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Home of Troy Lilly

FINAL TOUCHES — Snyder Chamber of Commerce executive director Donna Fowler, right, with help from parks director Scott Crenwelge, this morning was putting the final touches on decorations for tonight's annual banquet in the Scurry County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

Near Towle Park...

Short paving project may trigger better streets in Snyder

By Wade Warren
SDN Managing Editor

Informally agreeing that all streets inside the Snyder city limits should be paved, the city council voted unanimously Monday night to pave some 350 feet of Ave. Z south from Towle Park Road.

The action came following a request from Cloyce Talbott to have the city absorb some of the cost of paving the roadway adjacent to where Talbott is building a home.

Vic Chambers of the city's planning department, told the council prior to its discussion that "Historically, persons wanting improvements made, pay for it themselves."

Chambers said Talbott had indicated he would pay half of the costs of paving and curbing the street.

The estimated cost the city had compiled when the request was made about one year ago was $46,000 and the city's participation will hinge on whether Talbott is still agreeable to paying half.

David Harrell, whose district Talbott resides in, said the paving is a touchy subject with some people, but added, "It could be the start of a road improvement project similar to the city's ongoing waterline replacement."

James Ashley said he favors a street improvement project, but added that he had a problem with it, "If this is the only street we do."

Ashley said he would like to see a commitment for the city to look at a street program, noting that there is, by his estimate, 10½ miles of dirt roads within the city limits.

Dana Cooley, city attorney, repeatedly warned the council not to commit to a street improvement program Monday night since it was not on the agenda.

Mayor pro-tem Vernest Tippens said she had mentioned at a prior council meeting that Sweetwater had placed asphalt on all its dirt streets without the expense of adding curbs and gutters, but "the idea was just swept away and no one seemed that interested."

In other action items Monday, the council voted 4 to 1 to accept the bid of the Lubbock firm of Allen Doggett Construction for work on utility lines at the 37th Street bridge over Deep Creek.

John Reed voted against the motion, stating he would prefer a local company to do the work.

Doggett bid $131,063, while Jack's Roadboring of Snyder turned in a bid for $138,687.

Cooley told Reed that state law required the city to take the low bid unless there are extenuating circumstances for not accepting it.

The council accepted the low bid on a backhoe for $46,985 from West Texas Equipment of Abilene. The only other bid received was for $48,350.

Action on the contract between the city and Borden County for using city-owned fire fighting equipment and manpower was tabled until a more accurate cost of responding to each alarm was known, and the yearly lease of $1 for the East and West fire stations with the Snyder ISD also was tabled.

The city is to explore whether they can transfer the titles of the structures to the school district before approving a new contract.

The council went into executive session at 9:15 p.m. to begin the yearly evaluation of City Manager John Gayle. It reconvened in open session at 10:15 and took no action.

The evaluation is expected to be on next month's agenda.

Mayor Francene Noah presided and council members in attendance were Ashley, Reed, Harrell, Tippens and Terry Martin. I.E. Martin was absent.

Also Saturday and Sunday...

Ritz play starts Friday with many local actors

The opening night performance of the Ritz Community Theatre's spring production, *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*, will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Ritz Theatre on the south side of the square.

The popular children's classic, dramatized from the book by C.S. Lewis, is set in the magical land of Narnia, and stars a cast of 38 locals ranging in age from 4th grade through adult.

Corey Knipe, a WTC sophomore from Snyder, plays Aslan, the great Lion King.

Doylene Gilliland, a veteran of the Ritz stage, plays the White Witch; the children, who wander into Narnia through the back of an old wardrobe, are played by Casey Pierce as Peter; Leah Phillips and Blake Robertson double cast as Susan; Craig Robertson as Edmond, and Whitney Parks and Meghan Cooley double cast as Lucy.

Mr. and Mrs. Beaver are portrayed by Joseph Hefner and Eleanor Ashley; Tumnus, the faun, is played by Tyler Noblett; Fenrus Ulf, the wolf is portrayed by Jacob Brumley. Mythical creatures of the forest include the Unicorn played by Carcie Posey and Terryn Autry, the Centaur played by Nathan Graves and Starla Early, the Dwarf played by Lindsey Cox, the Elf portrayed by Danielle Phillips, the White Stag is Stephanie Parmer and the Wood Nymphs are Kristina Mayer, Corie Hernandez and Stephanie Parmer.

Joe Hefner is Father Christmas.

Aslan's animal friends are the Bear who is Rachael Dupree, the Redbird is Raven Luna, the Raccoon is Stacy Clifton, the Bunny is Autumn Castillo, the Duck is Brailee Sanchez, the Mouse is Sarah Parmer, and the Skunk is Starla Early. The White Witch's army is portrayed by Andrew Dupree, Tasha Ball, Kanaan Short, April Boyd, Javiel Rowe, Lacee Early, Zane Tandy and Monica Clanton.

The production is directed by Ellie Dryden and will continue its run at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. and also March 15-17. The box office at the Ritz is open Monday through Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. for reservations. Call 573-8880 or come by the theatre. Tickets are $7 for adults, $5 for students and children, and $5 for everyone for the Sunday matinee.

Two charged with bail jumping...

DWI arrests lead March indictments

Scurry County grand jury returned indictments against nine individuals in its session Monday.

Those indicted include Tiffany Lasha Sneed, 29, of 1922 24th St. who is charged with bail jumping and failure to appear on May 6, 1999.

Also charged with bail jumping and failure to appear is Gerardo Arellano, 37, of 806 23rd St. He is charged with jumping bail on Feb. 7.

Five people were indicted for felony driving while intoxicated, one person on two counts.

Juan Louis Hernandez, 45, of 908 23rd St. was indicted for DWI on Jan. 25, and again on Feb. 22. He has prior DWI convictions in 1987 in Adams County, Colo., and in Scurry County in 1993.

James Michael Coonrod, 47, of 8538 CR 4114 was charged with DWI on Jan. 17. He has prior convictions for the offense in 1986 in Travis County and in 1997 in Mitchell County.

Rudy Garcia, 41, of 1805 Colorado St. in Colorado City was indicted for DWI on Feb. 14. Garcia has prior convictions for the same offense in 1993 in Scurry County and in 1998 in Mitchell County.

Also indicted for DWI was Daniel Contreras Lara, 38, of 1517 Bryan St. in San Angelo. He is charged with a Feb. 9 offense.

Lara has two prior convictions for DWI in 1998 in Tom Green County.

Rafel Guerrero, 45, of 605 Llano St. in Coleman was charged with DWI on Feb. 8. Guerrero has two prior convictions in Coleman County — one in 1990, and another in 1995.

Matthew Lynn Norman, 19, of Rt. 3 in Post was indicted for the Jan. 9 offense of forgery. He is accused of passing a forged check for $320 at United Supermarkets. Norman is currently in jail in Post on other charges.

One other person was indicted, but has not been arrested.

Snyder ISD trustees...

Teacher contracts subject of school meeting tonight

Personnel matters dominate Snyder ISD school board agenda this evening as teacher contracts are up for one-year renewals.

The contract renewals will be for the 2002-2003 school year.

Three letters of resignations also have been received. These letters are from James Romig, junior high band director; Judy Sheridan, diagnostician at Humble-Smith; and Rita Wolf, kindergarten teacher at Stanfield Elementary.

Trustees are also expected to adopt the school calendar for 2002-2003.

The calendar calls for school to start Aug. 19, and end May 29, with the Christmas vacation being Dec. 23-Jan. 3.

Spring break is scheduled for March 10-14.

Trustees also will consider bids for repairs to the air conditioning chiller at Snyder High School, and the contract with the city for the school's use of the East and West fire stations.

The textbook committee report for 2002 also will be reviewed, as will amendments to this year's budget.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the boardroom of the administration building.

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Marriage is an expensive way to get your laundry done free."

Ole what's-her-name's favorite son, once figured to be a certified bachelor, has now been demoted to second-in-command at his house.

He's spent the better part of 31 years getting ready for the ceremony. In the past few years it seems like he had to attend the wedding of a friend or school chum just about every other week.

It was at those weddings where all the guys gather around the lone single fellow, poke him in the side and say, "you're next."

We once had an ole bachelor uncle who had heard that so many times that he started to get even. At family gatherings, usually a funeral, he would slide up to the other gents, poke 'em in the ribs and say, "you're next."

We've always paid a lot of attention to weddings, at least after the fact. When Jo Ann Nunley is out of pocket, we've had to figure out all the notes and put it into some kind of readable narrative.

Two things have always impressed us. We've never been called on to write a wedding story that didn't have a "lace bodice" or "poi de soie."

We never knew what they were, but we figured they were as necessary as the license that you get from the county clerk's office.

At the wedding, we decided to pass time and hunt for 'em. We never did find the lace bodice, but we may have encountered the poi de soie among the finger foods at the reception.

We made another observation. Everybody sure gets dressed up for weddings. Women carry a hanky.

Shoot, we needed one and certainly the father of the bride deserved one — especially after adding up all the expenses.

We may have been one of the few folks in the church without new duds. Ole what's-her-name didn't kick up any fuss about our favorite tie, because she figured we'd just drop some of that poi de soie on it.

The highlight, of course, were the couple's Aggie friends in attendance. Every now and then there was an audible "Whoop!"

When said in church, we're told that to Aggies it means the audience is in agreement with the speaker, you know like "Amen."

But the bride's father wasn't the only dad in the house dealing with wedding sticker shock.

It would have been a lot cheaper to jump over a broomstick.

ASK US

Q—Are private schools members of the UIL?

A—No, but they can compete against UIL teams in non-district play.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Monday, 60 degrees; low, 17; 7 a.m. Tuesday, 30; no precipitation; total for 2002, 1.48 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, mostly clear, low around 35; S winds 10-20 mph. Wednesday, sunny, warmer, high around 75. SW winds 10-20 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy, low around 45.

Ashleigh Jenkins
Warm

Sunset: 6:45 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:05 a.m.
Of 63 days in 2002, the sun has shone 60 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

Courage is fear holding on a minute longer.
—George S. Patton

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Escalation of war increases U.S. troops' risk

By SALLY BUZBEE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — American helicopters are shot down and soldiers killed. An intense battle is waged on the ground. A well-armed and wily enemy is dug in and determined to fight.

After months of what seemed mostly a cleanup operation, the sudden escalation of the war in Afghanistan has made clear that victory may be far off, as President Bush has repeatedly warned.

And it could be quite costly, as the rising American casualty count shows.

"We are entering a phase where we will physically go to places on the ground inside Afghanistan to clear out pockets of resistance. ... And yes, it is more dangerous," the war commander, Gen. Tommy Franks, said Monday.

For the first time in the war on Afghanistan, U.S. soldiers are taking the lead role and engaging in a full-scale battle against al-Qaida fighters while their Afghan allies mostly play a backup role.

Sensitive to the public's reaction to the growing dangers, White House officials drew up a communications plan meant to persuade Americans that al-Qaida fighters have suffered worse casualties and that America is winning. They also planned to remind Americans, again, that casualties are a part of war.

"The president has said to our country that we need to be prepared for casualties," said White House spokesman Ari Fleischer.

AP Analysis

Despite persistent reminders, though, Americans may have had a false sense that the worst was past, White House officials worry.

Pentagon officials made a point of stressing Monday that more battles lie ahead inside Afghanistan, and that the United States will not flinch.

"The only choices for al-Qaida are to surrender or to be killed. And we're prepared to go on as long as that may require," said Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Yet the al-Qaida forces that America faces are so resourceful they managed to escape once before — and have numerous ways to do it again.

In mid- to late-December, a small number of U.S. troops working with and directing local Afghans managed to push al-Qaida fighters out of the mountains at Tora Bora. But many al-Qaida simply escaped, apparently going across to Pakistan and then returning to Gardez, south of Tora Bora, where many are now.

This time, of the 2,000 troops involved in the new assault, half are Afghans and half are Americans and coalition soldiers, Franks said. The Americans are in the middle of the fight, and the Afghans serving more of a support role by trying to block escapes.

The offensive may have taken some Americans by surprise because, since Tora Bora, only a few U.S. strikes at al-Qaida have been publicly acknowledged, said John Pike, a defense analyst at Globalsecurity.org in Washington.

Many more such operations have probably been launched in secret, Pike said, with the public probably only hearing of those that result in accusations the wrong people were hit.

Pentagon officials have been saying for weeks that pockets of al-Qaida fighters were regrouping in eastern Afghanistan.

"We've been following that, allowing it to develop until we thought it was proper time to strike," Myers said.

Now several hundred al-Qaida fighters are dug into the mountains, valleys and cave complexes around Gardez. They are well-armed, with experience using the type of rocket-propelled grenades and shoulder-fired surface-to-air missiles that can prove deadly to American helicopter pilots.

