe a dream that some viewed as impossible, and that dream is about to become a reality — completion of the Learning Resource Center and Chapel at the Price Daniel Unit in Snyder.

When the Texas Department of Criminal Justice built the 1,000-bed unit in 1989, only a small classroom was designated for chapel services and other volunteer programs.

Price Daniel has one of the most active religious-volunteer programs in the state, and the need for more space has been evident for several years. The addition of 334 beds underscored the need for more space for programs.

Finishing touches on the Learning Resource Center and Chapel are being applied, and the first activities will be held on Sunday, April 26.

Actually, the facility is ready for use today except for locks and keys that must be adapted to other prison locks. Also in the final stages is completion of security fencing.

On May 2 the public will be invited to a formal dedication ceremony and open house for the Learning Resource Center.

Special guest at the 1:15 p.m. ceremony will be Allan Polunsky, chairman of the board of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Also expected to be on hand is Jerry Groom, chief of the chaplains, from Huntsville.

Also expected to be present will be State Sen. Tom Haywood of Wichita Falls and State Rep. David Counts of Knox City. Other TDCJ board members and top managers have been invited.

Warden T.J. Medart and PDU Chaplain Mark Smith said anyone interested in seeing the facility will be welcomed. The ceremony is expected to be brief, but time will be allowed for persons to inspect the facility — built with funds from local donations.

"It looks just like all the other buildings at the unit," said Roy McQueen, chairman of the economic development committee that spearheaded the fund-raiser and arranged for the construction.

"Inside, it also doesn't look like the typical church. What we have is a large, functional multi-purpose building that can be used not only for religious programs but for all inmate self-improvement programs," McQueen added.

The large room is designed to seat 225 individuals. "We have been squeezing almost 100 into a classroom designed for 50, so it looks really spacious," said Bill Looney, one of many local religious volunteers.

The building also has an office for Chaplain Smith and three offices for drug counselors and other inmate counselors. The move of the offices of the chaplain and the counselors will free up more space for the Windham school in the educational building.

The large room has portable walls that can divide the space into three large classrooms. There are also two restrooms for free-world visitors and an inmate restroom.

Colonial Hill Baptist Church, which last year was given a new organ for its sanctuary, has donated its old organ for use in the Learning Resource Center.

The building was first designed for 125 persons, but prison officials suggested that the facility might be too small. Local EDC members had engaged Hal Schauer,a Lubbock architect, to design the facility. Cost estimates were $175,000.

In February, 1994, members of the 37th Street Church of Christ, which has an active program inside the unit, decided to test the fund-raising waters.

It asked its members to raise $25,000 as a starting point for raising the needed funds. Meanwhile, using the Scurry County Area Foundation as a tool, several grants were explored.

On Sept. 22, 1994, word was received that Snyder had been awarded a $100,000 grant from The Meadows Foundation of Dallas. Receiving the grant was contigent upon a signed construction contract and raising $75,000 in the community.

With a pledge of $25,000 already in hand, a general fund-raiser kickoff was held in October, 1994 at the Martha Ann's Woman's Club. Some 60 persons attended, dined on beans and cornbread and heard plans unveiled for the facility.

A steering committee was organized. Those serving on the committee were McQueen, Miller Robinson, Ted Crenwelge, John Gayle, Warden Medart, G.A. Parks, Dr. Harry Krenek, Dr. Marty Akins, Looney, I.E. Martin, Donna Fowler, Jack Denman, Rod Waller and Sheriff Keith Collier.

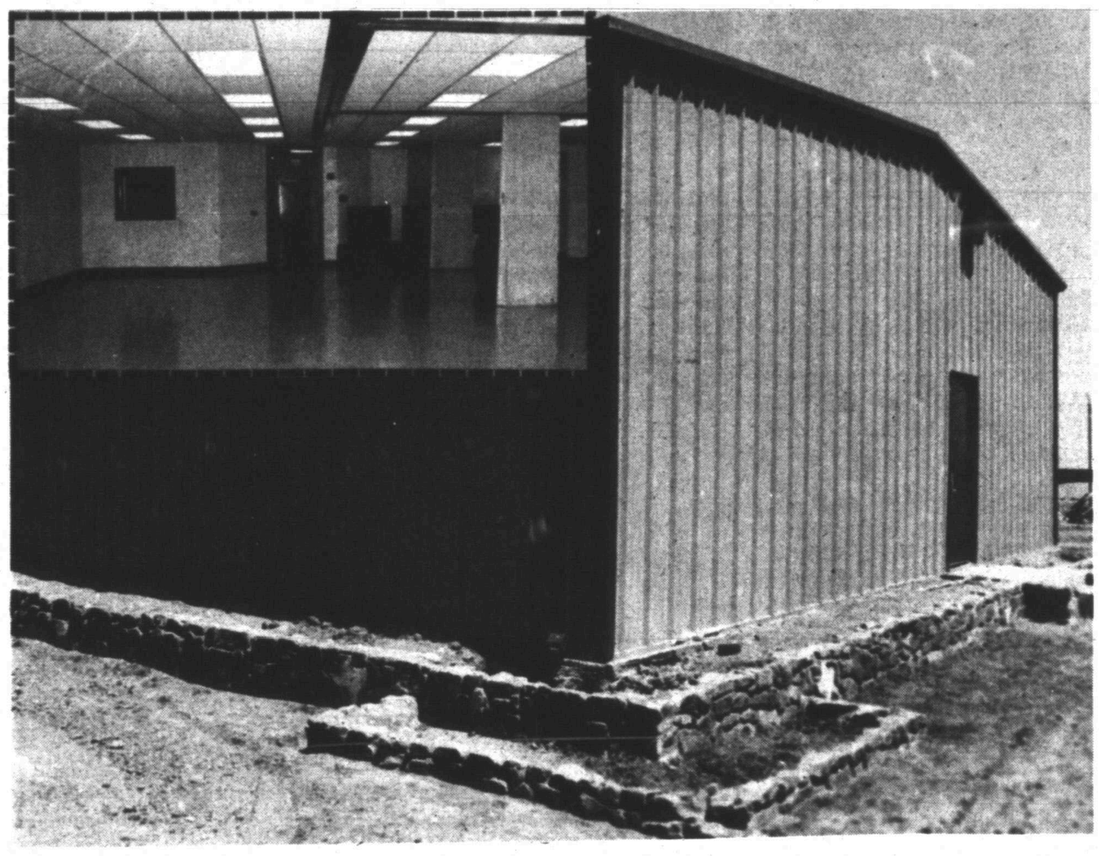
In November the same year, final architectural plans for the Learning Resource Center were presented to the board of criminal justice at a meeting held in San Antonio. At that meeting, the nine-member TDCJ board unanimously gave the green light to the project.

In February, 1995, the $75,000 needed locally was achieved.

In April, 1995, bids were received, and all bids were 60 percent or more over estimates. The setback sent the committee back to the drawing board.

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Learning Resource Center nears completion

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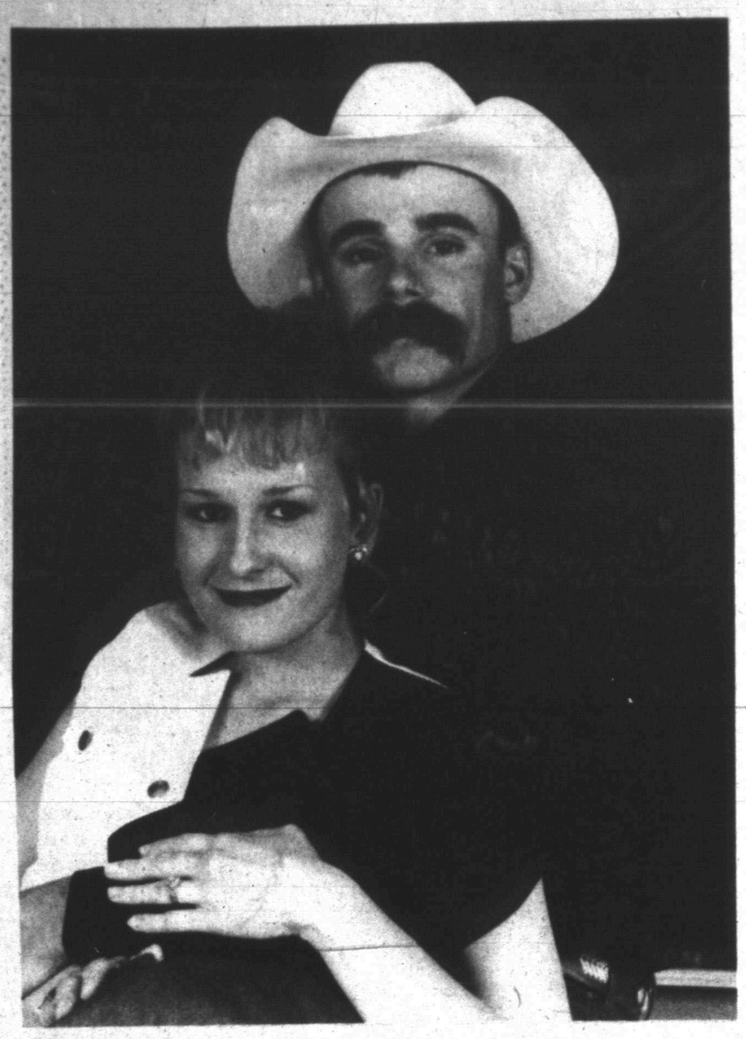
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Nila & David Harrell

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SUMMER WEDDING PLANNED — Jim and Suzanna Wilson of Ira and Mike Holloway of Junction announce the engagement of their children, Wendy Nicole Wilson and Kyle Lynn Scott. Wilson is the granddaughter of Inez Wilson of Ira. The wedding is planned for June 14 at the Wagon Wheel Ranch. (Contributed Photo)



CHINA DEMONSTRATION — Virginia Lowrance, accredited porcelain painter, gave a demonstration of the art at a recent Palette club meeting. Pictured are members Evelyn Mebane, Nettie Faye Gardner, Joy McGlaun, Lila Guinn and Lowrance, seated. (SDN Staff Photo)

Community Calendar

MONDAY

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

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

Alateen; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for more information call 573-8971 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

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

TUESDAY

American Cancer Society; board room in CMH; 5 p.m.

Beta Delta Phi; 7 p.m.

Dialogue; cancer support group; CMH board room; 7 to 8 p.m.

Weight Watchers; Trinity Methodist Church (south wing); noon; for more information, call 1-800-359-3131.