Despite the efforts to block any escapes, "It is very easy to move across borders and then come back in. It's very easy to slip into the mountains, into tunnels and caves and stay there for periods," said Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

When might it end? Pike said he expects U.S. troops to be on the watch indefinitely for signs of al-Qaida fighters coming together in various parts of the country.

Rumsfeld said such operations might tail off only when Afghanistan's central government gets stronger, and the country in general becomes more secure. "That's some distance off," the defense secretary said.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Sally Buzbee covers foreign affairs and the military for The Associated Press in Washington.

Brother recalls soldier killed in fighting

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — They were identical brothers and also brothers in uniform. They both followed their father into the Army and made a life as military officers.

On Monday, Steve Harriman spoke with sadness and grief about the death of his brother, the first U.S. casualty in the latest assault in Afghanistan.

Chief Warrant Officer Stanley L. Harriman, 34, of Wade, was killed by enemy fire in a ground attack Saturday. On Monday, the Pentagon said seven more American soldiers were killed and 11 were wounded in the assault.

"He had been gone for so long that I don't even remember if I told him that I was proud of him and loved him. I hope he knows that," Steve Harriman said.

Stanley Harriman had spent 16 years — his entire adult life — serving his country, his family said. He enlisted at the age of 18 and was stationed for 13 years at Fort Bragg.

"Stanley died for you and you and you," said his wife Sheila Harriman, gesturing to a gathering of reporters, "and for your freedom. All Stanley ever wanted to do was be an American soldier."

The couple's two children, daughter Darbi, 6, and son Stanley Christopher, 3, peered at reporters through a picture window at the front of the house. His father, Buzz Harriman, a retired Army major who flew helicopters during three tours in the Vietnam War, was also there.

Stanley Harriman was killed in a ground attack shortly after American forces, joined by Afghan and other allied troops, began the offensive against hundreds of al-Qaida fighters near the town of Gardez.

He had been a member of the Army's elite Special Forces, known as Green Berets, for eight years. His unit, the 3rd Special Forces Group, is one of seven such groups.

Each specializes in teaching and training soldiers in certain parts of the world, while developing an understanding of the people and culture. The 3rd Special Forces Group specializes in Africa.

Sheila Harriman said her husband went to Nigeria on a training mission shortly after Sept. 11 but returned in December. The couple spent almost a week together, but Stanley was suffering from malaria. Though running a high fever, he returned to duty and was sent to Kuwait. He had been in Afghanistan for only a few weeks when he was killed.

Harriman, a native of Nixa, Mo., had recently written an e-mail to Sheila and his two children saying how excited he was about taking part in the war on terrorism.

"He said 'Don't worry about me, the team and I will take care of each other and I will be home soon,'" Sheila Harriman said.

Lawyers: Most Enron cases likely to settle within a year

HOUSTON (AP) — With a trial date set for most Enron-related federal lawsuits, lawyers expect the majority of the cases to be settled long before then.

A law professor said huge risks in multibillion-dollar claims against the fallen energy giant will put even more pressure on the defendants to settle.

"The advantage of settlement to the defendants is less exposure of dirty secrets and possibly settling for less today than they might have to pay in four or six years, after all the appeals," Robert Schuwerk, a professor at the University of Houston Law Center who specializes in class actions, told the Houston Chronicle in today's editions.

He said retirees and other smaller plaintiffs would probably want whatever they could get right now, while institutional investors and other big shareholders can afford to wait.

U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon in Houston set at trial date of December 2003 for lawsuits against Enron officials and the company's former auditor, Arthur Andersen LLC.

More than 70 lawsuits have been filed by shareholders and former employees in Harmon's court.

Most lawyers in the Enron cases contacted by the newspaper said they expected the bulk to be settled within a year.

Attorneys for one defendant, Enron auditor Arthur Andersen, already have been talking to the Securities Exchange Commission and plaintiffs' lawyers about a global settlement that would put this case, another unrelated case and federal fines behind it.

William Lerach, the lawyer for the University of California, lead plaintiff in the shareholder suits, also indicated he expects settlement.

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Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Today is the 64th day of 2002, and the 75th day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1770, British soldiers killed 5 colonists in what was termed "The Boston Massacre." The soldiers, however, acted in self-defense, and were acquitted thanks to the unlikely help of John Adams as their defense attorney.

On this day in 1933, the Nazi party won a majority in the German parliament for the first time. They received over 17 million votes, or 43 percent of the popular vote.

On this day in 1995, the graves of Czar Nicholas II and his family were finally found in St. Petersburg, Russia.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Marsha Warfield (1954 -), actress, is 48; Andy Gibb (1958 - 1988), singer; Niki Taylor (1975 -), model, is 27; Jake Lloyd (1989 -), actor, is 13.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1993, the Florida Marlins won their first-ever exhibition game, defeating the Houston Astros 12-8.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "They say I'm a walking miracle to have survived." - Niki Taylor, talking about her car accident.

TODAY'S MOON: Last quarter (March 5).

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Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:
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AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
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LITERARY GRANT BY WAL-MART — Dr. Missy Jones, assistant administrator for Snyder ISD, and Yadira Lavrece, ESL student, accept a check from R.F. Youngclaus, Wal-Mart manager. The grant is a part of Wal-Mart's Good Works Program and will aid ESL, computer and GED classes that meet Tuesday and Thursday from 5-8 at the Region 14 office, 4300 College Ave. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers meeting; Colonial Hill Baptist Church; for more information call Kathy at 573-1289 during the evening; weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m.

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

Beginners' AA open meeting; Snyder Park Club, 1212 37th Street; 573-8268, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for more information call 573-3733, 573-2101 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

TOPS TX56 (take off pounds sensibly); weigh-in and meeting 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; 2501 35th. For more information call Phillis Leatherwood at 573-6105.

WEDNESDAY

NA Just For Today, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-1438; 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; MAWC; Beth Dannheim will give a program on making a water fountain; 9:30 a.m., lunch at 11:30.

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

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information call 573-8268, 573-4048 or 573-1141; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

Defensive Driving Course, Texas Savings Bank, 27th and College Ave. For more information call 573-2850; 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

SHOWER HELD FOR COUPLE — Friends and family honored Karen Cross and Clay Gordy with a wedding shower on Feb. 23 in the home of Lynda Patterson. The couple will be married on March 9 in St. Paul's Chapel in Lubbock. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cross of Abilene and Billie Gordy of Snyder and Joe Gordy of Odessa. (Contributed Photo)

M.D. Anderson treats many children

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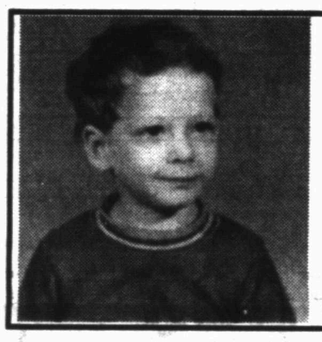

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

North 03-05-02
♠ 9 6
♥ A K 5 2
♦ A 7 6 3 2
♣ K 2

West
♠ 4
♥ Q J 10 8 7
♦ K J 8 5
♣ J 9 4

East
♠ J 7 3 2
♥ 9 3
♦ Q 10
♣ Q 10 8 6 5

South
♠ A K Q 10 8 5
♥ 6 4
♦ 9 4
♣ A 7 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 NT	Pass
5 ♥	Pass	6 ♠	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Tuesday, March 5, 2002

Recovering from defeat with a coup

By Phillip Alder

When do you think this sentence was written in France? "I feel sure that coups d'etat would go much better if there were seats, boxes, and stalls so that one could see what was happening and not miss anything."

There is a coup in this deal. Assuming you haven't peeked at the East hand, how would you plan the play in six spades? West leads the heart queen.

The declarer thought he saw 12 easy tricks: six spades, two hearts, one diamond, two clubs and one club ruff in the dummy. So, he won with dummy's heart king, cashed dummy's club king, played a club to his ace, and ruffed his last club with dummy's spade nine. However, after a spade to the ace and the spade king produced a heart discard from West, declarer paused to reassess his prospects.

With an unavoidable diamond loser, South had to reach trick 12 with his Q-10 of spades hovering over East's J-7. That meant South had to take two ruffs in hand. So, he played a heart to dummy's ace, ruffed a heart in hand (East threw a diamond), returned to dummy with a diamond to the ace, and trumped the last heart in his hand. Everyone was down to three cards. South exited with his final diamond. West won the trick, but then had to play a card, permitting South to win the last two tricks with his remaining trumps. It was a classic reduction d'atout — a trump coup.

The initial sentence was written by Edmond and Jules de Goncourt in December 1851. I wonder why the brothers used "I" rather than "We."

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Oldest Red-eared Slider cost 49 cents

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (AP) — Mike Conley was about 8 years old when his parents bought him a 49-cent drugstore turtle.

Forty years later, Tiger could be the world's oldest Red-eared Slider. The record had been 37 years, 9 months, said Joseph T. Collins, herpetologist emeritus at the University of Kansas Natural History Museum.

Once about the size of a half dollar, Tiger has grown to measure about 8 inches by 10 inches and lives in a metal washtub at Conley's parents' suburban Kansas City home.

"It's really incredible," said Conley, 47, who now lives in Dallas. "I tell people — when it comes up in the conversation — 'Remember those itty-bitty, quarter-size turtles you got at the drugstore? I still have mine.'

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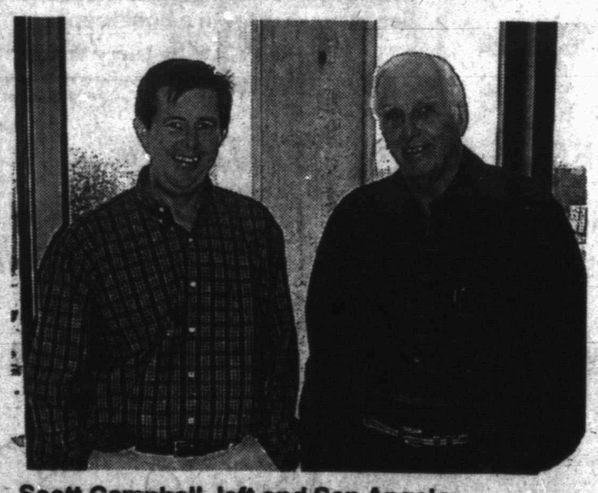

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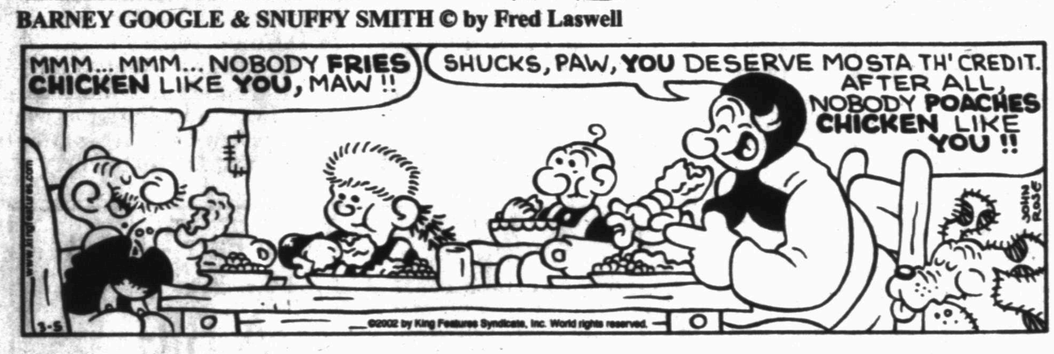

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ACROSS

1 Python
4 Ocean motion
8 Tattoo word
11 Annex
12 Thermometer type
13 Impresses greatly
15 Tie fabric
16 Fan noise
17 Construction toy
18 Frames of mind
20 Award for valor
21 Aah's partner
23 "— My Party"
24 Watch chains
27 Well-informed (2 wds.)
29 Mac rivals
32 Tick off
33 Wretched
34 Villain's laugh
35 Yale alum
36 102, to Cato
37 Consumer gds.
38 Mind reader's ability
39 Caution
40 Not wasted
41 Comic-strip caveman
42 CPR expert
44 "Alfie" star
47 Patronage
51 Confound it!
52 Stop
55 Santa —, CA
56 Long story
57 Horse's gait
58 Puppeteer Baird
59 Early jazz
60 Sideslip
61 Canonized Mlle.

DOWN

1 Road shoulder
2 Bogus butter
3 Puppy-chow brand
4 Body trunk
5 Roll-over subj.
6 Morse-code word
7 Golfer Ernie
8 About half of us
9 Had debts
10 Part of MHz
14 The sun
19 Give medicine
20 Atlas abbr.
22 Wheel cover
23 Common antiseptic
24 Not busy
25 Fixes a squeak
26 Radar object
28 Two of a kind
29 Univ. degrees
30 Detective's assignment
31 Tool storage
37 Remote button
39 Trouble
41 Pub sign (2 wds.)
43 Dull
44 LPs' successors
45 Middle Easterner
46 "Othello" heavy
48 Chitchats
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50 Bargain
52 Several pts.
53 "http://www
54 Debt letters

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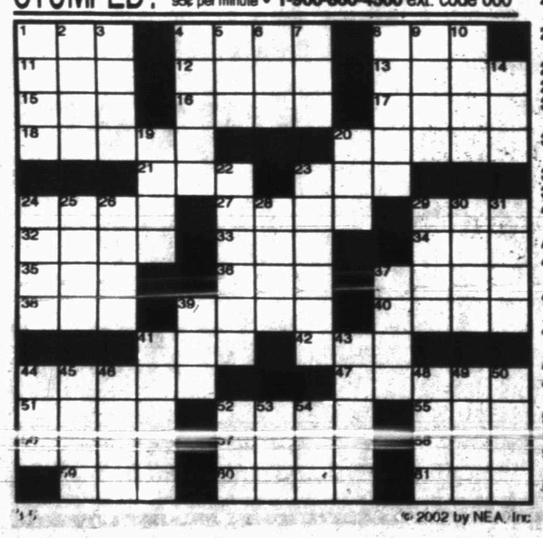

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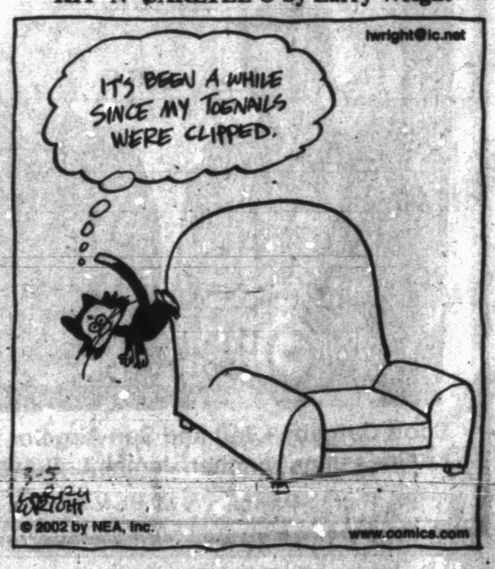

SPORTS

SHS softball squad opens district today

Following the conclusion of her team's final non-district game, Snyder High School softball coach Shelly Hayes said she was pleased with the squad's performance and progress. The Lady Tigers are hopeful their coach can say the same thing after tonight's contest.

Snyder squares off with the Lake View Maidens in the District 4-4A opener at 7 tonight in San Angelo.

The Lady Tigers enter league play with an 8-7 mark, while the Maidens are 7-8-1.

Snyder got on a roll during district last year, and rode the momentum all the way to the regional quarterfinals. Hayes is hopeful this year's squad can duplicate the feat.

"Last year, we really put it all together in district," Hayes said. "As a coach, you always want your team to peak at the right time, and hopefully we'll hit our stride during district this year.

"I'm really pleased with how we've been playing. We need to tighten up our defense a little, and be smart at the plate. With our pitching, if we do those two things then I think we have a good shot in district."

In other district action today, Andrews travels to Levelland. Plainview hosts Frenship, and Estacado visits Big Spring.

While the Lady Tigers open district play this evening, the Tiger baseball team hosts Odessa High at 6 p.m. at Moffett Field.

Ex-Arkansas coach was fired...

Richardson to appeal dismissal

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Former Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson intends to appeal his dismissal, his lawyer said Monday.

Arkansas bought out the remaining six years of Richardson's contract on Friday. The announcement came six days after Richardson had publicly said: "If they go ahead and pay me my money, they can take the job tomorrow."

Chancellor John A. White, who consulted with Athletic Director Frank Broyles before Richardson was bought out, said the ex-coach had until noon Monday to appeal to system President Alan Sugg. Richardson's attorney, John Walker, said he did not believe there was deadline.

Walker wrote letters to Sugg and White, the university said. The content of the letters were not released. The school said they pertained to a personnel matter and could be exempt from state Freedom of Information Act.

The university said it might release the letters later.

"Mr. Richardson ... did intend to seek review after being fully and completely informed of the nondiscriminatory reasons for the university's decision," Walker said. "He wanted to know what Dr. Sugg's involvement in the decision-making process was.

"Dr. Sugg, as the reviewer, would be unbiased, and he would at least stand in the way of arbitrary, capricious, discriminatory or punitive action being taken by Chancellor White or Mr. Broyles toward Mr. Richardson," Walker said.

An appeal to Sugg was seen as a prerequisite for possible legal action by Richardson against the university.

Sugg was not available Monday, his office said.

Walker characterized Richardson's departure from Arkansas as a termination, not a mutual ending of the coach's contract.

The school said it "concluded" Richardson's employment at Arkansas after he refused to resign.

Richardson said last Thursday that he wanted to remain as coach. Walker said Monday that White was wrong "when he indicated that Mr. Richardson desired to have Arkansas buy out his contract."

Also Monday, assistant coach Mike Anderson said he had talked to his former boss and that Richardson is "doing well."

"We did have a chance to sit down and visit, and believe it or not it wasn't about basketball," Anderson said on the Southeastern Conference teleconference in advance of this week's tournament. "Coach is doing good."

Anderson will coach the Razorbacks through the league tournament.

White called Anderson a strong candidate to replace Richardson.

"That's a promise that I will make to Mike Anderson, is, 'You're going to get a very good look in the process,'" White said. "He's got a great relationship with the players and I think the search committee will take a real good, hard look at Mike and give him every chance."

Frisco ditches 'Coons' in favor of 'Raccoons'

FRISCO (AP) — The Frisco Fighting Coons are no more.

Some students and parents in the North Dallas suburb had complained the nickname was racially offensive, and the Frisco School Board agreed Monday night, voting unanimously to change the nickname from Coons to Raccoons.

Superintendent Rick Reedy recommended the change.

Of several dozen people at Monday night's board meeting, many were vocal in their desire to keep the nickname the same as its been for 78 years. Some wore T-shirts and had signs in their yards reading, "Don't Rac my Coons."

Supporters said they had never learned to use "coon" as a racial slur and were proud of the nickname, created in 1924 when no one attached any racial significance to the name.

But school trustee Jimmy Gaffney said Monday night that it's time for a change.

"My dad thought it was the greatest thing going, and he is a racist, I'll be honest with you. I never taught this to my children. I don't want them to be a part of it. And I think our children today don't want to be a part of it," Gaffney said.

"I don't see any walls built at our school between our children, and I don't want to start that," Gaffney said.

Coon Memorial Stadium already had been changed to FISD Memorial Stadium. Frisco's water tower will have to be repainted, and T-shirts, bumper stickers and other signs will have to be changed to reflect the new nickname.

Students' reactions varied. "No one has ever said anything, ever, that I know of," said Jenny Forwark, who is white.

But black student LaVaughn Oliver, a sophomore, said, "I have a friend whose grandfather was killed by a Klan member, and he had that etched in on his chest, and it bothered him."

Valarie Blackman, another black student, said, "A lot of what's happening, you have new people moving in who have a tendency to take offense to that, as compared to the people who have always been here."

Track coach Steve Anthony, who is white, told Dallas television station WFAA: "If we're the Powder Puffs and we win football games and track meets, I don't care, that's my opinion. But for the kids to be made fun of, I don't think it's the appropriate thing."

Trustee Jane Whitledge said earlier, "I'm hoping that people understand that using the word raccoon in its full spelling is a way to maintain the tradition."

The superintendent late last week recommended the change, adding, "I feel that all decisions we make must come down to what is right for kids. It's important for students to be able to be proud of their school, and that includes its mascot. If one student is made to feel uncomfortable, that is one too many."

NCAA Basketball

MEN
TOURNAMENT
Colonial Athletic Association Championship
N.C.-Wilmington 66, Va. Commonwealth 51
Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Championship
Siena 92, Niagara 77
Mid-American Conference First Round
Akron 90, W. Michigan 83
Cent. Michigan 65, Ohio 56
Marshall 97, N. Illinois 93
Miami (Ohio) 71, Buffalo 60
Toledo 89, E. Michigan 53
Mid-Continent Conference Semifinals
Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 58, Oral Roberts 53
Valparaiso 71, UMKC 58
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference First Round
Coppin St. 61, Norfolk St. 46
Morgan St. 94, Florida A&M 91, 2OT
Missouri Valley Conference Championship
Creighton 84, S. Illinois 76
Southland Conference First Round
Lamar 53, Stephen F.Austin 36
Texas-San Antonio 99, SW Texas 83
Sun Belt Conference Semifinals
Louisiana-Lafayette 67, Ark.-Little Rock 53
W. Kentucky 73, New Mexico St. 72
West Coast Conference Championship
Gonzaga 96, Pepperdine 90

WOMEN
TOURNAMENT
Atlantic 10 Conference Championship
Temple 63, Saint Joseph's 58
Atlantic Coast Conference Championship
Duke 87, North Carolina 80
Big East Conference Semifinals
Boston College 67, Syracuse 48
Connecticut 83, Villanova 39
Big Ten Conference Championship
Indiana 75, Penn St. 72
Conference USA Championship
Cincinnati 68, Tulane 56
Mid-Continent Conference Semifinals
Oakland, Mich. 74, Oral Roberts 71
Valparaiso 66, Chicago St. 64, OT
Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference First Round
Md.-Eastern Shore 63, Morgan St. 44
N. Carolina A&T 57, Bethune-Cookman 53
Pac-10 Conference Championship
Arizona St. 70, Stanford 63
Sun Belt Conference Semifinals
Fla. International 80, Denver 65
North Texas 84, W. Kentucky 52

Sports Briefs

Nets' Martin suspended for one game

NEW YORK (AP) — Kenyon Martin of the New Jersey Nets was suspended for one game by the NBA after being called for his sixth flagrant foul of the season.

Six flagrants mean an automatic one-game suspension. Martin will miss Tuesday night's road game against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Shawn Kemp reinstated by NBA

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Portland Trail Blazers forward Shawn Kemp was reinstated by the NBA after serving a five-game suspension for violating the league's anti-drug agreement.

Kemp was suspended indefinitely on Feb. 22. At the time of his suspension, the league announced that Kemp would have to sit out until he resumed full compliance with his treatment program.

Dolphins want Ricky Williams

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Miami Dolphins made an offer to trade for Ricky Williams, the former Heisman Trophy winner for whom the New Orleans Saints gave up their entire 1999 draft.

Grbac says he will retire

BALTIMORE (AP) — Elvis Grbac will retire from the NFL instead of attempting to play for another team, the quarterback's agent said.

Released by the Baltimore Ravens last week after rejecting a restructured contract, Grbac turned down a proposal from the Cincinnati Bengals over the weekend.

Cowboys get deep snapper

IRVING (AP) — After five seasons with the St. Louis Rams, tight end and deep snapper Jeff Robinson agreed to a four-year contract with the Dallas Cowboys.

National Basketball Association

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
New Jersey	39	19	.672	—
Boston	32	27	.542	7½
Orlando	31	28	.525	8½
Philadelphia	30	29	.508	9½
Washington	28	30	.483	11
Miami	25	32	.439	13½
New York	21	36	.368	17½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	34	23	.596	—
Milwaukee	34	24	.586	½
Charlotte	29	30	.491	6
Indiana	29	30	.491	6
Toronto	29	32	.475	7
Atlanta	22	37	.373	13
Cleveland	21	38	.356	14
Chicago	16	43	.271	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Midwest Division				
Dallas	41	18	.695	—
Minnesota	40	19	.678	1
San Antonio	38	21	.644	3
Utah	33	26	.559	8
Houston	21	37	.362	19½
Denver	17	40	.298	23
Memphis	15	45	.250	26½
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	42	17	.712	—
L.A. Lakers	41	17	.707	½
Portland	36	24	.600	6½
Seattle	33	27	.550	9½
L.A. Clippers	30	30	.500	12½
Phoenix	28	31	.475	14
Golden State	16	41	.281	25

Monday's Games
Boston 100, Philadelphia 94
Atlanta 95, Memphis 76
Utah 100, Denver 82
Portland 107, Sacramento 95

Tuesday's Games
Atlanta at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 7 p.m.
Miami at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Golden State at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Seattle, 10:30 p.m.
New Jersey at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Orlando at Boston, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Portland, 10 p.m.