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Martha Ann Woman's Club Luncheon/ Game Day; reservations needed by 5 p.m. Monday by calling 573-3427; $7 per person; serving begins at 11:30 a.m.; games follow.

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

THURSDAY

Snyder Palette Club; Boys and Girls Club; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

LLL Club; fellowship hall of FBC; 9:30 a.m.

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

TOPS TX56, (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information call Peggy Vernon at 573-3122.

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

Codependents Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-7358; 7 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

SUNDAY

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

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1 to 4 p.m.

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

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

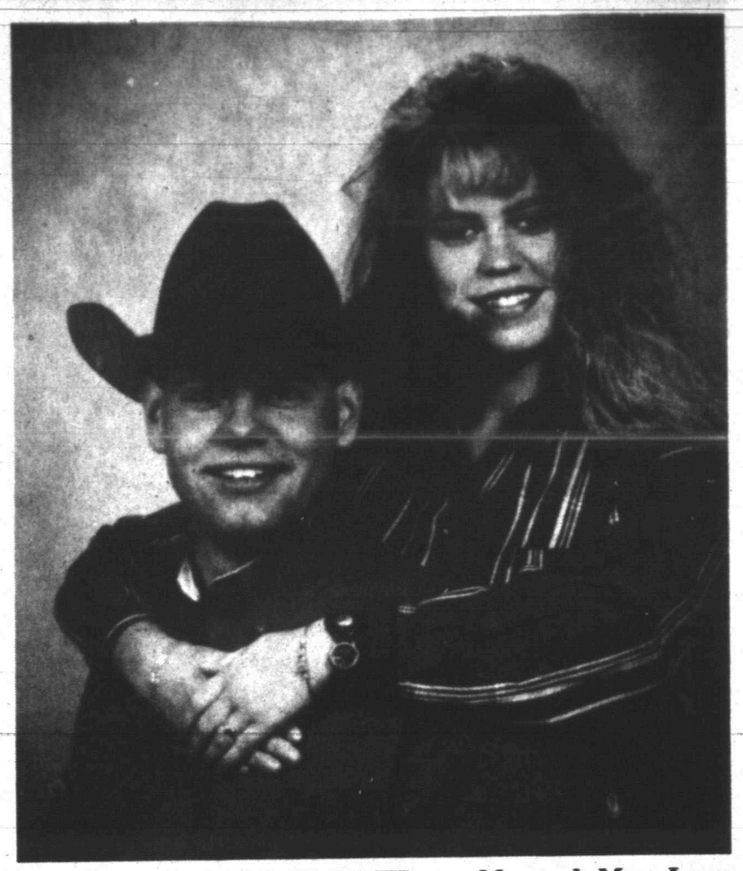
Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Sting kicks tour off with Maniac

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Sting is kicking off his U.S. tour with a former Maniac.

Sting's tour opens June 21 at the new 20,000-seat Coral Sky Amphitheatre with former 10,000 Maniacs singer Natalie Merchant as the opening act.

Sting's "Mercury Falling" is on the charts with Merchant's "Tigerlily."



AUGUST WEDDING PLANNED — Mr. and Mrs. Larry Vaughan of Brownwood announce the engagement of their daughter, Jaclyn Suzan, to Jason Odell Whitney. Mr. Whitney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark O. Whitney of Clifton. Miss Vaughan is the grandaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ned White of Mineral Wells, formerly of Snyder, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Howard Vaughan of Carthage, formerly of Snyder. Mr. Whitney is the grandson of Mrs. Bobbie May of Waco and the late Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Whitney of Clifton. A 2 p.m. August 17 wedding is planned at Oakdale United Methodist Church in Stephenville. Family and friends of the couple are invited. (Contributed Photo)



The Garden Editor

By Dr. Ted Brice

You will receive as many different answers for as many people that you ask if they would recommend you scalp, dethatch or aerate your lawn this year or not. This is the question that I get the most of this time of year. I am going to try and go into the advantages and disadvantages of each — scalping, dethatching or aerating. Let me tall you here and now that I do not approve of doing all three things.

First let's look at scalping your lawn. The advantages of doing this is to remove the top portion of the leftover grass from last year that has turned brown and thus let the sun get to the lower portion of the grass and give it a faster and better green-up period. If you do not remove the top of this grass that is dead the new green grass will just push the brown portion of the dead grass out to the top area that you would remove when the first time you mow in the new season.

By scalping you remove this dead grass first, thus letting the sun get in and develop the new green blades. When you scalp your lawn you should lower the blade of your lawn mower only one to one and a half inches and catch all the grass that you cut and put it in your compost pile. This type of scalping the lawn I am in favor of. Do this at the beginning of the new season.

Second let's look at dethatching and I will describe what this means as the removeable of all grass clippings that were left on the lawn from the previous season. You may think that you caught all the clippings last year, but some of the grass clippings fall through each time you cut the grass. These stray grass clippings accumulate throughout the year and will die and turn brown forming a mat at the base of each new grass. Dethatching is the removeable of this dried grass mat, to let the sun and rain along with the fertilizer get to the root area of your grass much quicker and thus develop stronger roots and earlier green grass. I am strongly in favor of the dethatching of your lawn.

Third let's look at aerating the lawn. You may rent a machine from one of the rental companies to aerate your lawn. All this means is that you punch a hole in your turf every few inches for the width of the machine which is about as wide as your lawn mower. The depth of these holes runs from two to three inches. By doing this it will let water and fertilizer as well as air get to the root area of your grass thus making faster and stronger roots for the new season.

This job of aerating your lawn, I am not in favor of as it appears that it could damage the roots that you already have.

I have tried to explain the advantages as well as the disadvantages of these three jobs on your lawn and give you my opinion on each one.

Addresses needed or SHS '61 class

The Snyder High School Class of 1961 is in need of addresses for the following classmates:

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JUNE WEDDING — Vickie Sargent of Snyder and James and Cindy Sargent of Austin announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Melody Ann Sargent of Lubbock, to Andrew David Weaver of Lubbock. Weaver is the son of Treva Moore of Snyder and Roger and Ann Weaver of Lubbock. The couple plans a private garden ceremony on June 29. (Picture by Tom Gonzales)

Texan wins TIPA awards

The Western Texas College campus newspaper, The Western Texan, won three newspaper awards recently in a state-wide contest sponsored through the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA).

The Texan earned a 2nd place in sports feature writing and two honorable mentions for photography.

Mike Hughes of Ira, a sophomore at WTC last year, won 2nd place in the Sports Feature category for his interview of Pro Football Hall of Famer Sammy Baugh.

Jennifer Jones of Snyder, a sophomore, won two honorable mentions for her photos in the Texan. She was honored in the Feature Photo category for her publicity shot for the play" Master Harold and the Boys."

In the Sports Action Photo category, she won for photos taken during a WTC steer wrestling practice.

Advisor for the newspaper is Donny Brown. The honors brought the number to 29 TIPA awards presented to the Texan since 1989.

TIPA sponsors the state-wide competition annually for both two and four-year colleges and the Texan competes in Division Three, which is colleges with enrollment up to 2,000 students.

Three prizes awarded to Aquifer

WTC's literary magazine, Aquifer, won three top prizes in this year's state-wide competition sponsored through the Texas Intercollegiate Press (TIPA).

The awards were announced March 30 at the annual TIPA convention, held this year in Abilene.

The 1995 Aquifer won two 1st place prizes and one 2nd.

In the Magazine Short Story division, Nancy Harris of Snyder won 1st for her entry, "The Wicket Kingdom."

Another first was won in the Magazine Essay division by Katrina Wemken of Dunn, who profiled her remembrance of the Roscoe Snyder & Pacific Railroad.

Winning 2nd in the poetry division—likely the division with the largest number of entries overall—was Carrie Keith of Snyder. She won for her poem "Truck Stop."

TIPA sponsors the state-wide competition annually for both two and four-year colleges.

The literary magazine competes in Division Two, which involves colleges with enrollment up to 6,000 students.

Oil Patch bridge tournament to get underway Monday

The 1996 Oil Patch Regional Bridge Tournament will get underway Monday, April 22, at the Holiday Inn Center in Odessa.

Approximately 500 participants are expected each day. Events will be held April 22 through Sunday, April 28.

The tournament will be hosted by Area Unit 209 and is sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League (ACBL).

Any bridge player is eligible to play and on prior duplicate experience is necessary. Participants do not have to be members of the ACBL and games will be available for novice players.

Play begins Monday at 7:30 p.m. with a bracket Knock-Out team event and a Win-an-entry pairs game. Events run daily from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

A Midnight Zip Swiss team game is scheduled for Friday evening.

Entertainment and refreshments will follow Thursday, Friday and Saturday night events. A buffet luncheon will be provided Sunday afternoon.

For more information call Ricki Perry, chairperson, at (915) 683-3511.

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY

Dot Casey directed six tables for Snyder Duplicate Bridge Club at the country club on Friday, April 12.

FRIDAY

1. Johnye Vandever, Mary Bast.
2. Ann Davis, Monte West.
3. Louise Thompson, Frances Stevenson.
4. Laverne Hood, Majorie Brown.
5. Anita Talbot, Malven Stevenson.

SUNDAY

1. Nona Morrison, Dora Blakey.
2. Frances Stevenson, Malven Stevenson.
3. Dot Casey, Louise Thompson.

TUESDAY

1. Dot Casey, Charles Blakey.
2. Margaret Birdwell, Laverne Hood.
3. (Tie) Nona and J.O. Morrison, Shirley Stewart and Barbara Yorgesen.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

	North ♠K J 10 ♥9 7 4 ♦10 8 5 4 ♣A Q 10	04-20-96
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	South ♠6 2 ♥A Q J 8 6 ♦Q 7 6 3 ♣K 9	

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: North

South	West	North	East
		Pass	1 ♠
2 ♥	2 ♠	3 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♠4

A pair on a tandem

Who were the "two shivering bicycle mechanics from Dayton, Ohio" mentioned by John Dos Passos in his 1936 book, "The Big Money"?

Bridge may be compared to riding a bicycle. When you are the declarer, you are pedaling alone, with only your skill and balance to stop you from falling off (going down). Whereas defending is like being on a tandem, both riders (players) having to do their bit to arrive at their destination (to defeat the contract).

Today's deal was defended perfectly by Julius Rosenblum, the former president of the World Bridge Federation, and Constant Fua.