Sports Whirl

By SDN Sports Editor Eric Drennan

Catching up while anxiously waiting on this weekend's weather forecast for the Canyon Reef Relays and Tiger Baseball Tournament.

Norm Cash, better known as Detroit Tiger slugger Stormin' Norman, has been inducted posthumously into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

Cash was born not too far from Snyder in the thriving metropolis of Justiceburg, and played his high school sports at Post. In 17 seasons as a first baseman with the Chicago White Sox and Detoit, he had a career average of .271 with 377 career homers.

Also inducted this year were ex-Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman, former Houston Oiler linemen Mike Munchak and Bruce Matthews, NASCAR champions Bobby and Terry Labonte, and NFL Hall of Famer Dick "Night Train" Lane.

March Madness is upon us, and eight teams have already qualified for the men's 64-team NCAA basketball tournament.

Squads that have earned bids by winning their conference tourneys are Florida Atlantic, Winthrop, UNC-Wilmington, Murray State, Davidson, Siena, Creighton and Gonzaga.

There's a new book out about Texas Tech coach Bob Knight dually titled *Good Knight/Knightmares.*

The first half of the book is filled with stories of Knights' good deeds and coaching accomplishments. The second half is a compilation of stories from people who don't like him.

Also included at the bottom of several pages are totally unrelated sports facts. Here are some of the more interesting ones.

—The national high school record for most kickoff returns for a touchdown in a single game is held by Roger Maris with five.

—Damon Bailey, a former player at Indiana, played 13 years in grade school, junior high, high school and college, and lost at home only twice.

—When Lou Holtz coached football at the University of Arkansas, his personal attorney was Bill Clinton.

—Current ESPN college football analyst Lee Corso and actor Burt Reynolds were college roommates at Florida State in 1957.

—The public address announcer for the Houston Astros (then known as the Colt 45s) during their first season was Dan Rather. The PA man for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1937 was John Forsythe, the actor.

—When Indiana native and former Hoosier Steve Alford was a high school senior in 1983, the average attendance at his high school games was higher than the average attendance of the NBA's Indiana Pacers.

—The shoe and apparel company adidas is named after its founder, Adi Dassler.

—The only person to score back-to-back 50-point games in the history of Long Island High School basketball is NFL legend Jim Brown.

—Bob Knight was the first coach at Army to recruit black players.

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Morales favors more pay for teachers; Sanchez in Corpus

By The Associated Press

Both leading Democratic gubernatorial candidates have talked a lot about improving public school education in Texas.

Now Dan Morales has pledged to give Texas teachers a pay raise, even if it means new taxes.

"I think it's time that Texas begins treating teachers like the professionals they are," Morales said Monday, after dropping his children off at school in Austin.

State lawmakers should rethink a failed proposal pushed by former Gov. George W. Bush that would lower the amount of property taxes Texans pay and increase taxes in other areas, such as on businesses; that would devote more state money to public education, Morales said.

If there isn't enough money in the budget to fund teacher raises, Morales said he would be willing to support a tax increase.

Tony Sanchez, Morales' main opponent in the March 12 primary, said he also supports higher teacher salaries but criticized Morales' pledge as "irresponsible" without first looking elsewhere for the money.

Sanchez said he could find money for teacher raises and other educational improvements without raising taxes.

Texas public school teachers have long earned salaries below the national average, contributing to a teacher shortage of more than 30,000 with most of the vacancies in subjects such as math and science.

Texas teachers earn an average of $38,000 a year, about $3,000 less than the national average.

Morales and Sanchez both said they want to bring Texas teachers up to the same pay level as their national counterparts or higher.

Sanchez campaigned Monday afternoon and evening in Corpus Christi. He was visiting a middle school, meeting with electric employees and attending a dance and rally.

BIG SPENDER

State campaign finance reports filed Monday by Sanchez and Morales showed drastically different financial pictures for the two campaigns.

Sanchez, a multimillionaire, spent $8.8 million from Feb. 1 to March 2. He raised $1.5 million in contributions, including $1.2 million Sanchez donated to his campaign. He loaned the campaign another $6.5 million in the period for a total of $13.2 million in loans.

Morales, a lawyer and former attorney general, raised $110,641 and spent $433,227 in the same monthlong period.

Tom Smith, executive director for the Texas office of Public Citizen, called the amount of money Sanchez is spending "alarming."

"It's an extraordinary amount of money to spend to obtain the nomination. He's essentially buying name recognition and support without having to raise money like other candidates," Smith said.

"The other big problem is if he's loaning to himself, who's going to help him retire that debt? A variety of people wanting favors from the governor will flock with checkbooks open," he said.

Smith favors a cap on campaign spending and public funding of campaigns.

In January, Sanchez spent $6 million, compared with about $127,000 for Morales.

JUDICIAL ENDORSEMENTS

A group of Republican leaders on Monday endorsed incumbent justices Wallace Jefferson and Xavier Rodriguez — both Republican appointees of Gov. Rick Perry — for the Texas Supreme Court in the March 12 primary.

Both men were appointed last year and must run for election to finish their terms.

Texans for a Republican Majority, a political action committee, was launched in November to help maintain the GOP's hold on every statewide elected office.

"We can and will seize this opportunity," said Railroad Commissioner Tony Garza, who sits on the committee board. "Both Justice Jefferson and Justice Rodriguez have brought added fairness and integrity to our state's highest court. They have earned Texans' support."

Justice Jefferson, Texas' first black Supreme Court justice, faces a primary challenge from Lake Jackson attorney Sam Lee.

Rodriguez is being challenged by Austin lawyer Steve Smith, one of the plaintiffs' attorneys in the landmark Hopwood case that led to an end to race-based admissions policies at Texas public universities.

Boy, 4, shoots 18-month-old-girl

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A 4-year-old boy accidentally shot and killed an 18-month-old girl with her father's handgun as they two watched the movie "Shrek" in an apartment bedroom, police said.

The children's families are unrelated and share an apartment. Three of the four parents were home when the shooting occurred Sunday afternoon.

Detective James Flores said if any charges are filed, they probably would pertain to child neglect.

Police said the girl's parents kept the loaded handgun hidden in the bed frame for personal protection.

Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

The stars of 'Gunsmoke'

Q: I would like to know whatever became of the first four stars of the "Gunsmoke" program: James Arness, Amanda Blake, Milburn Stone and Dennis Weaver. I have seen Dennis Weaver a few times recently, but I long to know what the other stars have been up to. — **Matt Wright, Saginaw, Mich.**

A: James Arness' last project was the 1994 made-for-television movie "Gunsmoke: One Man's Justice," in which he played [illegible] you guessed it — Matt Dillon. Arness made three of these "Gunsmoke" movies during the 1990s.

You were right about Dennis Weaver — he has been very busy since he left the "Gunsmoke" series and his role as Chester Goode in 1964. He played the lead role in the short-lived 1964 television series "Kentucky Jones." Weaver has been in over 30 made-for-television movies, most recently as Mart Howe in the 2000 remake of the legendary Western "High Noon," starring Tom Skerritt.

Unfortunately, Weaver and Arness are the only surviving "Gunsmoke" cast members that you inquired about in your letter. Amanda Blake, who played the sultry saloon owner, Kitty Russell, died in 1989. Milburn Stone, aka Dr. Galen "Doc" Adams, succumbed to a heart attack in 1980.

Q: What time of the day do they tape the late-night shows? I am wondering about Leno, Letterman and Conan. Am I watching them live, or is it a delayed taping? — **K. Rushing, Arkadelphia, Ark.**

A: No, you are not watching a live taping. The "Late Show with David Letterman" is taped at 5:30 p.m., Monday thru Thursday (EST). If you are going to visit New York City and would like tickets, you can write to Late Show Tickets, The Ed Sullivan Theater, 1697 Broadway, New York, NY 10019 to request them.

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Q: Many years ago, I enjoyed watching the Carol Burnett Show and the repeating skit about a lazy secretary named "Mrs. Wiggins" with Tim Conway. How can I get that on video or see it on TV to tape? — **L. Raynovic, DeSoto, Ill.**

A: Unfortunately, I could not find any old Carol Burnett episodes for sale, or any channel that shows the reruns. Too bad — I also enjoyed the skits with "Mrs. Wiggins" as Conway called her when he used his fake accent, which was part of what made the skit so funny. However, I did find a 1993 television reunion show starring the entire original cast. The title is "The Carol Burnett Show: A Reunion," which you can buy on Amazon.com for $69.99. Good luck!

(Send your questions to Ask Holly Wood, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016, or write to HollyWood85@hotmail.com. Because of the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

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GenMotors	59.60	58.21	58.97	+ .27
GePacific	28.74	28.05	28.55	—.20
Goodrich	31.17	30.61	31.12	—.08
Goodyear s	27.55	27.05	27.07	—.82
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SBC Comm	39.20	38.85	39.00	—.36
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Scripps EW	75.95	74.80	75.85	+ .60
SearsRoeb	53.11	51.85	51.88	—1.39
SherwinW	28.09	27.71	27.85	—.25
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TexInd	39.70	39.15	39.31	—.44
TexasInst	34.50	33.19	33.61	—.38
Textron	49.74	49.09	49.37	—.36
TriconGlbR	60.00	59.28	59.29	—.51
Trinityind	22.80	22.31	22.65	+ .14
TylerTech	4.40	4.32	4.32	+ .02
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USSteel	17.89	17.23	17.42	—.33
UnitedTech	76.91	74.65	75.10	—2.15
Unocal	36.85	36.60	36.75	—.19
VerizonComm	47.93	47.40	47.50	—.43
WalMart	62.59	61.10	61.10	—1.88
WellsFargo	49.30	48.65	48.68	—.46
WstnGasRs	38.71	33.02	33.19	+ .08
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Microsoft says browser cannot be removed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Microsoft Corp.'s chief executive and the top executive involved with its Windows operating system are sticking with a position the company has held since the outset of the four-year antitrust case: They cannot pull the Internet Explorer Web browser out of Windows.

Nine states suing Microsoft for antitrust violations want to force the company to offer a version of Windows without the browser and other added features.

That would allow computer makers to install competitors' products, if they chose, without taking on the added cost of supporting both products. Currently, Microsoft's ubiquitous Windows has a leg up on competitors vying for the hearts of consumers and software designers.

In a videotaped deposition released Monday, Microsoft vice president and Windows chief Jim Allchin said Microsoft has "no way" to remove the browser from the company's flagship operating system.

"I couldn't do what you've got here," said Allchin, suffering from a severe cold. "Forget about any business thing. Technically I just couldn't do it."

Allchin said the company has done no studies to see if it could be done.

He referred to an especially embarrassing part of Microsoft's case, in which the company showed a videotape to make the argument that Windows would be damaged if a user attempted to remove the Internet Explorer Web browser. Microsoft later admitted the demonstration computer was rigged.

"Do you have any expectation as to whether or not you will be putting together a similar demonstration for this part of the case?" state lawyers asked.

"Not exactly like that one," Allchin said.

Steve Ballmer, a college friend of company founder Bill Gates and current chief executive officer, said Microsoft would be forced to offer an infinite number of Windows versions under the states' demands, all with or without extra features.

Ballmer said if the states should prevail with their demands, the decision would serve the interests of neither computer manufacturers nor users.

Instead, Ballmer said companies like Sun Microsystems, whose relationship with Microsoft is notoriously prickly, would dedicate themselves to frustrating Microsoft engineers.

"Sun Microsystems (can) go buy 10,000 copies, and they can have people just sit there and generate work requests to us every minute of every day," Ballmer said. "Somebody could say, 'Look, I want to make Microsoft's life miserable; so I'll tell you what, I'll pay you $10 million a year to torture Microsoft.'"

The nine states revised their proposed penalties Monday. The new version reflects many complaints leveled by Ballmer and other executives.

For example, Microsoft would have to offer only one stripped-down version of Windows instead of many different ones.

Ballmer complained that it would be too expensive to build a version of the Java programming language to package with Windows, as requested by the states. The states clarified that Microsoft wouldn't have to bear those costs.

Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal said the modifications "clarify and sharpen our proposed remedies, without weakening them."

"The modified measures should deflate Microsoft's overblown rhetoric and apocalyptic predictions about the proposed remedies," Blumenthal said.

Brad Smith, Microsoft's general counsel, would not comment on the changes.

"It appears to be a number of changes made very late," Smith said. The company is still reviewing the document, he said.

Allchin admitted to lawyers for the states that Microsoft violated the law but refused to specify the violations.

"I don't think that I can summarize those," Allchin said. "I'm not an attorney."

CBS to air 2-hour '9-11' documentary

NEW YORK (AP) — Critics were worried in advance about graphic images in CBS's documentary about the Sept. 11 attacks. Instead, it is the sounds that likely will linger.