Defending against three hearts, Fua led the spade four. (Most experts these days, as they had supported their partner, would select the seven.) Rosenblum won with the spade queen and switched accurately to the diamond jack. He had dummy's top diamond, the 10, sandwiched by his jack and nine, plus he had a higher nontouching honor in the ace. So he led the card directly above dummy's top card, a classic surrounding play.

After taking South's queen with his king, West returned a diamond, East taking two tricks in the suit. On the second of these, West discarded a spade. Now East continued with the ace and another spade. When South ruffed with the heart queen, Fua didn't tire. He discarded, ensuring himself two trump tricks. The contract had gone three down: plus 150. As two spades would have made exactly for plus 110, this gave East-West a "top" in the 1957 Mexican Open Pairs Championship.

Those bicycle mechanics were Orville and Wilbur Wright.

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SHOWER GIVEN — Gina Pierce, bride-elect of Paul Jones, was the honoree at a shower given March 30 at Willow Park Inn. Pictured are Leeann Zajicek, sister of bride; Heather Zajicek, niece of bride; Mildred Wilson, grandmother of bride; Jan Pierce, mother of bride; honoree; Barbara Jones, mother of groom; and Holly Jones, niece of groom. (Contributed Photo)

'Lincoln author receives Pulitzer

BOSTON (AP) — Seven years in the making, "Lincoln" won a $40,000 prize for two-time Pulitzer Prize winner David Herbert Donald.

Donald won the Lincoln prize Thursday in New York for the 1995 biography. He also received a bronze bust of Lincoln for the book, which drew heavily on the U.S. president's own writings.

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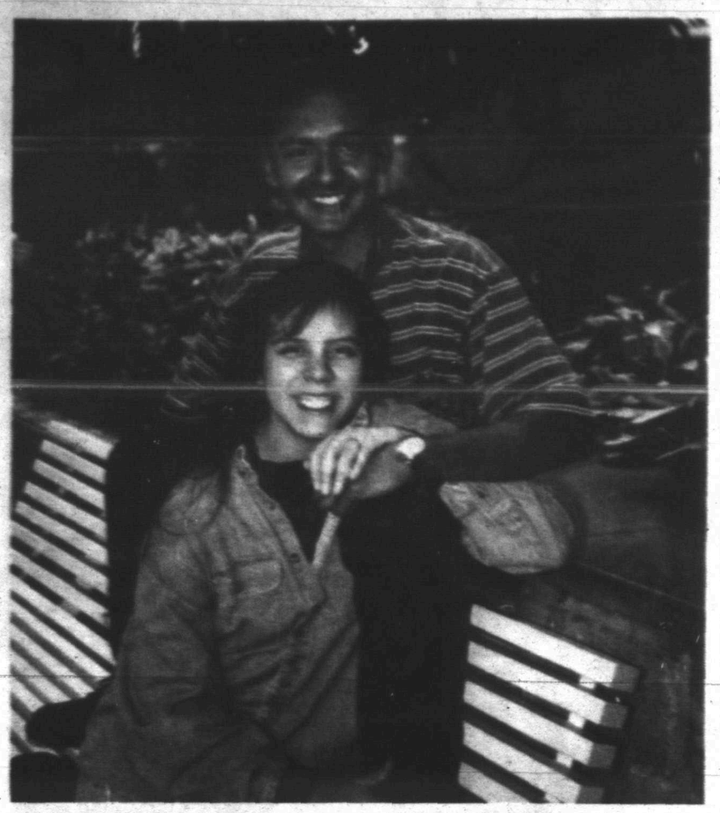
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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — John and Mae Gutierrez of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amanda Jo, to John Baez, son of Blas and Lidia Baez of Knox City. The ceremony is scheduled for 2 p.m. June 22 at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. (Contributed Photo)

Mock to judge National Piano Guild Auditions this week

Francis Mock will be judging National Piano Guild Auditions at First Baptist Church April 22-25.

Teachers entering their pupils are Barbara Mott, Barbara Tune and Lynn Bethel.

Mock is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor of music. She received a Teaching Fellowship in Piano Department at University of Texas for Graduate Study.

She also studied piano at Northwestern University, Nachodges, La., under Dr. Robert Watson.

In recent years, Mock has given duo-piano recitals in Texas and Louisiana, including the concert series at Christ Church Cathedral in New Orleans, La.

She taught private piano in Plainview for many years prior to moving to Louisiana.

The Plainview Opera recently presented Mock and her sister, Gena Jones, in its Music at Noon mini-concert at the Fine Arts Center.

Mrs. Jones lives in Tulsa, Okla., and the two sisters have performed extensively.

Mock and her husband, Rev. James Mock, presently reside in Plainview.



Mrs. James A. Mock



NEW ARRIVALS — Cory and Sonja Maxfield are the parents of twins, a boy and a girl born at 8:22 a.m. and 9:46 a.m. on April 17. Kodi, their son, weighed five pounds, 10 ounces, and Ashlee weighed six pounds, 1½ ounces. Grandparents are Yank and Pat Maxfield of Snyder and Bonnie and Darden Stokes of Snyder. Great-grandparents are Fay Bearden of Rankin and Herman and Ida Stokes of Snyder. The twins, the first born at Cogdell Hospital since Dec. 5, 1991, were delivered by Dr. Gary Nussey. (SDN Staff Photo)

Texas Tech poets to read work at program

Two visiting poets from Texas Tech will read their works in the Fine Arts Theatre Wednesday as part of a program introducing the 1996 Aquifer, the literary magazine for Western Texas College.

Copies of the new Aquifer will be distributed that night. This year's edition is 40 pages and contains poetry, short stories, essays and art work created by WTC students.

The readings will begin at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Theatre and will be part of a "double bill" of entertainment that night, all free to the public.

At 6 p.m. and at 8 p.m., the video "Cymbeline, The Movie" will be shown for the first time. It is a joint production of the WTC Drama and Mass Communications Departments.

Reading their works at 7 p.m. will be Ted Genoways and Beverly Harris Finch, who both teach composition and creative writing at Texas Tech.

He is to publish his first poetry "chapbook" at the end of June through the Brooding Heron Press. It is entitled "The Dead Have A Way of Returning."

While an undergraduate, he was one of 10 picked nationwide for the Bucknell Seminar for Younger Poets. In 1995, he was chosen among the "most promising young poets" by the Associate Writing Programs.

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MONDAY
Salisbury Steak
Vegetable Salad
Creamed Potatoes
Bread
Plain Cookies
TUESDAY
Lasagna
Vegetable Salad
Italian Bread
Pears
WEDNESDAY
Pinto Beans
Spinach
Corn
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Blueberry Cobbler
THURSDAY
Chicken ala King
Shredded Lettuce
Peaches
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BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Fruit
Buttered Oatmeal
Toast
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TUESDAY
Juice
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THURSDAY
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Biscuits & Gravy
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FRIDAY
Holiday
LUNCH
MONDAY
Bar-B-Qued Hamburger Patties
Mashed Potatoes
Cole Slaw
Hot Rolls
Pineapple Pudding
Milk
TUESDAY
Frito Pie
Pinto Beans
Relish Cup
Corn Bread
Bread Pudding
Milk
WEDNESDAY
Steak Fingers w/Gravy
Tater Tots
Tossed Salad
Hot Biscuits
No Bake Cookies
Milk
THURSDAY
Chicken Noodle Soup
Tomato Wedges
Corn Bread & Crackers
Baked Apples
Milk

Snyder

BREAKFAST
MONDAY
Donut
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
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Milk
TUESDAY
Breakfast Taco
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk
WEDNESDAY
Biscuits & Gravy
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk
THURSDAY
Cinnamon Roll
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk
FRIDAY
Sausage & Biscuit
Assorted Cereal w/Toast
Juice
Milk
LUNCH
Sausage Pizza
Corndog
Tossed Salad
Fresh Fruit
Milk
TUESDAY
Steak Fingers
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Gravy
Applesauce
Hot Rolls
Milk
WEDNESDAY
Baked Chicken
Salisbury Steak
Gravy
Baked Potatoes
Tossed Salad
Hot Rolls
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THURSDAY
Chili Dog
Roast Beef Sandwich
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FRIDAY
Enchiladas
Beef Nachos
Pinto Beans
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Senior Citizen Menu

LUNCH
MONDAY
Creole Steak
Cauliflower w/cheese
Lima Beans
Pear & Cottage Cheese on Lettuce
Chocolate Chip Cookies
TUESDAY
Barbecue Chicken
Glazed Carrots
Whole Kernel Corn
Lettuce & Tomato Salad
Coconut Pudding
WEDNESDAY
Liver & Onions
Savory Peas
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Carrot-Raisin Salad
Spicy Bread Pudding
THURSDAY
Beans & Ham
Turnip Greens
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Cornbread
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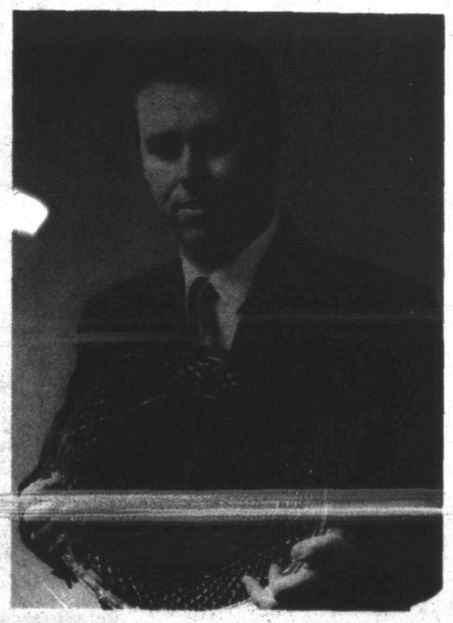
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DONATION GIVEN — The Snyder Duplicate Bridge Club recently donated $144 to Snyder Neighbors Sharing to go toward the purchase of materials. Snyder Neighbors Sharing is an organization that helps low-income elderly and disabled people make their homes warmer and dryer. SNS treasurer Julie Sentell, left, is pictured accepting the donation from ElWanda Nall, bridge club member. SNS workday is scheduled for April 27. (SDN Staff Photo)

"Dream" once viewed as an impossible task

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of Lubbock was asked to make suggestions as to ways to trim costs to stay within the $175,000 budget.

Klein made several suggestions. One major source of savings came from Warden Medart who said the use of inmate labor in certain aspects of the construction might result in substantial savings on labor. In June, 1995, a construction contract with Klein was signed.