The sounds resemble distant gunshots, sometimes accompanied by smashing glass. Each are bodies striking the ground outside the World Trade Center, and firefighters flinch at the impacts.

"You don't see it but you know what it is," filmmaker Jules Naudet recalled. "You know each time you hear that crashing sound a life has been extinguished. You can't get used to it."

CBS screened a copy of its "9-11" documentary Monday for reporters. It will air at 9 p.m. EST on Sunday, the eve of the six-month anniversary of the attacks, featuring never-before-seen footage shot from inside the World Trade Center before its collapse.

Filmmakers Gedeon and Jules Naudet were witnesses to history because they happened to be filming a documentary about a rookie firefighter in a battalion near the towers.

Some relatives of Sept. 11 victims had urged CBS not to air the program out of concern that the memory of the attacks was too fresh.

"This is a broadcast about strength and courage as well as remembering the pain," said executive producer Susan Zirinsky. "I think the timing is right."

The only visible injury seen is a firefighter's bloody face as he rests. A still photo of the lifeless body of Fire Chaplain Rev. Mychal Judge being carried out by firefighters also is shown — just moments after Judge is seen silently praying inside the trade center's lobby.

The Naudets said they shot no gory footage that day, editing as they went along even though one of the first things Jules saw in the trade center's lobby was two women on fire.

"I glanced at it," he said. "The image was so horrible that it was not something people should see or want to see. The decision was made on the spot."

There are, however, numerous examples of profanity, probably unprecedented for network television. They begin with the firefighters' reaction to the first plane hitting the tower. Staring at the building, several exclaim, "Holy (expletive)."

CBS conceded there were several discussions before it was decided to leave in the strong language. Narrator Robert De Niro warns viewers about it in the show's opening.

"The language was rough but the circumstances were rough," Zirinsky said.

The documentary follows, in narrative form, the experiences of Engine 7, Ladder 1 in lower Manhattan. It focuses on Tony Benetatos, a rookie firefighter. Much of the pre-Sept. 11 footage is poignant: a rooftop drill at dusk the night of Sept. 10, the lit World Trade Center towers gleaming in the background.

The Naudets caught video of the first plane hitting the trade center — the only such footage available — when they were following firefighters investigating a gas leak.

When the second plane hit, it was preceded by a sound like the whooshing of wind.

Office workers are seen leaving the building, sometimes running.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Wednesday, March 6, 2002

The possibility of achieving your goals in the year ahead are very good. The types of projects you select to go after will determine just how much you produce. Seek out the big ones.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Friends and associates will be glad to see you, but your welcome could wear out fast if you start tossing your weight around, or start acting high and mighty. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — In order to be able to accomplish your goals, prepare some alternative courses you could take, just in case you run into a few roadblocks. The unexpected can happen at this time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — At a gathering, someone present could be more of a manipulative busybody than a conversationalist. Don't let this person use you for his or her purposes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — It's good to be hopeful and to reach for the stars, but your optimism must be based upon sensible and potentially achievable objectives. If you're unrealistic, you'll be disappointed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Do the necessary stuff first, because the more time passes, the greater the chances are that you'll get sidetracked, and never get back to what needs to be done.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — No one can live up to your demands if they are founded upon fanciful expectations. Be realistic, considerate and cooperative with all your friends and family alike.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — If something keeps your mate from completing plans you laid out, don't allow an argument to ensue over it. Be understanding and tolerant. We all need our own space.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Criticizing the efforts of persons who try to be helpful to you would be totally out of line. If you aren't grateful, they'll find reasons for to laydown their tools.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Usually, you're a generous person who gladly shares things with others. However, you might be so protective of your personal interests, you may behave in a tightwad fashion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Most of the day should go well for you, but there's always the possibility that you could get too self-involved and create a problem where none should exist.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — So long as everything is exciting and your pals share their time and resources with you, all will be well. Once everybody goes away, the gloomier facets of your personality may emerge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — If you choose to do a favor for a friend, make certain you do so in a manner where she doesn't feel obligated. It could mar the relationship if it isn't handled tactfully.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Handling the office flirt requires delicate touch

DEAR ABBY: You were a little rough on "Tom" in your reply to "The Office Gang," the letter about the female trucker who kept coming on to the only man in the office. You implied he was like a little boy who lacked courage. I must disagree with you. Take it from one who knows: I've been in Tom's predicament more than once.

In the workplace when a woman is interested in a man, she usually lets him know discreetly. They can then proceed with a relationship if they're both interested, or quietly let it go. Then there's the occasional woman who won't take no for an answer. What starts as a nice ego boost can turn unpleasant in a hurry.

We men are taught from an early age to respect women and not show aggression toward them. Persistent females who show sexual aggression when we're not interested present males with a real problem.

I think Tom is trying his best to defuse a delicate situation. He wants this woman to back off, but he also wants to be polite and not cause problems for himself, the woman or his co-workers. He is not being a coward, Abby — he's trying to handle the situation with the least amount of fallout. Give the guy a break, huh? — **BEEN THERE IN ALABAMA**

DEAR BEEN THERE: If I gave the impression that I thought the man was a "wuss," I apologize. However, an aggressive woman with romance on her mind is not [illegible] affection sits there and says nothing. **Read on:**

DEAR ABBY: I loved the story about the female truck driver who couldn't keep her hands off the only man in the office. I had the same experience.

During World War II, I worked for a wholesale company, and my department handled government business. The woman in charge of sorting the mail would put mine aside so she could deliver it personally.

There were four women in my department, and the mail sorter would wait until they were away from their desks to bring my mail to me. She would slowly bend over my shoulder from behind and plop one of her breasts on my shoulder while she kissed my ear!

This routine went on for some time, until I finally discussed it with my staff. They devised a plan: They had me take off my coat, then they stuck straight pins up through the shoulder pads. When they thought it was time for this gal to deliver my mail, they all trooped off to the washroom.

Sure enough, she sneaked up behind me, slowly bent over and — plop (ouch!). Abby, she never did it again.

Of course, the ladies were watching what went on from the washroom. When they finally returned, their faces were flushed from laughing. — **ART ROLLINS, PORTLAND, ORE.**

DEAR ART: You got your point across. I'll bet she was sorry she tried to make a boob out of you.

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DEAR ABBY: My older brother is being married at the end of May. He has asked me to be his best man. What are the guidelines for giving a "best man speech"? — **I WANT TO BE THE BEST BEST MAN**

DEAR BEST MAN: It should be a short state of the union speech. Save the inside jokes and naughty comments for the bachelor party. At the wedding, congratulate the couple, offer a couple of G-rated compliments, raise your glass, and wish them a lifetime of happiness together.

Pauline Phillips and her daughter, Jeanne Phillips, share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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Carbon monoxide poisoning kills 3

VICTORIA (AP) — Carbon monoxide poisoning caused the deaths of three children during a house fire, autopsies show.

The findings were released Monday by Justice of the Peace James Duckett.

The children's mother was with them in the Port Lavaca home when flames erupted on Friday.

Authorities identified the victims as 2-year-old twins Catarino Martinez III and Amanda Martinez; and Megan Martinez, 31/2.

Two children were pronounced dead at the scene. The third child, 2-year-old Catarino, was taken by ambulance to Memorial Medical Center, where he was later pronounced dead, city Fire Marshal Rob Thigpen told The Victoria Advocate.

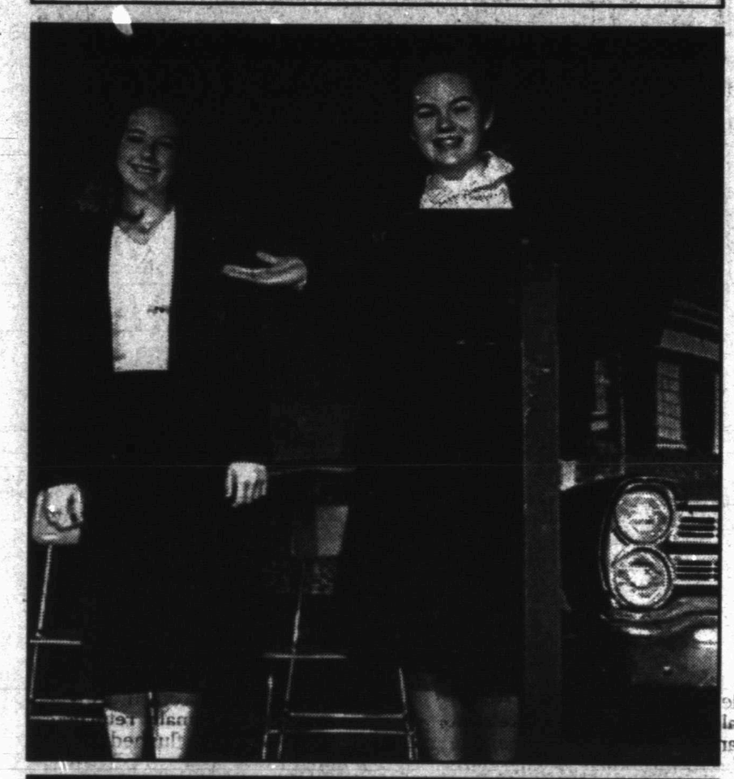
Officials have not yet released the account by Anita Martinez of the blaze Friday morning. The Martinez' 8-year-old son was in school at the time of the fire.

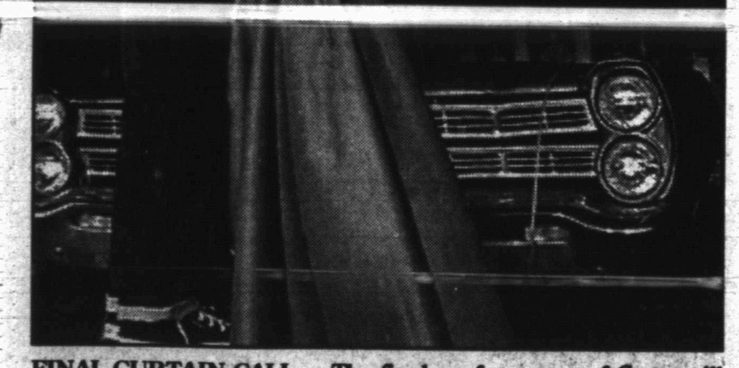
Port Lavaca firefighters evacuated the children through a front bedroom of the house, which was fully engulfed in flames when they arrived.

Thigpen has not released information on the cause of the fire, which he said remained under investigation.

The children were buried Monday afternoon at Resurrection Cemetery in Victoria.

The American Red Cross' Crossroads Chapter established a fund at First Capital Bank in Victoria to assist the Martinez family.





FINAL CURTAIN CALL — The final performance of *Grease* will be at 7 tonight at Snyder Junior High School. Tickets are $5 each. In the top photo, Patty Simcox, left, played by Kayla Hartzog, and Miss Lynch, portrayed by Tara Kubena, are planning a reunion. In the bottom photo, Roger (Ryne Trout) and Emily Jones (Jan) are singing *Mooning*. (Staff Photo by Shirley A. Gorman)

House GOP seek to extend jobless aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — An extension of jobless benefits would be coupled with a tax credit to help the unemployed buy health care insurance under legislation being pushed by House Republicans.

Democrats say lawmakers should simply extend unemployment benefits by an additional 13 weeks. But GOP leaders say their bill, likely to be considered by the House later this week, is needed to tackle the biggest problem faced by many laid-off people.

"We will try to put together a package that will respond to their stated needs," House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Thomas, R-Calif., said in an interview Monday. "We'll see what our friends on the other side of the aisle will do. Time is running short."

Signs of economic recovery have slowed the GOP drive to use broader tax cuts as a stimulus, although this latest bill could still include a tax break for new business investment. Democrats and Republicans alike are uneasy about doing nothing to address economic ills in an election year.

Democrats say the new GOP effort reflects political calculation, rather than an attempt to strike real compromise.

"They are going to play this game as a precursor to the campaign," said Rep. Fortney "Pete" Stark, D-Calif. "It's one more time to create a vote so that members of the House can go home and say, 'We tried to do something for the unemployed.'"

As of January, there were about 7.9 million unemployed Americans, or about 5.6 percent of the work force. Many private economists expect the February figure — to be released Friday, almost six months after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks — will worsen to 5.8 percent. Since Sept. 11, about 1.3 million workers have exhausted their regular unemployment benefits.

Under the House GOP bill, jobless benefits would be extended by 13 weeks and laid-off workers could obtain a tax credit for up to 60 percent of their health insurance premiums. A taxpayer could apply the credit to the same period in which he qualified for unemployment benefits, if he had been covered by insurance for at least the previous year.

The credit would be good for one year for people who were unemployed between March 15, 2001 — roughly the date most economists say the recession began — and Jan. 1, 2004.