The project was begun in faith. There were no funds for change orders and no money for typical contingencies. In fact, it then appeared that additional fund-raising might be necessary with estimates of need anywhere from $10,000 to $20,000.

Then there was a Godsend. In June, 1995 the Bell Trust of Dallas responded with an $12,000 gift. Although there has not been a final accounting, it appears that the project will be finished within budget.

All funds raised were used for the building. The inmate labor was supervised by Correctional Officer John Hooser of Rotan.

Some 28 different inmates, with various building trade skills, worked on the project. Their reward — personal satisfaction for a job well done, two cheeseburgers and an order of french fries. When offered lunch by the committee, their unanimous menu choice was "cheeseburgers."

Tom Valentine, city building inspector, inspected the building to ensure compliance with building codes. Valentine praised the workmanship of the inmates. "Some of the free-world contractors were really inpressed with their skills and work ethics," Valentine added.

Snyder becomes the first prison in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to build such a facility. The facility will be used in various inmate self-improvement and counseling programs as well as all religious faiths.

What was estimated to be a three-month construction project, has instead taken almost six. But with timer and perservance, the "impossible" has been accomplished.

Q&A

Is marijuana harmful?

In response to the growing concern among parents, educators and other affected members of our community, Snyder Daily News, in cooperation with the Al-Anon support groups and the Snyder Area Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, devotes this weekly column to readers' questions and concerns about the increasing threat of substance abuse in our community.

One or two questions will be addressed each week. CADA, Al-Anon and AA will attempt to answer each question, discuss each new topic, offer hope for a solution to this growing problem our community faces. Our question for today's column is:

"My teenager tells me that smoking marijuana is not harmful. Is that true?"

In Snyder and the surrounding area, young people are, in most instances, not buying *only* marijuana. Most marijuana bought in this area has been laced with other drugs, such as PCP, angel dust, or LSD, to name a few added ingredients. The potency of marijuana now available has increased more than 275 percent over the last decade.

Marijuana is the most widely used illicit drug in the United States and tends to be the first illegal drug teens use — which is why marijuana is termed the "Gateway Drug. In a 1994 survey, one in five high school seniors smoked marijuana daily. By 1995, however, marijuana was the primary drug for 62 percent of teen admissions to treatment facilities in Texas.

Marijuana has several negative physical and mental effects. Use of marijuana may impair or reduce short-term memory and comprehension, alter sense of time and reduce ability to perform tasks requiring concentration and coordination, such as driving a car.

The physical effects, particularly on developing adolescents, can be far more acute. Studies have shown that marijuana use can lower testosterone levels in men. Females who use marijuana can, over time, increase levels of testosterone which can result in increased facial and body hair and acne. Studies also suggest that chronic use of marijuana may adversely affect reproductive functioning in women.

Short term effects of using marijuana are:

- sleepiness and increased hunger.
- difficulty keeping track of time; imparied or reduced short-term memory.
- reduced ability to perform tasks requiring concentration and coordination, such as driving a car.
- increased heart rate.
- potential cardiac dangers for those with preexisting heart disease.
- bloodshot eyes.
- dry mouth and throat.
- decreased social inhibitions.
- paranoia, hallucinations.

Long-term effects are:

- enhanced cancer risk.
- decrease in testosterone levels for men.
- increase in testosterone levels for women.
- lower sperm counts and difficulty having children in men.
- increased risk of infertility in women.
- diminished or extinguished sexual pleasure.
- psychological dependence requiring more of the drug to get the same effect.

Parents who suspect their teen is smoking marijuana need to be knowledgeable about the drug. What they are doing affects the entire family. This is not a time to attempt to minimize the problem by saying, "Well, everyone has smoked a little pot."

Twenty-four hour confidential information is available by calling (915) 573-1141 or 1-800 659-6722. Information on help groups and individual's phone numbers may be found in the SDN Community Calendar.

Send your questions to P.O. Box 695, Snyder, TX 79550, or call (915) 573-1141. All questions and personal inquiries may be submitted anonymously.

Pop star's studio being overhauled

CHANHASSEN, Minn. (AP) — The artist formerly known as Prince is overhauling his Paisley Park recording studios — with a corporate touch.

The 64,000-square-foot multimedia complex will be closed during renovations and reopen in mid-June, the pop star's publicist, Kirsten Poe, said Thursday.

"He's doing what every major corporation does," Poe said. "He wants to have everything up to speed."

The singer, now identified by an unpronounceable symbol, laid off most of his studio staffers last week. It was not clear whether they will get their jobs back.



RECITAL — JJ Mandrell, daughter of Macky and Doni Mandrell, and Kerissa Simmons, daughter of James and Celissa Simmons, participated in their second piano recital Sunday, April 14 at Bethel Baptist Church. The two are students of Rebecca Coffman. (Contributed Photo)

Aggie Muster slated for Sunday

All former students of Texas A&M University are invited to attend the 1996 Scurry County Aggie Muster at 4 p.m. Sunday at Ezell-Key Grain Co., located five miles east of Snyder on U.S. 84.

Each year, graduates and friends of Texas A&M meet to reminisce on college days, and to remember the Aggies that have died in the past year. A roll call will be held to honor those who have died, and an Aggie will answer "Here" to symbolize that the deceased will always be an Aggie and present in spirit.

Aggie Muster is a tradition of Texas A&M that was started in 1883, and it has been continued through the years. Each year Aggies have gathered wherever they are to share the memories. Aggies have held musters on the battlefields of both World Wars, even Corregidor Island in the Philippines in 1942 shortly before its fall, and in Korea, Vietnam and in the Persian Gulf. Musters are held in homes, and meeting halls throughout the world. Each ceremoney is the same, and serves to unite all Aggies into the "Spirit of Aggieland."

High School students interested in attending Texas A&M, and their parents, are invited to be the guests of the Scurry County A&M Club at Aggie Muster. This will be an opportunity to get information about the university.

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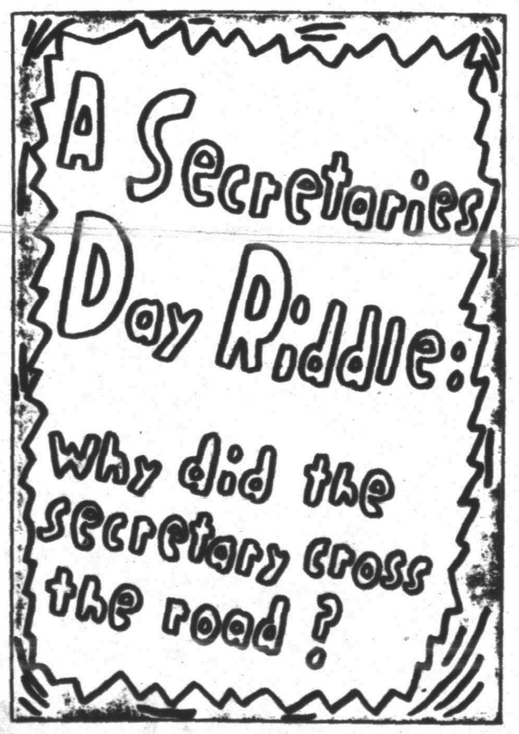
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Time for flexibility

By Stuart Hardy

Earth Day presents America with an opportunity. We need a national dialogue on new ways of updating safeguards to assure clean air, water and to protect species and their habitat. At the same time, we need to explore better stewardship of public lands and validate quality management of the hazardous byproducts of our economy.

In recent years, the political leadership has attempted to do this by building on existing federal and state regulatory programs with more stringent controls, tougher standards of performance and new fines and penalties — even when compliance is high. This approach is combative and costly to those who are regulated, not only in business and industry, but also farmers and ranchers, homeowners, municipal governments and many others.

But there is another way to get a cleaner, safer environment, and this new approach is steadily gaining support among scientists, engineers and others in the front trenches of the war against pollution. The new model is based on four broad principals: utilization of up-to-date science and technology; focusing scarce dollars on the most urgent environmental problems; attacking pollution on a site and situation specific basis; and making state and local governments and the private sector allies instead of adversaries.

This may sound like common sense, but existing regulatory programs unintentionally frustrate and inhibit these principles. For example, almost everyone agrees that science and technology is the key to a greener future. But inflexible language in the environmental statues often prohibits agencies and the regulated community from taking full advantage of the best available science and technology.

There is a confusing hodgepodge of overlapping, inflexible — and sometimes contradictory — rules, guidelines and mandates emanating from different federal laws and agencies. One size does not fit all. Pollution controls work best when designed for specific sites and situations. Businesses, farmers and ranchers, homeowners, state and local governments, should be enlisted in the effort as partners, because those closest to a resource are best able to manage it. They should be encouraged with incentives, rather than be browbeaten with threats of penalties.

This is not a prescription for gutting or weakening environmental laws and programs, which have brought us a long way from the days of belching smokestacks, burning rivers and denuded forests. But there is a growing recognition that current programs need reorientation. There is too much Washington-knows-best, too many lawsuits, too much paperwork, too much money squandered on trivial risks, and too little flexibility. New thinking and new methods are needed to achieve additional increments of health, environmental remediation and natural resource protection as we enter the 21st Century.

Let the dialogue begin.

Stuart Hardy is manager for resource police at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Thou shalt not be smug



BEN WATTENBERG

Just a year ago, President Clinton was routinely called "irrelevant" and ripe for defeat in the 1996 election. It was said, by conservatives and others, that there was a "Republican revolution" underway. The Democratic Party seemed destined for the political boneyard. They would lose again in the House, and possibly hold only 40 or fewer Senate seats, thereby setting up a GOP "veto-proof" majority. It reached the point in where Clinton gave a press conference in which he said, in effect, "I am relevant, really."

Today, Clinton leads Robert Dole by 10 to 15 percentage points. The polls show more voters favoring Democrats for the House than Republicans. The idea of a veto-proof Senate for the GOP is quaint.

What are the lessons for Republicans?

LOOKING BACKWARD:

1. Don't preach revolution in a non-revolutionary country. Voters might believe you. America is ripe for an evolution, not a revolution.

2. Don't ever underestimate the president of the United States, this one or any other one. If you don't understand why, read the Constitution. (Start by noting that the veto powers of the president give him the equivalent of 16 Senate votes and 72 House votes. He can also send troops to Bosnia — all by himself.)

3. Don't forget that the federal entitlements that need to be trimmed (a decrease in the rate of increase to prevent runaway deficits) go to real people who think they are entitled to entitlements. Explain and be gentle.

4. Don't underestimate Bill Clinton. he's been swiping your stuff: He's been making points on school prayer, uniforms in school, evicting thugs and their families from housing projects, restrictions on sex and violence on television and on ending big government. (Did Pat Robertson win the election?)

5. Smugness, arrogance, superiority and sanctimony are not good political attitudes. (Conservatives: That's not what you were supposed to learn from liberals.) Conservatives believed their press clippings about how they were "the party of ideas." They believed the stuff about how bright they were, about how they understood everything. They weren't. They didn't. Bright people in politics know they don't understand much.

6. Don't stop the government again.

7. The Democrats, the putative party of "the little guy," may still be the natural majority party in America. Like crabgrass, Democrats can't be stamped out. Only when they screw up — which is frequently — can Republicans expect to prevail.

8. Do welfare first. Didn't you guys learn anything from Clinton's dumb first two years?

9. Don't worry too much about intraparty warfare. There is no apparent solution, other than the one now in place: early front-loaded primaries that get the internecine bile out early, hopefully to be forgotten soon.

10. If you believe that "moderate Republican" is an oxymoron, then "majority Republican" will be.

11. Humble pie is political health food.

LOOKING FORWARD:

12. Don't overestimate Bill Clinton. If he's so smart, such a great politician and such a great campaigner, how come he's in the ditch almost all the time?

13. Don't believe that great debaters win political debates. ("Honey, let's vote for Clinton; he's a great debater, but I don't believe him or what he stands for.")

14. Remember Clinton's central vulnerability. Recent polls show that 47 percent of Americans still regard Clinton as a liberal. When he won in 1992, that figure was 33 percent. Only 17 percent of Americans self-identify as liberals, running now at the lowest rate ever in recent American electoral history.

15. Running a campaign centered on "Clinton's character" will demonstrate that Republicans have little political character and less political shrewdness.



Key to happiness isn't all that difficult



DEANIE FRANCIS MILLS

You guys catch the ABC John Stossel special on happiness the other night? I made my husband, who is a surenuff bah-humbug type, sit through it. At first he insisted on channel-surfing and pretended indifference, but he was soon hooked and wound up learning something in spite of himself. That's when I grabbed a post-it pad from beside the phone and a pencil, so I could share this very interesting stuff with those of you who missed the special.

Many people, I think, don't really realize what happiness is. They think it means having no problems, or never getting the blues, or something idealized, like being rich and/or famous. When a happy moment occurs in their lives, they don't recognize it. Or they halo nostalgic times from their past as being happy even though they didn't realize it at the time.

Happy moments, loving family moments, are more or less strung together in our lives like pearls, just little moments when our hearts are at peace and full of love, and the trick is to notice them.

Some people are, admittedly, better at noticing the happy moments in their lives. This ability is at least fifty percent genetic, and is literally a brain chemistry ratio which can be measured and photographed by sophisticated scientific instruments.

You can spot this natural joy of living in infants and small children. Some are just bubbling over with enthusiasm and laughter and eagerness to experience new things; others seem more quiet and withdrawn, frightened of new experiences. In families with more than one child, parents can tell you in a heartbeat which is which.

So what about those of us who seem almost stubbornly unwilling to be joyful? Can they ever be happy? When someone asked former French President Charles deGaulle if he was happy, he said, "What do you take me for, an idiot?"

It may seem simplistic, but even someone like that can start to feel happier in life if they will just ACT happy. One of the consultants for the Stossel special said, "Going through the motions triggers the emotions."

Act as if you are the person you want to be, he advised, and you will become that person. In other words, just forcing yourself to smile more often will start to make you feel better.

(Understand, I'm not talking about serious clinical depression, which could require anti-depressant medication and/or therapy. I'm just talking about your average everyday grouch.)

Close relationships with other people are key to lifting our spirits. Not all of us come from close families, but we can sort of create our own family of choice through friends. The hassles of life can indeed add up and overwhelm us at times. Happy people have no less problems than anybody else, but they know how to get together with a loved one or treasured friend and either seek advice or make a big joke out of it and laugh together.

Laughter is key to happiness, needless to say. But when we are feeling down, experts urge us to DELIBERATELY laugh. In other words, rent a movie you know will make you laugh, or pick up a lighthearted inspirational magazine or book, or call up a friend you know can always clown around and cheer you up. The longer you curse your troubles or nurse them in solitude, the worse they will make you feel. Putting them aside for a few belly laughs floods the brain with the mood-altering chemicals known as "endorphins," natural pain-killers and mood-lifters.

Teaching yourself to be optimistic can also make you a happier person. First you have to learn to stop the negative self-talk you have indulged in for so long, and start practicing the positive. Optimistic people view rejections or failures as challenges and learning experiences. They perform better on the job and overcome setbacks sooner.

Speaking of work, finding meaningful activity — even as a volunteer — something which gives your life a sense of purpose and meaning greater than just making money, is a surefire way to feel charged, energetic, and enthusiastic about your job. Happiness is a side-effect of meaningful activity. In the special, one expert said that when he interviewed, say, somebody who was paralyzed in an accident, and somebody who won the lottery — one year later, he couldn't tell the difference between the two.

In spite of popular belief to the contrary, money will not make you happy. In fact, sudden riches often has the opposite effect, because it very often alienates the newly rich from their friends and family and isolates them among meaningless things. Divorce rates are very high among lottery winners. As one lottery winner said on-camera, "Money can buy you a therapist. It can buy you a marriage counselor. It can't buy you happiness."

The commitment and sense of purpose one gets from actively practicing the faith of his or her choice is another good source of happiness. In fact, after all their evaluations and measurements, it seems that all the scientists and shrinks agree on one overwhelming principle: The ancient Biblical wisdom imparted by Paul in a letter to the Corinthians is still absolutely on target 2,000 years later in a world awash in technology and busyness and the pursuit of riches.

Faith, hope, and love.

It's about paying attention, as much as anything. As long as you practice faith, maintain hope, and cultivate love, and as long as you are fully present to those moments of deepest faith, strongest hope, and sincerest love as they occur in your life ... then nobody will ever have to show you the meaning of happiness.

Letters to the Editor

Disgruntled parent

Dear Editor,

Thank you, Sandra Wells, for the beautifully thought out and well-organized letter to the editor last Sunday. Believe me, as a parent of a tennis player at Snyder High School, I truly know your frustration and disappointment in the poor coverage of "certain" sports.

After my daughter's freshman year of high school, I was most upset over the attention and coverage sports in general received over academic achievements. I felt Michelle's academic abilities should be more important.

By her sophomore year, I realized tennis was important to her as well as her studies, so I got over the low coverage on academics. Those closest to her, family and friends, knew of her successes and truly that's what counts.

Then in her junior year, tennis was still a choice she made to include in her schedule. Academically, classes got harder, but she was determined to do both. Once again we watched with pride as she attained numerous honors and awards academically as well as making the varsity tennis team for the third year in a row.

Now in her senior and final year at Snyder High School, we have watched her play amazingly well in tennis in the number one spot with doubles partner Laura Gonzales. How thrilling it is to see her end her four years on varsity tennis going to regionals. I have, however, watched quietly these four years the coverage of both boys and girls team and individual tennis. As Ms. Wells stated, it has been a great pleasure reading of the many accomplishments the kids I've known for years and watched grow up, in all school events. The tennis team, on the other hand, like golf, has had poor coverage to say the least.

I watched in four years many young tennis players come and go. Many not wanting to return, they told me, from the lack of interest from fellow students and "fans." I thought school and town spirit was supposed to be for all teams. Then I talked to parents of former students in tennis who said they would love to watch the matches played in Snyder, but don't know when they are scheduled. The sports editor prints dates and times of upcoming games concerning all other sports.

I've noticed sometimes even the day before in headlines on the sports page. If the tennis team is lucky, they get a half-inch column stating the day and that's usually shared with the golf team's schedule. One example that truly upset me was the half-page coverage on the baseball team losing while the tennis team wins weren't even reported.

I talked with Brent Taylor, the sports editor, about this and I was told he waits on Coach Redwine to turn in the results. Believe me, if Coach Redwine could write the results, we would have a half-page coverage also.

Snyder High School should be very proud of Coach Redwine and all he has accomplished in two years. He has improved both boys and girls tennis teams more than I can say. He pushed for and got new tennis courts that will benefit teams for many years. We were able to host the district tournament in Snyder this year, thanks to the improved courts.

I hope the fans of Snyder High School athletics will give Coach Redwine the thanks and gratitude he very much deserves.

I wish I had an organized, dated list as Ms. Wells did to compare other sports and tennis. However, I got so frustrated over the years looking for articles to clip for Michelle's scrapbook, that I have few to use.

Now that we are in our final tournament of this school year, and Michelle's last with Snyder High, I suppose it was time for me to express my view. Last Friday and Saturday the tennis team played the district tournament here as I previously stated. Other than it being a privilege to host the event, we were excited at the prospects of our placing to advance to regionals.

During a break in play, I called Brent Taylor at the newspaper and asked several questions regarding the newspaper coverage of our district tournament. He told me once again, he waits for the results to be given to him by Coach Redwine. He also said he was told there are regulations prohibiting his taking pictures during matches, because he's not allowed on the courts.

Why not have pictures of the players who win published with the article; there are other places for them to pose other than the courts. It doesn't have to be an "at that moment" picture. Although I have seen other teams have pictures taken during play.

Parents of former tennis players from Snyder High tell me it's always been poorly covered and will probably always be that way. How sad that is for those students who hang in there year after year, dedicated and loyal to the whole team (there's not many). Like the golf team, this is a two-semester sport played during the whole school year, not just a six weeks or two.

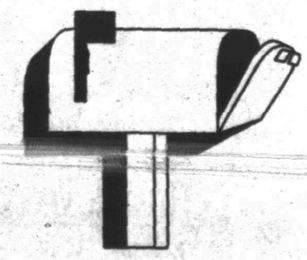
The tennis team did receive a better write up in Monday's paper but still no pictures of the three players advancing to regionals. I guess pride comes in numbers.

I hope next year will be the beginning of fair play in reporting all sports equally, no matter how unpopular it seems. After all, these are all Snyder High students, just trying their best and hoping to be recognized for their accomplishments.

Thank you, Michelle, for making us the proud parents of a gifted student, a talented tennis player and a dedicated and loyal participant.

Thank you for letting another disgruntled parent air her views on fairness; or is it unfairness?