Two of the three economic stimulus bills already passed by the House contained a similar provision, which President Bush included in his recent budget proposal. Those measures have been blocked in the Senate, where they have languished amid opposition to GOP tax cuts from majority Democrats.

Attaching the health care tax credit would again spark broad Democratic opposition — likely dooming this latest effort as well. They say the tax credit would help too few people, would not guarantee access to affordable coverage and represents the first step in replacing the employer-provided health insurance system with a GOP-favored free market approach.

Republicans counter that their approach allows far greater consumer choice, is less costly than the current COBRA policies available to the jobless and would provide quick help where it is most needed. They also want to keep up the pressure on Senate Democrats.

"The speaker feels strongly that we need to do something to help workers," said John Feehery, spokesman for House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. "We think it will highlight that if the Senate won't take this, what will they take?"

N.M. State University to release two new varieties of onions

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Two new varieties of onions introduced by New Mexico State University could fill a gap in the early summer harvest, a potential boon to farmers and onion lovers alike.

The varieties of white and red onions — called NuMex Solano and NuMex Crimson — will be released in late March to an exclusive producer who will begin to market the seeds.

The varieties are unique because they are fall-seeded varieties — planted in late September to early October and harvested in late May to early June, a time when there are typically not many other varieties available.

"The way onions work is there is only a harvest time for any variety of one week to a week and a half. And there is really no way to space out the harvest," explained Chris Cramer, an onion breeder with the university's Agricultural Experiment Station in Las Cruces.

New Mexico onion producers enjoy a long harvest season — digging up onions for nearly four months from May to August, Cramer said. New Mexico already supplies about 60 percent of onions in the United States during May and June.

An onion grower in southern New Mexico, for example, may plant as many as 30 onion varieties to ensure a continuous harvest with three colors of onions, Cramer said.

"If you want to be able to harvest from May to August you have to grow different varieties that mature at different times," Cramer said.

The NuMex Solano matures in late June, said Cramer, a time when there are no other white varieties to harvest. The Crimson is harvested in late May, when Cramer says there are few red varieties available.

Another useful characteristic of the new onions, say breeders, is their resistance to premature seed stalk formation, a process known as bolting.

The onions will offer a cheaper alternative to farmers who usually plant transplants — plants that have been uprooted and replanted — to produce onions during June.

Seeds for the new varieties won't be widely available in the near future, though. Due to the long life cycle of the onion plant, the new varieties won't be available in the open market until 2004.

Colorado deer and elk test positive for wasting disease

DENVER (AP) — States with game farms should check for chronic wasting disease in wild and captive herds of deer and elk, Colorado wildlife veterinarian Mike Miller said.

The warning came days after Wisconsin officials disclosed that three white-tailed bucks killed in an agricultural region near Madison last fall tested positive for the fatal deer and elk disease.

"There aren't a lot of states that are actually looking for it," Miller said.

It's the first time the relative of mad cow disease has been identified in deer east of the Mississippi River. Its arrival in Wisconsin could place 20 million white-tailed deer in the eastern United States and Canada at risk.

Officials are unsure how the disease arrived in Wisconsin, which is 900 miles farther east than the disease had been seen before. U.S. Department of Agriculture spokesmen said the agency will investigate the dozens of deer and elk farms near the game unit where the deer were shot, even though none has reported a case of the disease.

The disease has previously been diagnosed in farmed animals in Colorado, Nebraska, South Dakota, Oklahoma and Montana.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Pay attention to thirst center

DEAR DR. GOTT: I know you're supposed to drink eight glasses of water daily. My mother told me this advice decades ago. But can it be the water in coffee, tea, juice or soda?

My husband and I have an ongoing debate. He consumes at least eight glasses of non-caffeinated diet cola a day and insists that this covers his fluid requirements. I say that he needs eight glasses of plain old water, too.

DEAR READER: The myth that a person "needs" eight glasses of water a day — in addition to fluids consumed as part of a normal diet — is just that: a myth. As I have previously written, our thirst centers will tell us if we should hydrate — and we should listen to these cues. For example, a sedentary person in a northern climate during the winter months can easily fulfill his or her fluid requirements by simply eating (and drinking) normally, the necessary fluid intake can easily be attained with milk, juice, soda and other liquid beverages. On the other hand, a person who strenuously exercises in a warm environment will require additional liquids to compensate for fluid-loss from perspiration. Again, the thirst center will let us know when additional fluids are necessary. Thus, the teaching that each of us needs an additional eight glasses of water a day is incorrect, somewhat similar to the bizarre belief that polio is caused by eating snow, a position that was popular decades ago.

I'm afraid that I'll have to side with your husband on this issue. In short, drink when you are thirsty — unless your physician advises otherwise, for example in the presence of a medical condition, such as kidney disease.

DEAR DR. GOTT: My 72-year-old wife of 52 years, a former smoker, was recently discovered to have lung cancer. She underwent a biopsy during bronchoscopy. All her doctors say this is now a surgical problem. Shouldn't she first have a CT scan to determine if the cancer has spread? She would dearly like to avoid having a lung removed.

DEAR READER: Not knowing the details of your wife's problem, I hesitate to give specific advice. However, speaking generally, I believe your suggestion has merit. If her cancer has spread (metastasized) — as it may well have — her best option for treatment would include radiation and chemotherapy; the surgery could be put on hold. Therefore, before labeling your wife's cancer a surgical problem, I'd want to have some input from an oncologist. If your spouse could avoid an unnecessary operation, she would probably be better off with purely medical therapy. On the other hand, if the tumor is localized and has not extended to other tissues, such as lymph glands, a surgeon may be able to remove the cancer successfully. Your next step? Have her case reviewed by a cancer specialist, who will probably insist on further testing before advising specific therapy.

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their words to the ends of the world.
Psalm 19:1-4

The mountains, plains, oceans, stars, sun and moon do not tell us what God is like or what he thinks about us. They do, however, shout that there is a God! Paul writes in Romans 1: 20 that ever since creation God's invisible qualities, his eternal power and divine nature, could be clearly seen in the world that God has made. Psalm 8 expresses wonder at the creation of God and then asks the obvious question, "What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?" In other words, "Why would God who is all powerful care about man?" Yet this is the proclamation of the Bible. The God who made heaven and earth cares deeply about us. Jesus teaches us that in his life and His death!

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New troops moving into front-lines

GARDEZ, Afghanistan (AP) — Allied Afghan commanders sent fresh troops today to bolster U.S.-led coalition forces battling al-Qaida and Taliban fighters. Pro-U.S. Afghans returning from the front reported continued exchanges, although less intense than in recent days.

As coalition bombers blasted al-Qaida's mountain strongholds, minesweepers led the way on the ground for allied troops to press on toward Shah-e-Kot, where hundreds of militant soldiers and their families are believed hunkered down, said fighter Nawab, who was at the front today morning.

Hundreds of U.S.-backed Afghan troops ringed the range in eastern Afghanistan's Paktia mountains and the labyrinth of caves there to try to block the escape of any renegades.

"They can't escape. They're surrounded. Slowly, slowly we are pushing in," front-line commander Abdul Matin Hasan Khiel said today.

On Monday, al-Qaida and Taliban fighters using machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades fired on two U.S. helicopters, killing seven American soldiers. The remains of the seven dead arrived at a base in Ramstein, Germany, today, heading for the United States.

The assault is the largest U.S.-led air and ground offensive of the Afghan war, designed to pound the renegade militants with waves and waves of airstrikes and squeeze them out of their hide-outs.

The offensive — code-named Operation Anaconda after the snake that crushes its prey to death — marked the first time U.S. conventional ground troops were used in an offensive operation.

Bush, Mubarak meet on peace talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush welcomed a peace proposal by Saudi Arabia and planned to take it up with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak at the White House today.

"He welcomed the ideas, and that will be a topic of the conversation," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

There was no indication, meanwhile, that Bush intends to step up U.S. mediation between Israel and the Palestinians.

"The United States' role has been steady and ongoing" and the president expects that to continue, Fleischer told reporters.

Also on the agenda for the Bush-Mubarak meeting was the Egyptian president's offer to play host at a summit between Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

While winning American praise for proposing the summit to try to rebuild trust, Mubarak is counseling the United States not to attack Iraq in its war on terror.

Mubarak's mixed message to the Bush administration on terrorism is that he supports the U.S.-led campaign generally but that any attack on Iraq that killed civilians would harm the United States' already shaky standing among many Arabs.

"We have to be very careful there — very, very careful," Mubarak told The Washington Times, "Unless the people know definitely there is something real there, I am afraid (of) the public opinion."

Before his late today meeting with Bush, the Egyptian president discussed on Monday his proposal to play host to an Israeli-Palestinian summit meeting with Secretary of State Colin Powell.

"It's an interesting idea," Powell said after sounding out Mubarak.

Powell said a decision ultimately was up to Ariel Sharon, the Israeli prime minister, and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

At a brief news conference, Powell said the situation in the Middle East had become "terrible" because of escalating violence between Israel and the Palestinians.

He said the Bush administration was redoubling its efforts to halt the strife and that a peace proposal by Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia was a positive development.

"It is a vision that we all have to examine, and hopefully it's a vision that all Arab nations and Israel will look at, and that all of us together in the European Union, the United States and other leaders around the world will look at this vision and see what we can do to make this vision a reality," Powell said.

A Saudi official said in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, that Abdullah had rejected several requests, including one from Mubarak, for a secret meeting with Sharon on the proposal.

Israelis are hit by shootings, suicide bombing, explosion

JERUSALEM (AP) — In rapid succession today, a Palestinian man opened fire on a crowded Tel Aviv nightclub, a suicide bomber blew himself up on an Israeli bus, gunmen ambushed Israeli motorists in the West Bank and a mysterious blast went off in the Gaza Strip.

Five Israelis and three Palestinians were killed in the attacks.

Israel intensified airstrikes, firing missiles at half a dozen targets in the West Bank and Gaza Strip late Monday and early today — including three of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's government compounds. Arafat was a few yards away from one of the areas hit, but was not harmed.

The cycle of attacks and reprisals was one of the bloodiest in 17 months of fighting, and each side said it would hit back even harder.

"We will wage a relentless war against terrorism, because for us its a question of survival," said Israeli government spokesman Avi Pazner, adding that negotiations with the Palestinians could only resume once Israel won that war.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has told reporters the Palestinians would have to be hit hard to understand that Israel will not succumb to violence.

Palestinian militants said they would avenge recent Israeli military strikes, including shelling that killed five Palestinian youngsters Monday. Sheik Ahmed Yassin, founder of the Islamic militant Hamas group, said attacks would continue "until the full liberation of Palestine."

Arafat aide Ahmed Abdel Rahman said the Israeli strikes were a "very serious escalation" and called for U.N. intervention.

Israel's security Cabinet met today to assess the army's response, and Sharon reportedly proposed tightening the cordon of tanks near Arafat's headquarters in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

Obituaries

Lewis Foss

1914-2002

VALLEY MILLS — Lewis P. Foss, the father of Barbara Tune of Snyder, died Monday, March 4, in a Waco hospital.

Funeral service for Mr. Foss, 87, is set for 2 p.m. Thursday in the Valley Mills Church of Christ with Ed James, Bob Martin and John Fields officiating. Burial will follow in the Crawford Cemetery.

Born July 20, 1914 in Crawford, he was the son of Gunder and Jewel (Baker) Foss. He married Edna Long on Dec. 15, 1934 in Eastland.

Mr. Foss farmed in the Crawford and Valley Mills areas most of his life. He was a member of the Carpenter's Local Union No. 266 for more than 50 years and was retired from W. R. Phillips and Son Construction Co.

He later worked for Foss Funeral Home. Mr. Foss was a nursing home volunteer and was a former elder at the Valley Mills Church of Christ.

Survivors also include his wife, Edna Foss of Valley Mills; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Wayne and Glenda Foss of Speegleville, Weldon and Diane Foss of Clifton and Jerry Foss of Valley Mills; a son-in-law, Bill Tune of Snyder; five grandchildren, including Laura Thomas of Snyder and Lisa Clark of Ringswood, formerly of Snyder; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; seven step-grandchildren; and several step-great-grandchildren.

Mary Davis

1905-2002

SAN ANGELO — Mary Ellen Davis, a native of Scurry County, died Sunday, March 3, at her home in San Angelo.

Funeral service for Mrs. Davis, 96, was set for 3 p.m. today in the Johnson Street Church of Christ. Interment was to follow in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

Born Dec. 14, 1905 in Snyder, she was married to Jack Davis who preceded her in death.

A homemaker, Mrs. Davis had been a resident of San Angelo for more than 50 years and was a member of the Johnson Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include a great-nephew, Doyle Holdridge of San Angelo.