Nita Chaney
Snyder





UNDEFEATED — Headed to state contests undefeated is the Snyder High School FFA poultry judging team. Pictured from left are Dr. Leslie Thompson, contest coordinator; Matthew Miller, Ty Jones, Michael Davis, Heath Irvine, Jeremy Clifton and Advisor David Frazier. (Contributed Photo)

Thirty FFA students will compete in state contest

Hard work and dedication do pay off.

This is the lesson that many of Snyder's FFA members learned over the course of the judging season.

Thirty students from Snyder FFA will represent the Area II in the FFA State Contests held over the next two weekends. Each team qualifed for state by competing in area competition last wekend at Texas Tech University.

Some 200 schools competed.

The Snyder poultry and horse judging teams placed first both in area and at Tech. Members of the poultry team included Jeremy Clifton who was high individual while Ty Jones was second. Other team members are Matthew Miller, Heath Irvine and Michael Davis.

Members of the first place horse judging team were Shawn Purcell, Darcee Purcell, Veronica Williams and Seth Crawford.

The dairy products team was second place in area competition and seventh at Texas Tech. Team members are Jay Calloway, Brady Collier, Aron Stanley and Bradi Wolf.

These teams joined the crops team of Marci Irvine, Brandon Williamson, Matt Preston and Cody Cribbs at the state contest.

Other Snyder teams entered at state will be the farm business management team of Clark Church, Shaunna Huddleston, Jenise Judah and Amanda Wells; the horticulture team of Seth Knox, Sara Pierce, Tyson Hallmark and Tommy Gordon.

Other teams completing last weekend, but short of qualifying for state, was the livestock team of Stephanie Uptergrove, Brandon Hackfeld, Justin Stribling and Shane Robinson. The team was fifth in district.

Placing second at district and sixth at area was the meats team of Mark Cave, Cody Cribbs, Will Collier and Niki Claborn.

Snyder FFA teams are coached by David Frazier, Bob Hand and student teacher Jim Bob Stewart.

Snyder FFA to present programs

Third grade students in Snyder schools will learn that chocolate milk doesn't come from brown cows and that macaroni is made from wheat.

This and other information will come during the Food for American presentations on May 2.

Members of the Snyder Future Farmers of America chapter will present demonstrations about the sources of food and other products the students use every day. The elementary teachers will also use materials integrating additional information about agriculture into the students' lessons during April and May.

"We wanted to do this Food for America program because too many students think their food just comes from the grocery store," said Monica Robertson. "Even though we live in a rural area, very few students actually live on farms. We want to take this a step further to help students realize that agriculture is more than just farming."

By presenting the Food for America program, we want to help them better understand where many of the products they use every day comes from," added Shauna Huddleston.



Rebecca Ramey

Ramey is top language student

ABILENE — Rebecca Ramey, a Hermleigh High School graduate, will be honored as outstanding foreign language student at McMurry University Saturday during the annual awards luncheon.

Ramey is majoring in multidisciplinary studies with fields in Spanish, French, history and education.

Miss Ramey has been selected a member of Kappa Delta Pi, the national education honor society. Membership is based on character as well as a minimum grade-point average of 3.5.

Miss Ramey served as a varsity cheerleader last fall and is a member of Gamma Sigma women's social club and has held numerous offices. She completed the first semester of this year on the Dean's List with a 4.0 GPA.



ADVANCE TO STATE — Snyder FFA's horse team beat more than 80 other teams to advance to the state contest. From left are Advisor David Frazier, Seth Crawford, Veronica Williams, Darcee Purcell, Shawn Purcell and contest officials Dr. Heiki Brady and Nicky Johnson.

Committee recommends cancer fighting drug

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — A Food and Drug Administration advisory committee recommended approval of a new cancer drug that may help ovarian cancer patients who have failed to improve after treatment with other drugs.

The committee, made up of non-government scientists, recommended approval of topotecan by a vote of 8-0 Friday. The FDA is not obligated to approve the drug, but the agency generally follows the recommendations of its advisory committees.

Topotecan was developed by SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals of Philadelphia and is the first of a new class of drugs. It inhibits an enzyme that is essential for growth of tumors.

If approved, the drug will be marketed under the name Hycamtin.

The drug company presented results from two studies that showed topotecan acted against malignancies in 21 percent of ovarian cancer patients given the drug. This was compared with a response rate of 13 percent in patients treated with taxol, now one of the most widely used drugs for ovarian cancer.

Some side effects from the toxicity of topotecan were slightly more severe and slightly more common than with taxol, but both SmithKline and FDA experts said the complications could be successfully treated.

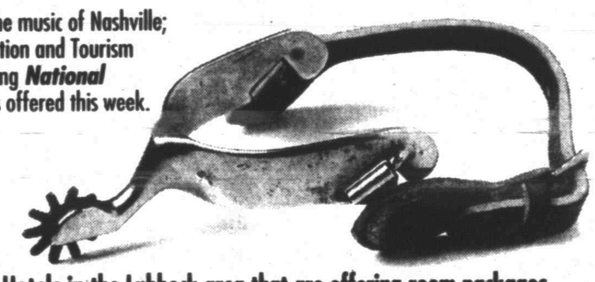
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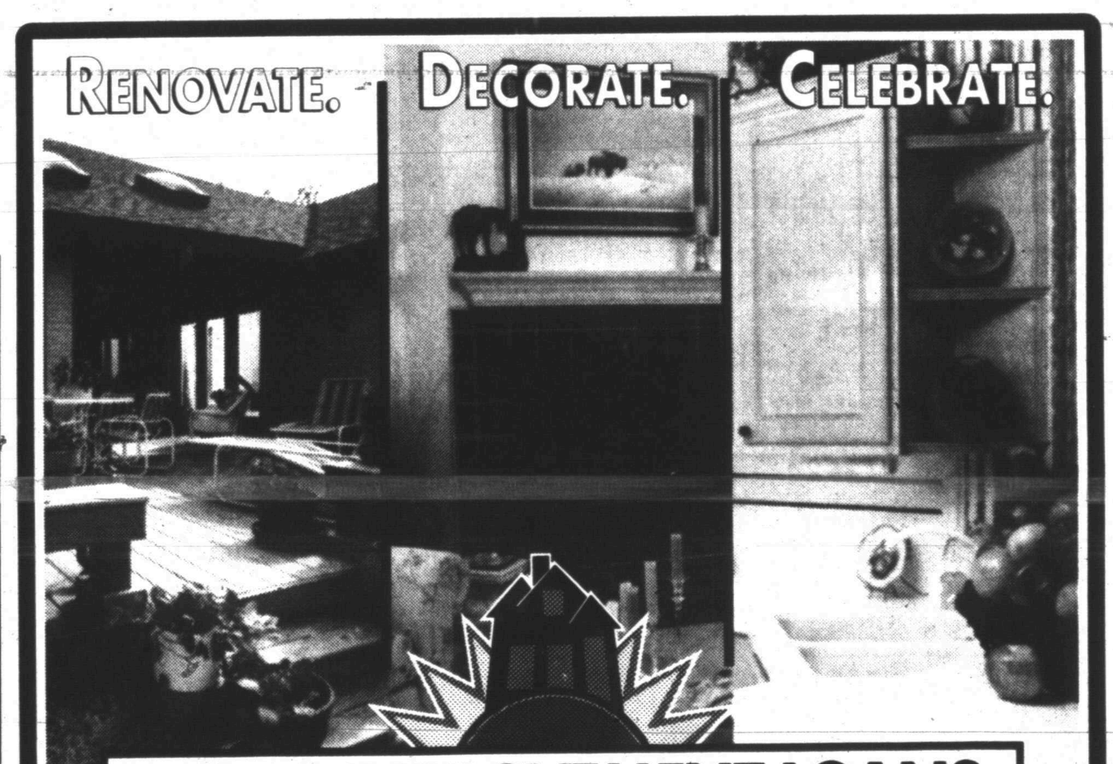
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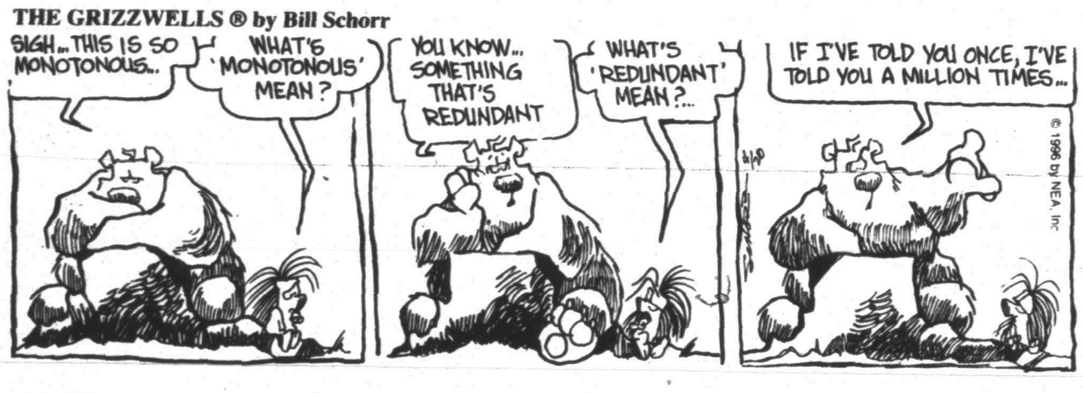
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NEA Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Abandon (a lover)
5 Actor Cosby
9 Pres. initials
12 — — about
13 Amorous look
14 Meadow
15 Edible seaweed
16 Protuberance
17 Bank acct. info
18 Type of bread
19 Caress
20 Electric units
22 Woe is me!
24 Distant
25 Optimist
27 U.S. service branch
31 Montreal ballplayer
32 Actor — Hirsch
33 Judge Lance —
34 Aunt or uncle (abbr.)
35 Trots
36 Preposition
37 Foes
39 Perspire
40 That thing's
41 Door fastener
42 Opposite of best
45 Odd
46 Olympic org.
49 Chemical suffix
50 Poet Pound
52 Singer Seeger
53 Bog
54 Horse color
55 — jacket
56 Superlative suffix
57 Wants (sl.)
58 Stimulate (the appetite)

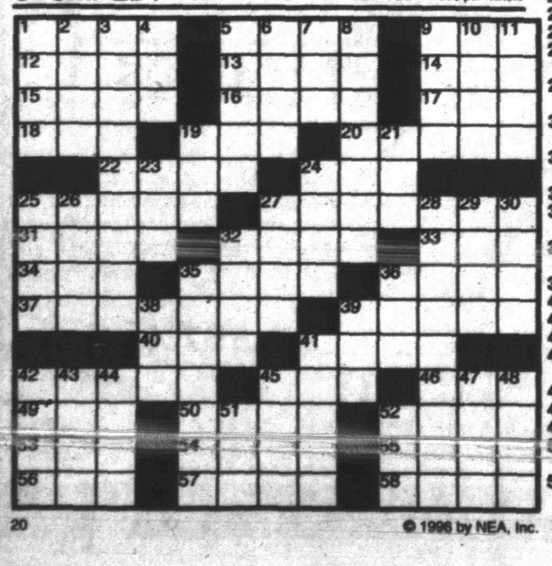
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1 Soupe du —
2 Not outwardly
3 Tomato (2 wds.)
4 Singing syllable
5 Skeletal parts
6 — — Rhythm
7 Atty.'s deg.
8 Downwind
9 Move quickly
10 Surface
11 Kin of mice
19 On a — with
21 Jackie's 2nd husband
23 Author Tolstoy
24 Crazes
25 In this spot
26 Draft animals
27 Coffee cups
28 Follower of 89th
29 Miss Kett of the comics
30 Fireplace gook
32 Namath and DiMaggio
35 Skittish
36 Nocturnal bird
38 Incorrect (pref.)
39 Type of sauce
41 Legumes
42 Spouse
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44 Tenant's payment
45 — Tarkenton
47 Plains Indian
48 Penny
51 Actress — Caldwell
52 Church seat

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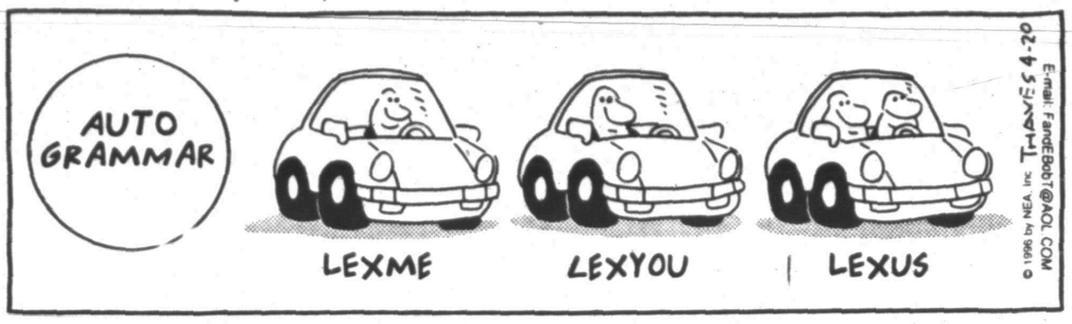
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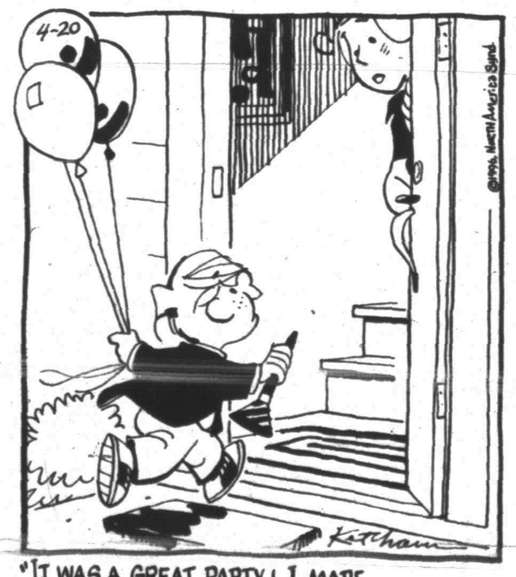


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Your financial position will improve during the coming year. However, you must have patience because these maneuvers will require delicate timing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may be in the running for a good-guy award today. Someone you recently helped will want to show his or her gratitude in a material way. Do not resist. Taurus, 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. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today, try to function as a bridge between two dissenting friends. You can help to bring them together. Eventually, they will see eye to eye.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Self-approval will be the key to success today. If you feel good about yourself and your abilities, outstanding achievements are possible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even if you are far away from the one you love today, your dreams, aspirations and expectations will be in close harmony with this special person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today, someone who appreciates you may secretly help you with a delicate maneuver that will affect your career. His or her gesture will make you look good.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today you will have an exhilarating and inspiring influence on your companions. Your behavior will make them feel warm and fuzzy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) The laws of reciprocity will work in your favor today. You will receive more than you gave in return for each generous gesture you make to others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today, you may have an opportunity to create a stronger bond with someone you admire. These feelings will be mutual.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your creativity will help you to produce pleasant, lasting effects today. Use your talents for the beautification of your personal surroundings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) That buzz of conversation between friends today will be mostly about you. Your ears will ring with all the nice things they will say.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Financial trends will favor you today. Focus your intellect and energies on situations that generate profitable returns.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Today you can get others to believe in ideas and issues about which you feel strongly. Do not be afraid to make your positions known.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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DEAR ABBY: I respectfully disagree with Howard Childress, whose letter appeared in a recent column. Mr. Childress maintained that sex, violence and bad language on TV are merely reflections of society and do not really influence the viewers.

If he were right, advertising agencies across the nation would be out of business.

Through those ad agencies, U.S. advertisers are spending billions (that's with a "b") per year to influence viewers to buy their products and services. They know how much television influences viewers; they have tested it many times!

Abby, imagine a dialogue between a concerned viewer and a TV executive. It might go something like this:

CONCERNED VIEWER: Mr. Television Executive, your shows have too much sex, violence and bad language in them. They're a bad influence on our young viewers.

TV EXECUTIVE: Our shows just reflect society; we don't really influence viewers. They will do what they want, no matter what we put no TV.

VIEWER: Fine, Mr. Executive. I want to buy a minute of advertising on one of your prime-time shows. How much will that cost?

EXECUTIVE: We can let you have a minute of prime-time advertising for just $100,000.

VIEWER: What? $100,000! Why so much?

EXECUTIVE: Because we reach so many households and so many potential buyers of your products and services. We know we have great influence with our advertising; we've tested it.

VIEWER: Wait a minute. Are you telling me that sex, violence and bad language don't influence your viewers, but your advertising influences your viewers so much that you are going to charge me $100,000 per minute for it?

EXECUTIVE: Yes. That's exactly what I'm telling you.

VIEWER: Well, I think I'll find another way to spend my money.

KEN LEINWEBER,
WILLINGBORO, N.J.

DEAR MR. LEINWEBER: I was inundated with letters from readers who disagreed with Howard Childress. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Although a regular reader, I have never written before. But I had to respond to Howard Childress about the media reflecting rather than setting the standards, values and trends of society.

He is right, of course. But the media are not off the hook. The human condition has always included a base nature. In the name of money, the media are pandering to that nature.

There will always be a market for trash. Media leaders could and should use their positions of power and influence to reflect the best in us. When they choose to reflect the worse, a dirty atmosphere is created, which adds to the downward spiral of morals and values we now see. The media certainly contribute to this spiral.

If you print this, you are welcome to use my name.

JONATHAN ROTH, PLANO, TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the letter from Howard Childress, who said the media only reflect the trends of society rather than set them:

You, sans qualification, replied that there was truth in his observation. We have ample evidence that the media do, in fact, affect how people behave. Would Mr. Childress suggest that commercials are merely a reflection of people's buying habits? Aren't they actually deciding our buying habits?

Mr. Childress used stories from the Bible as substantiating evidence. Let's look at the evidence that is better documented and more reliable. Children are murdering children. Short of the original sin, children are innocent until taught to do bad things. They don't instinctively throw baby brothers out of 15-story buildings. They learn to devalue life from watching lives bring snuffed out. Where do they see people taking lives? TV and movies. I wouldn't say from books because most people don't read many books.

I remember studying a case in psychology class where a small village, similar to the one Mr. Childress described, was without TV. Cables were run into the village. Sociologists, realizing the opportunity to study TV's effect, surveyed the villagers. Two years after the installation, they resurveyed, finding that aggression and the propensity for violence had increased disturbingly.

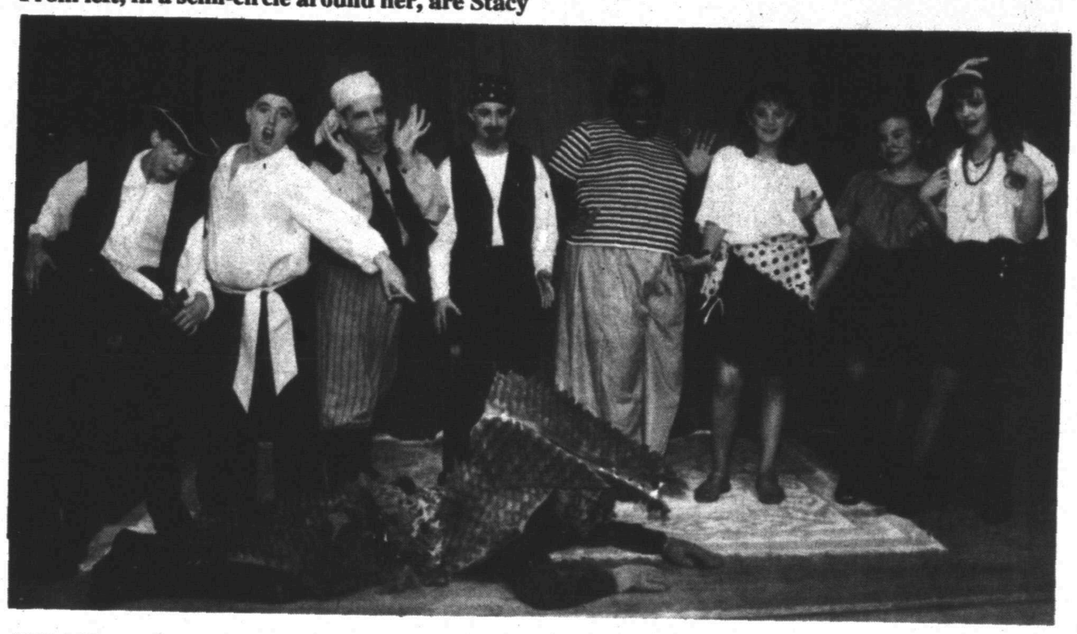
While I agree, the media do reflect social mores, they undoubtedly influence those mores greatly.