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Two arrested Monday for traffic violations, warrants

Arrests

Officers arrested a 19-year-old man in the 1900 block of 17th Street just after midnight Monday for driving with an expired license, displaying an expired license plate, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and for outstanding warrants for making false reports to police officers.

The man was transported to the county jail and his vehicle was towed.

At 2 a.m. today, another 19-year-old man was taken into custody on U.S. 84 near the Plaza Truck Stop for possessing a fictitious driver license and also on outstanding warrants for expired motor vehicle identification certificates and for failure to appear before a judge. The subject's vehicle was released at the scene and he was taken to jail.

Accidents

Snyder officers responded to three minor accidents in less than two hours Monday.

The first mishap occurred at 11:53 a.m. in the 2000 block of Towle Park Rd. and involved a 1997 Ford F-150 driven by Clifton Kyle Beights, 17, of 5563 Ponderosa Dr. and a 1995 Chevrolet pickup driven by Jacky Paul Stice, 30, of 2006 Towle Park Rd.

At 12:21 p.m. officers were dispatched to the 3700 block of College Ave. to an accident involving a 1992 Saturn driven by Amanda Marie Rose, 16, of 3200 42nd Street and a 1999 Ford F-150 driven by Rose Ann Greene, 47, of 10583 CR 6.

A collision at 24th Street and Ave. I at 1 p.m. Monday involved a 1991 U.S. Postal vehicle driven by Annie Parrish Gregory, 55, of 1305 E 10th in Colorado City and a 1999 Buick LeSabre driven by Micah Andrew Shaw, 16, of 453 Willis Street in Hermleigh.

No injuries were reported in any of the accidents.

Criminal mischief

Karen Bollinger reported a criminal mischief at Bollinger Ice Monday morning. An officer was dispatched and submitted a report for Class B criminal mischief.

Theft

Eva Villa reported a theft from her residence Monday.

Close patrol

A woman requested a close patrol of her residence Monday afternoon and reported her son-in-law might come to her residence to cause a disturbance.

Officers initiated a close patrol on 22nd Street Monday night after a woman reported prowlers in the area.

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Revival services

Revival services at First Assembly of God, 1809 College Ave., with Rev. Jerry Williamson continue through Thursday at 7 p.m.

Stanfield activities

Stanfield Elementary is conducting a scholastic Book Fair through Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 a.m. Donuts for Dad at Stanfield is planned for 7:30 a.m. Wednesday.

FFA booster club

Snyder FFA booster club will meet at 7 tonight in the SHS ag building. All booster club officers need to meet at 6:30.

Scurry Masonic Lodge

The Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 will meet at 7:30 this evening.

West Elementary science fair

West Elementary's Sixth Grade Science Fair projects will be displayed from 6:30-7:30 this evening and from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Wednesday at the Towle Park Barn. The public is invited and there is no admission charge.

Girls softball association board

The Snyder girls softball association board will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Texas Savings Bank. The upcoming season will be discussed.

Free income tax help

Free income tax aid for low to middle income citizens of any age is available each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1-3 p.m. at the senior center located, 2603 Ave. M.

CPR for healthcare providers

Western Texas College will have a CPR course for healthcare providers from 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Tammy Shirley will be the instructor. For more information, call 573-8511, ext. 390.

FBC services televised

First Baptist Church services are televised on channel 2 at 3 p.m. each Thursday.

Country and gospel music

There will be country and gospel music played beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday at the Snyder Senior Center. For more information, call 573-3996.

Noah's Ark Church

Noah's Ark Church will have its first services in its new home at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday. The church is located at 119 36th St., the former home of Morningside Baptist Church. Randy and Delia Asebedo from Lord's Supper Church in Lubbock will be ministering, while music will be by Siervos de Dios of Abilene.

Scurry County retired teachers

Scurry County Retired Teachers Association will meet at noon Monday at The Shack. Jo Thrower will speak on how to start genealogy research.

Bible study tapes

Bible videos air each week on Channel 2. To be shown at 7 p.m. Monday is "Little Sins, Big Consequences" followed by "Our God is Alive."

1977 SHS class reunion

The 1977 class reunion committee will meet at 7 p.m. next Tuesday in the home of Janie McCormick at 2805 32nd St.

Community garden planning

There will be a planning session for the community garden at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 14, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. All interested are invited to attend. For more information, call BeBe Boren, coordinator, at 574-1967 or 806-629-4475.

FBC support groups

Support groups dealing with divorce, death, cancer or caring for elderly parents meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the First Baptist Church educational building. A special group for students facing these problems is held at the same time.

American Legion spring convention

The American Legion's spring convention will be March 16-17. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. on March 16. For more information call 574-6805.

Community choir class

A community choir class will begin Monday, March 18, in Western Texas College's Fine Arts Theatre. The class will meet Mondays from 7-9 p.m. for seven weeks, followed by a performance on April 26. The class is free and registration will be on the first day of class. Call 573-8511 for more information.

SHS class of 1992 reunion

The 1992 class of Snyder High School is needing addresses for classmates. Call Melanie at 573-4022, Julie at 573-1634 or Amy at 573-4793. The reunion will be held at the end of July.

Enchilada dinner

The third annual Knights of Columbus enchilada dinner is Sunday, March 24, at West Elementary. Serving will be from noon until 5 p.m. Adult plates are $5 and child's plates are $3. Meal includes tea and dessert.

Windbreak trees

The Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District has windbreak trees available for sale. Extra hardwood trees are $1 each and Evergreens are $2.25. Call 573-6317 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes taught by certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides are held at WTC from 8 a.m. until noon Tuesday through Thursday, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include G.E.D., E.S.L., and refresher courses. For more information call 573-8511, ext. 322.

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Introduction of Special Guests ..... David Holt
President's Remarks ..... Darren Jackson, 2002
President of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce
Introduction of Chamber Board Members and Chamber Staff ..... Darren Jackson

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Awards Presentation ..... Chamber of Commerce
Sizemore Award ..... Elois Pruitt
Vestal Award ..... Francene Noah, Mayor
Winston Award ..... Ted Crenwelge
Education Excellence Award ..... Dr. Missy Jones
McLaughlin Award ..... Treva Moore Hawthorne
Business of the Year Award ..... Donna Fowler
Chamber's Choice Award ..... Donna Fowler
Entertainment ..... Snyder High School Drama
Closing Remarks ..... David Holt
Closing Prayer for Dismissal ..... Pastor Michael Pigg
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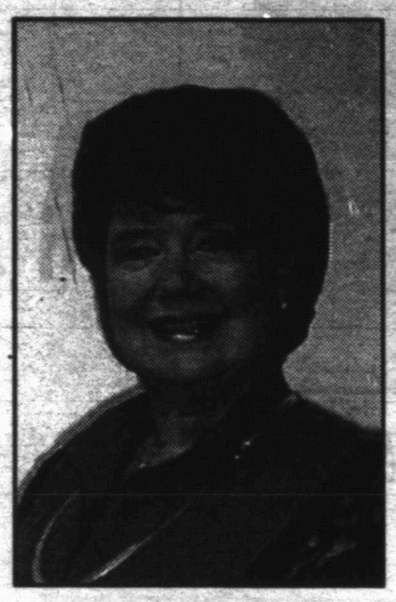

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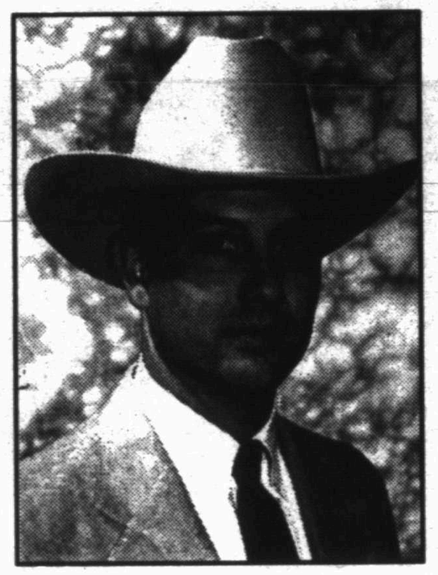

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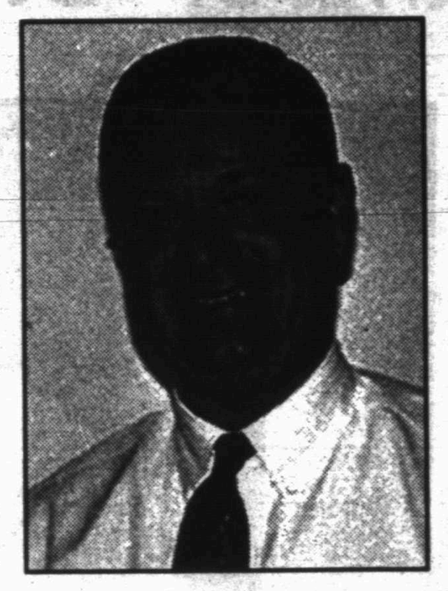

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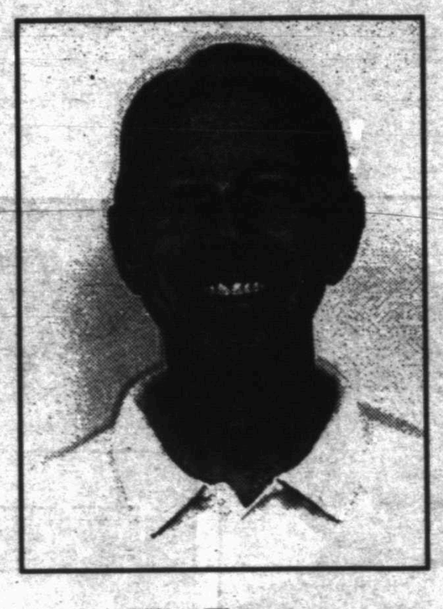

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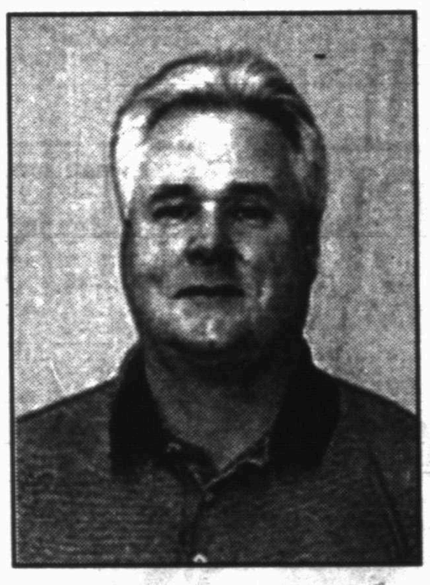

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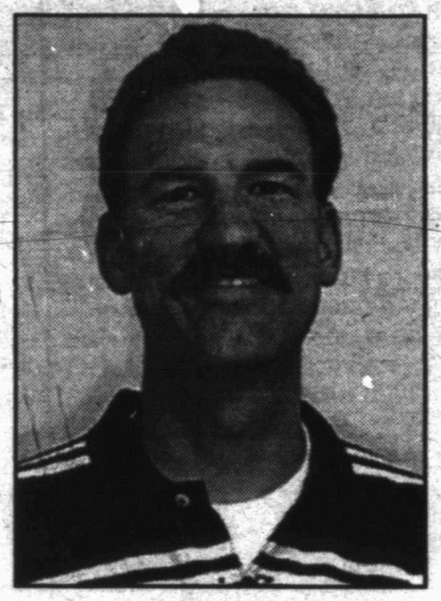

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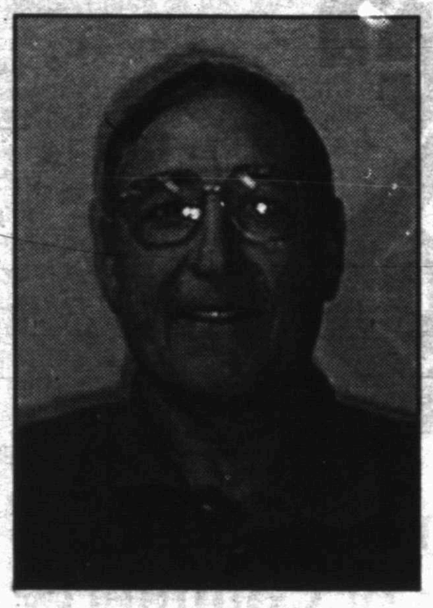

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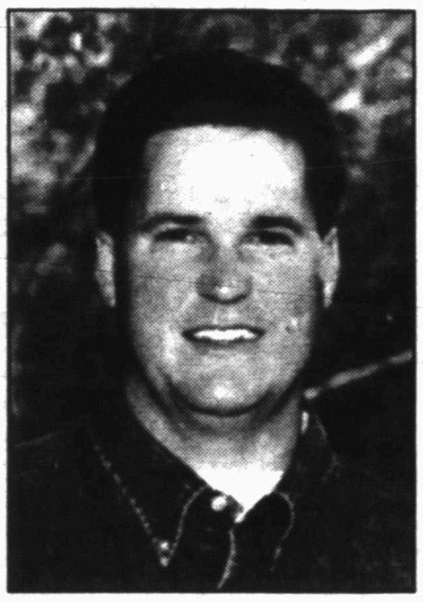

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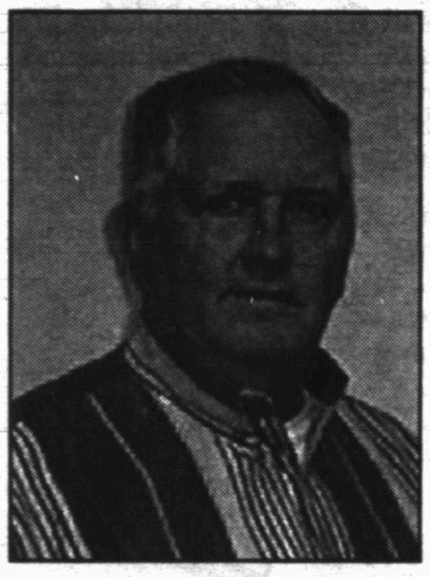

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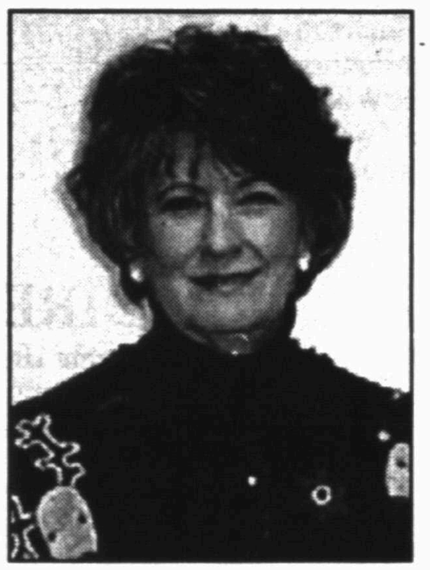

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Sizemore Award

The Sizemore Award — formerly known as the Goldcoater of the Year Award — was renamed in 1984 in honor of the late Paul Sizemore.

He died on Oct. 4, 1983, at the age of 76.

Sizemore was a four-time recipient of the Goldcoater of the Year Award. It is presented to the Goldcoater who tallies the most points according to a Goldcoat bylaw point system.

Points are given based on participation in Goldcoat functions, community service and chamber support.

Sizemore had also served as president of both the chamber of commerce and the Scurry County Industrial Foundation.

In 1969, he was among the group of local citizens which presented Snyder as an "All American City" to the panel of judges in New Orleans — an honor the city won.

He was also active in the local Lions Club and the Scurry County Historical Commission.

He was the owner of Arrow Construction, which he sold in August of 1972 upon his retirement.

As the Goldcoater of the Year Award, winners date to 1976, when Sizemore was its first recipient. Others have been R.C. Patton, 1981; and Wedge Turner, 1983.

As the Sizemore Award, its first recipient in 1984 was Jack McGlaun. In 1985, Jim Tully was honored, with McGlaun again receiving this award in 1986. In 1986, Bob Hawes was the winner and in 1988, Bill Davies was honored. Sam Robertson and Phil Ragland were the 1989 Sizemore Award winners. Ragland was chosen again in 1990 and Bill Dryden in 1991.

Patton won the award a second time in 1992 and a third time in 1993. In 1994, the winner was Donna Gray, Ragland won the award for a third time in 1995.

Daryl Thomas accepted the award in 1996 and Mrs. Gray received it for a second time in 1997. Ragland won the award for the fourth time in 1998. In 1999, the winner was again Mrs. Gray. Nancy Smith won the award in 2000. Elois Pruitt received the award in 2001.

Education Award

The Educational Excellence Career Achievement Award was added to the chamber banquet's annual honors in 1988 as a way to recognize lifetime achievement in the field of teaching.

The Education Award is presented by the Council for Educational Excellence, a local group pledged to support academic activities for Snyder ISD.

The award is given to recognize "an educator's career-long commitment" to Snyder public schools.

Nominations for the honor are solicited by the group through its newsletter and by individual contacts within the school system. The first recipient was high school instructor Ollie Peek.

Other winners have included Florence Lewis in 1989, Bobbie Combest in 1990, Sue Gressett in 1991, Martha Floyd in 1992, Theresa Vest in 1993, Ned Moore in 1994 and Jerry Worsham in 1995.

Accepting the award in 1996 was Janet Wesson. The 1997 recipient was Elizabeth Jenkins and 1998's winner was Caddye Claborn. The winner for 1999 was Carole Haynes. The 2000 award was presented posthumously to Bill Moss. In 2001, the award was presented to Margaret Corkran.

Business of the Year

This award was first presented in 1995. The first award was presented to Jack's Roadboring. In 1996, it went to Midwest Electric Cooperative. In 1997 Lawrence's IGA #400 was the winner. The Wagon Wheel Ranch received the award in 1998 and Lawrence's IGA #400 was the winner again in 1999. The Spanish Inn received the award in 2000.In 2001, the award went to Patterson UTI.

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Vestal Award

The City of Snyder established the Vestal Award, dedicated to the memory of William A. Vestal, in December of 1976.

The award is also known as the Mayor's Award.

The honor was created two months after Vestal died on Oct. 12, 1976 at the age of 56 while serving his second term as the city's mayor.

The award's purpose is to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the total development of Snyder through cultural, economic or government activities.

Vestal was elected mayor on April 2, 1974 after serving two terms as councilman.

He was a 25-year resident of Snyder, first as a petroleum engineer and later as the owner of his own independent oil consulting firm.

He is credited with being the first to calculate when Scurry County would produce its billionth barrel of oil. He later served as one of the planners for the "Billionth Barrel of Oil" celebration here in 1973.

Past recipients of the Vestal Award include Roger Mize in 1977, H.W. Cargile in 1978, Henry Clark in 1979, R.C. Patton in 1980, Ernie Sears in 1981, Elizabeth Potts in 1982, Don Newbury in 1983, John Jarrell in 1984, Bill J. Hood in 1985, Bill and Evelyn Davies in 1986, Donna Fowler in 1987, Miller Robinson in 1988, Jack Smartt in 1989, Sam Robertson in 1990, Dr. Harry Krenek in 1991, John Fagin in 1992 and John Jarrell posthumously in 1993. His wife Sammie, son Lee Allen and daughter Melanie accepted.

Frankie Grimmett received the award in 1994 and in 1995, the recipient was Roy Baze.

The Vestal Award was presented to Russell Yorgensen in 1996 and to Ted Crenwelge in 1997. In 1998 Martha Schiebel won the award. In 1999, Ollie Peek received the award. Jack Denman received the award in 2000. In 2001 the award went to Frank Miller

President's Award

The President's Award was an honor initiated in 1985, changed to the Exemplary Service Award in 1988, and was discontinued the following year.

The first recipient of the President's Award was Gene Thomas, then superintendent for SACROC and a member of the chamber board of directors, Ralph Miller was honored in 1986 and H.W. Cargile was the recipient in 1987.

In 1988, the Exemplary Service Award was given out instead of the President's Award. The recipient was Roy Baze.

Chamber's Choice

The Chamber's Choice Award recognizes a volunteer who gives of himself or herself throughout the year without being asked. The award was begun in 1995, with R.C. Patton as the first recipient. In 1996, the award went to Judy Hays and in 1997, Jeffrey Martin; and in 1998 Tammy Valentine was the recipient.

Betty House was the winner of the Chamber's Choice Award in 1999. In 2000, the award went to the TDCJ Price Daniel Unit. The award went to Jim and Jean Summers of Midland, in 2001.

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Sam Williams 1946
Myron Roe 1947
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C.T. McLaughlin 1949
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James Rosser 1951
Edward Bolger 1952
Herbert Feather 1953
Hubert Cargile 1954
Nolan von Roeder 1955
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Bob Taylor 1958
Dr. John Blum 1959
Gene Dulaney 1960
Joe Cargile 1961
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Bentley Baize 1967
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Brenda Hedges 1982
Ernie Armstrong 1983
John Jarrell 1984
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McLaughlin Award

The McLaughlin Award — originally known as the McLaughlin Oil Award and named for C.T. McLaughlin — was begun in 1977 by the family of the Scurry County oil man, rancher, political figure, art collector and philanthropist,

The criteria for the award's presentation has been the individual's significant contribution to the oil industry in Snyder and Scurry County — characteristics attributed to the award's namesake.

McLaughlin died July 29, 1975 at the age of 78. He was originally from Pennsylvania and had adopted Texas as his home state for 40 years prior to his death.

He developed oil field producing properties under his Diamond M emblem which was the trademark for his ranching interests and the Diamond M Foundation.

During his life, he held high posts in both state and national Democratic Party organizations to include serving as chairman of the Texas Department of Public Safety Commission.

His philanthropic interests were as varied as his business ones. At the time of his death he was serving as vice president of the board of directors of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame.

The annual chamber banquet was an important time for McLaughlin as he hosted a range of distinguished guests to appear as the principal speaker.

Past recipients of the award named in his honor include: Edith McKanna in 1977, Ike Dolen Jr. in 1978, C.W. Lantrip in 1979, Dalton Walton in 1980, John Fagin in 1981, M.L. Duke in 1982, David Hines in 1983, E.D. Walton in 1984, Ed Mlcak in 1985, Harold Lacik in 1986, Jimmy Thompson in 1987, M. Derald Lambert in 1988, Mairl McFaul in 1989, Cloyce Talbott in 1990, Billy Calley and Horace Fowler in 1991, Ted Zeck in 1992, Jack Greene Sr. in 1993, R.L. Grimmett and Bill Grimmett in 1994 and Glenn Patterson in 1995.

In 1996, the award was presented to David Holt. The 1997 McLaughlin Award went to Mike Post. In 1998, the award was given to Don Burt and in 1999 Pete Hagist was the recipient. The 2000 winner of the McGlaughlin Award was Rickey Daniell. The 2001 award recipient was Treva Moore Hawthorne.

Winston Award

The annual Snyder Chamber of Commerce award which rewards achievement in agriculture was begun in 1974 to honor Scurry County rancher Harrie Winston.

Winston died on Jan. 19, 1974 — only some two weeks prior to the annual spring banquet for that year. On Jan. 27, chamber officials announced the first annual Harrie Winston Memorial Award.

Winston and his brother, Wade, were two of the early benefactors for Scurry County facilities. Winston Field airport, formally dedicated here on Sept. 27, 1953, was named after them.

During Harrie Winston's life, he was an active chamber supporter, serving as its second president. Overall, his work with the chamber dated more than a half century.

On Feb. 2, 1974, the first memorial award was presented to Snyder High School FFA sponsor and ag teacher Billy Bob McMullan. He repeated as a winner at his retirement in 1986.

Criteria for the honor includes persons engaged in agriculture — who demonstrate leadership and progressiveness.

Since 1974, those who have received the award include Bentley Baize, 1975; Don Gray and Morris Light, 1977; Carl Williams, 1978; Milton Stephens, 1979; Johnny Richardson, 1980; Tommy Pate, 1981; Billy Earl Roach, 1982; David Kattes, 1983; Donald Tate, 1984; Fred Cross, 1985; Billy Bob McMullan 1986; Charlie Henderson, 1987; Harold (Pete) Hester, 1988; Terry "Butch" Nachlinger, 1989; Max von Roeder, 1990 and Deanna Holladay, county entomologist, 1991.

In 1992, Opal Key accepted the award on behalf of her late husband, Marvin Key. In 1993, the award went to W.C. Hart; in 1994, it went to Bill Eiland; and in 1995 the recipient was Jess Everett.

The 1996 Winston Award was presented to David Frazier. In 1997, the award was presented to Joe and Terry Hefner. The 1998 winner was Keith Collier and in 1999 the winner was Ralph Miller. S.D. and Judy Hays were the award winners in 2000. In 2001 Ted Crenwelge was the recipient

2001 Chamber Awards

Chamber's Choice	*Jim and Jean Summers*
Sizemore Award	*Elois Pruitt*
Education Award	*Margaret Corkran*
Business of the Year	*Patterson UTI*
Vestal Award	*Frank Miller*
McLaughlin Award	*Treva Moore Hawthorne*
Winston Award	*Ted Crenwelge*

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