We must hold producers and advertisers responsible for this influence; otherwise, we will likely become prisoners in our own homes.

— JEFF PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS



FAMILY — This family scene is part of Snyder Junior High's "Peter Pan" production slated April 18-20. Leslye Starnes is shown at center. From left, in a semi-circle around her, are Stacy Olsen, Lindsey Bunch, Corey Knipe, Colby Stocker, Laura Canada and Kevin Taylor. (SDN Staff Photo)



PIRATES! — Pirates Lyndell Lee, Michael Qualls, Brandon Bolding, Kayla Phillips, Amy Brooks, Kim Moore, Audra Lily and Cara Babcock (left to right) star in Snyder Junior High School's spring musical, "Peter Pan. Michael Arbuckle plays the alligator.(SDN Staff Photo)

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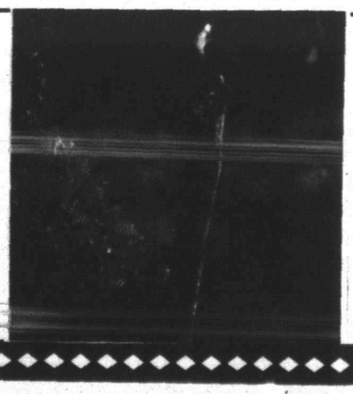


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Constable, 87, to retire "when he gets old"

SMITHVILLE (AP) — When August Meduna retired from his job as a prison guard 26 years ago, a rocking-chair life wasn't in the picture. He ran for county constable, got elected and has been at it ever since.

At 87, Meduna won the March 12 Democratic primary, has no Republican opponent and is ready to claim another four-year term in January.

"'When are you going to retire?' they ask me. I tell them, 'When I get old,'" Meduna said.

He sat at a desk in his small Smithville office, home base for a daily round of serving court papers to people scattered in towns and on farms and back-country tracts across southeastern Bastrop County.

"I can't jump over a rail fence anymore, but I feel good," Meduna said.

"I enjoy the job, and that's wonderful."

The state doesn't keep records on the oldest elected officials, and most public offices carry no maximum age. Ron DeLord, head of the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas, said most peace officers hang up their badges after they're eligible.

"He's not the oldest. There have been a few others," DeLord said. "But he might be the oldest working now. If there is another, there isn't more than one."

Meduna, who lives with his 86-year-old wife, Minnie, on the farm where he was born eight miles outside Smithville, figures he's good for another term.

"I hope so. That all depends on the one up above," he said. "If I couldn't (serve), I'd try to get a good man to take over the job."

The job of constable, for which Bastrop County pays Meduna $15,230 a year plus a $3,500 car allowance, consists of serving people with court documents such as lawsuit notifications, divorce papers, summonses, subpoenas and evictions. Constables sometimes serve misdemeanor arrest warrants as well, and state law gives them full peace officer powers.

Meduna, a farmer most of his life who still has 19 head of cattle on his 204 acres, was constable from 1951 to 1955. With his time as a prison guard, he tallies 35 years in law enforcement. In those years he's never pulled his gun on anyone, he said.

These days, he keeps his .32-caliber chrome revolver handy, But, there's more to it than that.

"You can take a man's life, but you can't give it back," Meduna said. "I don't believe in beating on people or coming out with my gun out. Maybe I'm easy, but if they get rough, I can get rough, too."

Generally, talking works best. When he serves criminal warrants, he said, he usually lets people come in for booking on their own. They almost always comply.

"Even when I have to arrest people, it's usually no trouble," Meduna said. "I don't know if they respect me or what. ... But it's (worked) pretty good. I never did like to put handcuffs on people. I think in 35 years I've put handcuffs on four or five of them."

Katie Warnke, the justice of the peace who has worked directly with Meduna for 10 years, said community respect is part of the key to that low-intensity law enforcement.

"He's just so well-known here in the county. I guess he does have the knack not to cause anybody to get irate with him or anything," she said. "I don't know anybody who doesn't like August."

Easygoing doesn't mean lax, though. Patti Mauldin, an administrator in the Bastrop County sheriff's department who handles civil process serving by the constables, said Meduna is plenty persistent. While the rules allow them to stop after three attempts at personally handing papers to the intended recipient, Meduna often tries a half-dozen times until he finally gets his man or woman, Mauldin said.

"He's super. He's a quiet man. He doesn't toot his own horn, and he's very dependable," she said. "He won't just go once. He keeps trying until he finds them or he finds where they went. ... Numerous times on the fifth or sixth time he's caught them."

Child immunization facts

•Prior to widespread immunization in the United States, infectious diseases killed or disabled thousands of children each year. Tens of thousands of cases of paralytic polio, and an average of 450,000 measles cases were reported annually.

•The measles epidemic of 1989-1991 affected more than 55,000 people; 11,000 were hospitalized and more than 130 died.

•A major cause of the measles epidemic was the failure to vaccinate children on time at 12-15 months of age.

•It is recommended that children in the United States receive vaccinations against ten diseases: diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, Haemophilus influenzae type b, and, most recently, varicella.

•Children need 90 percent of their vaccinations in the first two years of life, which requires multiple doses of vaccine and about five visits to a health care provider.

•All 50 states and the District of Columbia have immunization requirements for children entering day care and school; there are no such laws assuring that children are up-to-date on their shots by age 2.

•Immunization is one of the most effective medical interventions available. For every dollar spent on immunization as many as $29 can be saved in direct and indirect costs.

•Reported cases of vaccine-preventable diseases are at, or near, all-time low levels.

•Low levels of disease in the U.S. are associated with record high levels of immunization of preschool children. In 1994, over 83 percent of our nation's 2-year-olds were immunized against measles and polio, and over 90 percent were immunized with three or more doses of DTP (diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis).

•In 1994, 75 percent of the nation's 2-year-olds received the recommended series of 4 doses of diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis vaccine, 3 doses of polio vaccine, and 1 dose of measles/mumps/rubella vaccine, the highest level ever recorded. Despite this success, about 25 percent of America's toddlers — or almost 1.4 million 2-year-olds — lack one or more doses of this series.

•The year 2000 goal of the Childhood Immunization Initiative is to have at least 90 percent of all children immunized by 2 years of age.

•The World Health Organization declared the Americas free of polio in 1994; extraordinary progress has also been made toward global eradication of poliomyelitis. Reported cases of polio have declined by more than 80 percent globally since 1988.

On Tuesday, April 23, the Scurry County Health will offer extended clinic hours that day only, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 2 to 7 p.m.

Weems will enter roadeo

Bernard "Boxie" Weems of Snyder and Miguel Bernal of Levelland will represent the South Plains region at the Texas Public Transportation Association Conference Roadeo, scheduled April 30 in Lubbock.

Weems has captured the first place trophy at the last three annual regional roadeos. He is an employee of the South Plains Community Action Association in the SPARTAN transportation program as a driver for Scurry County.

The roadeo is designed to be a competitive test and measure of a driver's skill behind the wheel and knowledge of appropriate use of vehicle equipment.

Winner of the state contest will advance to the national Roadeo competition in Milwaukee.

DATE BOOK

April 21, 1996

Today is the 112th day of 1996 and the 33rd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1918, German World War I fighter ace Manfred von Richtofen, the "Red Baron," was shot down over France.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Charlotte Bronte (1816-1855), novelist; John Muir (1838-1914), naturalist; Anthony Quinn (1915-), actor, is 81; Queen Elizabeth II (1926-), monarch, is 70; Elaine May (1932-), director, is 64; Charles Grodin (1935-), actor, is 61; Patti LuPone (1949-), singer-actress, is 47; Tony Danza (1951-), actor, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1994, Cleveland Indians slugger Eddie Murray hit home runs from both sides of the plate for a record 11th time in his career.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Conventionality is not morality. Self-righteousness is not religion. To attack the first is not to assail the last." — Charlotte Bronte

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1989, the temperature in Las Animas, Colo., reached 100 degrees.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (April 17) and first quarter (April 25).

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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



Is bowel pattern abnormal?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a 32-year-old female. Four years ago, while under a lot of stress, I suffered from constant constipation. I would go four or five days without a bowel movement, followed by a whole day of cramps and diarrhea. Now I have just the opposite. There's almost constant diarrhea with very little warning. What's going on? I really don't want an upper or lower GI.

DEAR READER: You may not want intestinal X-rays ("upper and lower GI"), but you should have them. While most cases of constipation or diarrhea are directly related to diet (inadequate fluid, rich foods and so forth), bowel changes such as yours could indicate a treatable problem, including an ulcer or colitis.

The fact that your intestinal workings appear to be highly influenced by your emotional state suggests that your symptoms may be caused by irritable bowel syndrome, a common, harmless and annoying condition, marked by gas, poor digestion and constipation or diarrhea.

Before diagnosing IBS, your physician must first exclude other, more serious, diagnoses — hence, the X-ray tests.

If you have IBS, you may be helped by modifying your diet (to avoid foods that aggravate your problem) and using a stool-bulking agent, such as Metamucil.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Irritable Bowel Syndrome." 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: You have discussed the control of toenail fungus in the past with Pau d'Arco tea. Would you cover the management once again and indicate where the tea can be purchased?

DEAR READER: Also known as LaPacho tea because it is derived from the bark of the lapacho tree (which Brazilians call the "divine tree"), it is believed to strengthen the body's defenses and has been used to treat a wide range of afflictions in some countries. I am not aware that it cures anything but toenail fungus.

The tea is available in most health-food stores. Here is how to use it:

Brew LaPacho tea as you would for drinking purposes. Let the tea steep until the beverage is comfortably hot. Then soak the toenails in the tea, until it is tepid, usually 15 to 20 minutes.

The process should be repeated three or four times a day until the desired results are achieved. The brew can be reheated and reused several times before being discarded.

I do not have an explanation why this method seems to cure resistant toenail fungus. But many readers have told me that it does. Moreover, the technique is safe and relatively inexpensive, unlike the standard therapy using prescription anti-fungal agents.

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Ira student on TSTC honor roll

WACO — James Burl Norris of Ira is listed on the President's Honor Roll for the fall quarter at Texas State Technical College (TSTC) in Waco.

Norris is a student in the Aircraft Pilot Training program.

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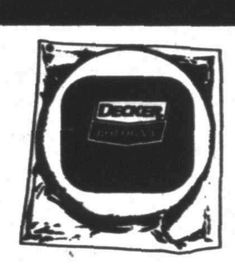
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